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PAW PATROL NEWSLETTER

January 2022

Continued from email...

The Daughters of Penelope are a great factor in the money raised and service dogs purchased. A praise of Thank You is not merely enough. It is the hearts that will keep beating due to their generosity and continued support.

Since ASDW partnered with Americas VetDogs we are moving forward faster then before. We look forward to all donations no matter the amount as we can reach a \$6000.00 donation by combined with other chapters, partial or full donations to keep those hearts beating. We honor all our donors and sponsors and look forward to continued support.

The newest edition to our ASDW Family, meet **Paul**
Sponsored by Daughter of Penelope District #3



Bergen AHEPA



Well howdy y'all, it's your miniature horse in dog form: Bergen AHEPA! I have been having a wonderful holiday season! Last week I had some great sessions with Mr. Stephen, we have been working in this new location, it's a big office space and it's perfect for our training sessions. There are so many rooms and we set up a few as actual offices to relocate when I go into offices in the future. I have also been visiting volunteer's homes to foster. I did really well in a home environment, so I was invited back for New Year's Eve! It was the perfect way to ring in 2022. I have been working with Mr. Stephen's friends Mr. Malique and Ms. Kelsey this week too, we're working on my transferability and settling in places with new people. I'm doing really well and I'm having a blast with Mr. Malique, he's so much fun to play with and he's big like me too; we're the giants on campus. I can't wait to have Mr. Stephen back next week when he's done on vacation so I can show him everything I've learned. I hope you enjoyed the holidays!

Woof woof! I am a sweet and active 1 1/2-year-old lab mix. I have been training at Camp K9 for about 10 weeks now. I have been having a pawsome time playing in the grassy yards while building a relationship with my trainer. When my trainer and I started on my basic skills like sit or down, they realized I am learning really fast! I have even had the chance to go off campus to some really cool places. I started with easy places first to see how comfortable I would be. I've been to Ross, general

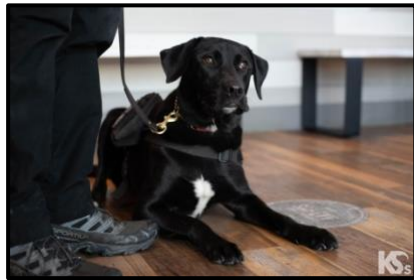


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stores, and parks. I had a tail-wagging good time meeting a small group of toddlers at the park and received lots of kisses! I even started getting chances to go to more distracting places; I think my

favorites so far have been restaurants. They have some of the best smells ever!!! My trainer said I did sooo good settling under the table while she had lunch. A real bone-appetite! I can't wait to see where we go next and keep showing off my service skills. Til' next time!



Murphy AHEPA

Happy Holidays friends! I have been having such a great time lately. I really enjoyed working out in public during the very busy Christmas shopping period. I did so well and looooved seeing all of the decorations. For Christmas I was so lucky and got to spend it in a wonderful home and was spoiled with all the Christmas festivities! Then I rang in the new year with my foster friends to get some R&R from kennel life. I am making sure to keep my skills sharp so I can hit the ground running. April and I are very excited for all of the possibilities that lie ahead in 2022! I hope it is the best year yet! My New Year's resolution is to be the best battle buddy ever! I hope you have a very healthy and happy new year! Thank you for believing in me and supporting me on my journey!

I am having such an amazing time in training! April and I are back from our New Year's celebration and ready to hit the ground running. We are going to have such an amazing year in 2022! I feel so rested and excited for what is to come. I hope you had a fantastic new year! I have been on campus working on my skills. April and I play in the yards, go for walks and visit everyone we see. I had a great time practicing my skills off leash in one of our yards. I really impressed April by walking by her side with great focus, then we ran through everything I know. I did not try to run and play with the ball even once! This week we are going to go to St. Augustine and some local stores to practice my skills in public more. I am so excited for what is to come and I know I will be the best Battle Buddy ever when the time is right!





