



# Lifesaver Club Newsletter

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- Establish a Service, Assistance and Therapy Dog program for those who have disabilities.
- Establish a Humane Education Program to provide a better understanding of animals.
- Establish a Disaster Relief Program to provide temporary emergency care and shelter.
- Establish a Program to Reduce the Number of Animals being abandoned or sent to shelters or killed.

## This Quarter's Team:



Meet Monica and her service dog, Sky. This remarkable team first got together last year; Sky walked into Monica's home in October, and the two have been inseparable since.

We have all had the delight of seeing Monica and Sky grow phenomenally in the past year. We all remember how Sky feared the pool last summer; this year, we couldn't keep Sky (or her mom) out of the water!

To quote one of our clients, it has been a true delight to see how this team has grown to become "Monica and Sky as we know them." That is to say, we can all recognize these delightful two when they walk in and light up the room!

Monica and Sky have truly warmed our hearts with their exemplar teamwork and their enthusiasm. Together, they have achieved great things: they attended the MS walk in April, they have achieved their Canine Good Citizens, and they are on their way to their public access test. Sky has even become the office buddy; everyone including the boss takes time to say hello and play.

Thank you, Monica and Sky, for the hard work you have put in and the joy you show us every time you come to train!

## Recent Rescue News: Summer, 2014

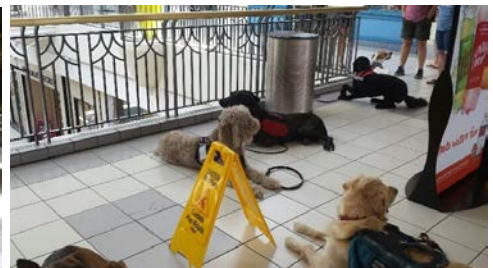
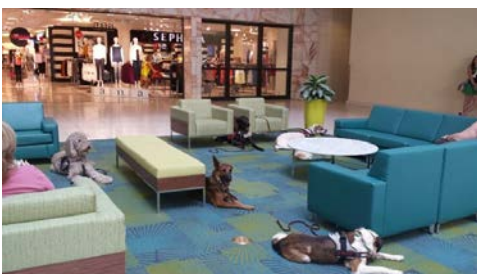
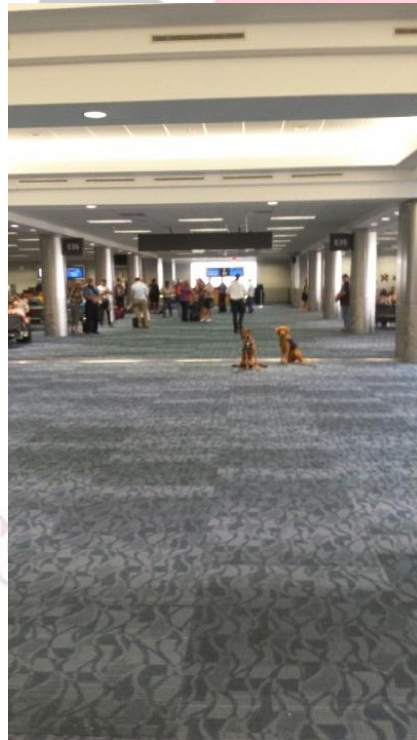
This summer has been particularly exciting for Animals Deserve Better, Inc., Paws for Life. We have had the opportunity to train in a variety of places, and we have seen all of our teams grow remarkably in the past months.

In the photos below, you can see some of the trips we took with our service dog teams. We went to the zoo, where a young tiger was amazed to see such furry guests outside of his enclosure – thank goodness for thick glass! We also amazed travelers at the Atlanta airport, as two dogs stayed in place while people passed by ... and their handlers were over 50 feet away.

We spent much of the summer outdoors; at the Pet Lodge, Mike's Annie and Jane showed off their skills by standing and staying while their handlers walked up to 50 yards away from them. At the zoo, McKenzie, Annie, and Mogli were not fazed by the strange new creatures they met, and they stayed where asked to do so.

