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Dear Sponsors and Donors,

Once again, we at AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors thank you for your continued support. We are glad to report the following updates from K9s For Warriors.



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As we wind down this very challenging year, and celebrate academic graduations and student achievement, K9's For Warriors is proud to include the latest K9's For Warriors graduates among those we celebrate.

We are honored to announce that on June 17, 2021, three special canines will also become graduates and receive the title of "Service Dog". Accomplishments like this cannot be done without great support. We have made great strides over the years supporting our veterans with PTSD—yet it is never enough. We must continue to spread the word and support our philanthropic work so we can ensure all veterans that are in need can have the support they need through trained canines.



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Hi! Yankee AHEPA here! I have had a productive last couple weeks at K9s. Since I have been going to a lot of public access training locations recently. We have been to a mall, outdoor park/skatepark, Walmart, and multiple grocery stores. I excel in learning my obedience skills and that has never been an issue, however, I have had a history of becoming overstimulated in public stores and would vocalize by either barking or whining. I have had one of our newer trainers work with me several times in public and he does very good with me! I have hope that I can be successful and help a warrior in the future. I am now acclimating well in public, and I am looking forward to getting as ready as possible for my future warrior on June 17th!



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Woooof wooooof! It's me CJ AHEPA! I had a very exciting last couple weeks. My trainer Kelsey took me to a really interesting place. It was really dark with this huge screen that lit up. It was also pretty loud. I couldn't see very well but I could smell so many of my doggie friends in there. My trainer said we couldn't say hi to them because we were watching a mooovie...whatever that is. Humans do the strangest things sometimes! At least I got lots of treats and butt scratches for being on my best behavior! I hope my warrior has lots of treats for me as well. I will find out on June 17th after graduation



Kreon AHEPA

Greeeeetings from me Kreon AHEPA and my trainer Erin! We had a busy couple weeks with lots of training and public exposures. We got to join our puppy raisers to attend a movie at the theater. The movie offered lots of new distractions like popcorn machines, sticky floors, and surround sound. I, Kreon AHEPA was a champ through the whole thing and settled easily throughout the movie. On campus I explored the pool for the first time and turns out I am a natural swimmer. I loved chasing toys and lounging in the shallow end. I am working on learning how to work with new handlers as I prepare to be paired with my warrior. This will help me transition as I learn that I can take cues from multiple people. I continue to be a sweet happy boy and I am excited to see what the future holds for me and my warrior! I want to tank you for your continued support of the program. See you at graduation, June 17th! and Kreon AHEPA!



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I am having a great time learning with Mr. Malique and working on becoming the best service dog I can be! We have been increasing my public access exposures and working on my service skills in more populated areas. All of the customers in Publix were in awe of my focus on Mr. Malique, they said I was such a handsome gentle pup. I'm having a lot of success working on increasing duration of my commands and learning new service dog cues. I had a very relaxing holiday weekend, and I am fully recharged and ready to tackle the tasks at paw. I love practicing all my working commands in public and I love the most having Mr. Malique tell me that I am the "goodest boy ever!" I cannot wait to see what else I can learn, and I look forward to taking each day one paw at a time!



Bergen

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Haaalooooooo! It's me Bergen AHEPA! I've had the most fun last couple of weeks! My trainer took me to some smelly places. Several of the places had smelly things that had to be food. My trainer likes to eat as much as I do. I'm pretty sure I smelled that stuff they call bacon in one of those places. I also visited this place with many weird machines. It was very clean and they asked my trainer if they could check her blood pressure and wrapped her arm in some strange collar. Maybe hooomans wear collars on their arms sometimes? What is a blood pressure anyway? I just watched it while my trainer fed me yummy treats. So maybe blood pressure means feed Bergen AHEPA jerky! Woof! That works for me!

MORE UPDATES:

Recent Graduate-*Dixson

#10 Lilli Ann AHEPA (21st AHEPA dog)	#52 Gabriel AHEPA (29 th AHEPA dog)	#114 Wynn AHEPA (37 th AHEPA dog)
#11 Bunky AHEPA (22 nd AHEPA dog)	#66 Louie AHEPA (30 th AHEPA dog)	#115 Beacon AHEPA (38th AHEPA dog)
#31 Atlas AHEPA (23 rd AHEPA dog)	#67 Pericles AHEPA (31st AHEPA dog)	#116 Molly AHEPA (39 th AHEPA dog)
#38 Murphy AHEPA (24 th AHEPA dog)	#92 Tommy AHEPA (32 nd AHEPA dog)	#117 Lucky AHEPA (40 th AHEPA dog)
#44 Bear AHEPA (25 th AHEPA dog)	#93 Keane AHEPA (33 rd AHEPA dog)	#121 Delphi AHEPA (41st AHEPA dog)
#48 Andy AHEPA (26th AHEPA dog)	#94 TBD AHEPA (34 th AHEPA dog)	#122 Scotty AHEPA (42 nd AHEPA dog)
#49 Ellie AHEPA (27 th AHEPA dog)	#106 Ricey AHEPA (35 th AHEPA dog)	#123 Zoi (f) or Zois (m) AHEPA (43 rd AHEPA dog)
#51 Delta AHEPA (28 th AHEPA dog)	#113 Patrick AHEPA (36 th AHEPA dog)	#125 Uncle Buck AHEPA (44 th AHEPA dog)