The mall became acquainted with Animals Deserve Better, Inc., Paws for Life, when we all went shopping, and the dogs came with us! McKenzie, Charles, Rudyard, Eli, Rider, Sky, Milo, Maddy's Annie, and Bandit showed their best manners when shoppers walked by in awe and amazement. McKenzie and Mike's Annie redecorated the fountain with class and poise.

Thanks, everyone, for a great summer filled with great memories!



## Keeping Your Pet Healthy and Happy: When Summer is Over...

### Healthy Tips

Even as the weather starts to cool down, we need to make sure we pay attention to our dogs' needs. The car is not an appropriate place to keep your dog, especially while the weather is still hot. Even if it is only 80 degrees outside, your car can become overwhelmingly hot and stuffy for your dog. We suggest keeping your dog with you as much as possible, but if you know you are going to have to leave your dog in the car – even for just a minute – it is wiser to let your dog hang out in the air conditioning at home.

If your dog spends a lot of time outdoors, we cannot stress the importance of keeping water available enough. Always make sure your dog has plenty of clean water to drink from, and make sure you do not let your dog drink from puddles or standing bodies of water; these can contain harmful pollution, mosquito larvae, bacteria, and any number of microorganisms that can harm your dog.

As the weather cools, we will see a drop in the number of bugs outside. While that makes life easier for everyone, make sure you keep your dog on flea protection and heartworm preventative. The few bugs that are left over can still get your dog!

### Back to School

As kids go back to school, we get back to work, and our dogs need to readjust their schedules. The easiest way to make that transition is to keep as much of your dog's life on schedule. Keep meal times consistent, try to go out at roughly the same times every day, and keep bed time consistent. The more consistency in your dog's schedule, the better they will feel – and the easier it will be for you to care for them!

If you need to be out for extended periods of time, try leaving your dog something to keep busy; a toy and a bone should suffice. By giving your dog something of their own, you will avoid coming home to a mess that was made out of boredom!

### Halloween is Coming Up!

Although it seems a long way away, we want to remind you all of Halloween, and the safety tips you need to keep your dog happy. Make sure you keep chocolate out of sight, smell, and reach for your dogs. Also make sure your dog is comfortable with people coming and ringing the doorbell; if not, then set up a baby gate to keep trick-or-treaters happy, and your dog comfortable in a room where it will not be bothered.

### How You Can Help

Animals Deserves Better, Paws for Life, always has jobs for volunteers. For those who are interested in helping with donations, we need:

- Blankets and towels
- Dog food: Castor and Pollux beef or Merrick beef
- Milkbones

For more information on volunteering and donations, contact Marine Feron at [mferon@pawsforlifega.com](mailto:mferon@pawsforlifega.com), Kimberly Brenowitz at [kimberlyadb@aol.com](mailto:kimberlyadb@aol.com), or see our website [www.animalsdeservebetter.com](http://www.animalsdeservebetter.com).

## Available for Adoption

All of these guys are waiting for their forever homes. To learn more, or to fill out an application, go to [www.animalsdeservebetter.com](http://www.animalsdeservebetter.com).

## Available for Service

### Sleepy

Male  
Adult – Small

Chihuahua



### Sneezy

Male  
Adult – Small

Chihuahua



### Bagheera

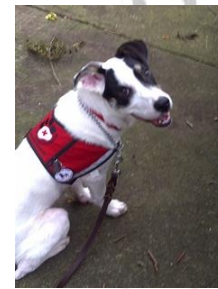
Male  
Young Adult  
Large

Flat Coated  
Retriever

### Polly

Female  
Young Adult  
Large

Great Pyrenees  
Anatolian  
Shepherd



### Troy

Male  
Puppy  
Large

Great Dane



### Ziva

Female  
Puppy  
Large

Great Dane

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NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2014 IS VETERANS DAY MAKE SURE THAT YOU SAY OR DO SOMETHING TO MAKE OUR VETERANS PROUD TO HAVE SERVED AND TO HAVE PROTECTED OUR HOME AND COUNTRY