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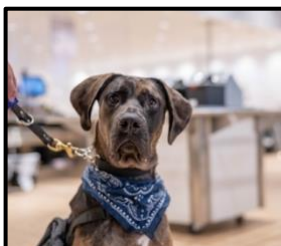


Atlas AHEPA

Hello from Camp K9s! My name is Atlas AHEPA and I am officially on track to become a Service Dog! I recently met my new trainer, Jay. We spent our first sessions building a relationship with each other

and just hanging out. This is so valuable in training so that we can trust each other and work together. As much as I love hanging out with Jay, meeting him makes me extra excited to get assigned to a Warrior one day! Last week we worked on some basic obedience and other skills that I learned right when I got here, like walking on a leash. Then, when Jay saw how impressive I am, we went to a local shopping plaza to work on what the humans call "public access." Jay says this is important so that I can perform everywhere a Warrior may go in the future. We went in Home Depot, Ross Dress for Less, and even went to lunch at a Burger Barn where I practiced staying in a down while multiple trainers and other dogs sat at the tables with us. Jay says we will continue to work on obedience and skills and will start going to more challenging public access places in the upcoming weeks. I can't wait to share my progress with you!

The past few weeks we have gone out to do more public access at places like the mall & our local town center. It is full of different types of stores, people, and other dogs. My trainer, Jay, says it's great for training opportunities. I really like exploring different environments, even when they are scary. For example, we've been practicing walking on different surfaces that feel funny on my paws, and even took trips on some elevators! Jay says I am very confident, which is important for my future Battle Buddy, who will take me everywhere he or she goes. We have also been going to restaurants where I get to take a nice nap and enjoy the smells while Jay and the other trainers eat. Sometimes the people who take their orders and bring out the food get really close to me or step over me, but I stay calm and just let them do their job. I've learned that I get a special treat when I stay calm during these situations, so I really don't mind having people in my personal space! Jay's nickname for me is "Rockstar," whatever that means. Anyway, I look forward to more progress updates and exciting adventures in the upcoming weeks!



Bear AHEPA

The 25th Dog of ASDW has officially been named!





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K9s For Warriors updates for the dogs on the wait list:

- #7 Andy AHEPA (26th AHEPA dog)
- #8 Ellie AHEPA (27th AHEPA dog)
- #10 Delta AHEPA (28th AHEPA dog)
- #11 Gabriel AHEPA (29th AHEPA dog)
- #24 Louie AHEPA (30th AHEPA dog)
- #25 Pericles AHEPA (31st AHEPA dog)
- #50 Tommy AHEPA (32nd AHEPA dog)
- #51 Keane AHEPA (33rd AHEPA dog)
- #52 Athena AHEPA (34th AHEPA dog)
- #64 Ricey AHEPA (35th AHEPA dog)
- #71 Patrick AHEPA (36th AHEPA dog)
- #72 Wynn AHEPA (37th AHEPA dog)
- #73 Beacon AHEPA (38th AHEPA dog)
- #74 Molly AHEPA (39th AHEPA dog)
- #75 Lucky AHEPA (40th AHEPA dog)
- #79 Delphi AHEPA (41st AHEPA dog)
- #80 Scotty AHEPA (42nd AHEPA dog)
- #81 Zoi (female) or Zois (male) AHEPA (43rd AHEPA dog)
- #83 Uncle Buck AHEPA (44th AHEPA dog)



America's VetDogs Updates for Penny, Private George K, ad Filo 2

It's time for a progress report on Penny AHEPA and Private George K AHEPA. They're growing by leaps and bounds! They're almost their full adult height, although they'll be filling out until at least the age of 2.

Now that public excursions are allowed, Penny AHEPA and Private George K AHEPA are learning about The Big World beyond the front door. Wearing the bright puppy coat that identifies them as future assistance dogs, they and their weekend puppy raisers, Mark, Clemente, Terry and Bill, visit various public places to gain exposure to different sights and sounds.

Although a six month old puppy is still very much an adolescent, Mark, Clemente, Terry and Bill are working hard to teach Penny AHEPA and Private George K AHEPA good manners, both in public and at home.

The last four months have been a period of great growth and change for them. We hope that they'll continue to mature into a good candidate for formal assistance dog training.





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It's time for a progress report on Filo 2 AHEPA. He's growing by leaps and bounds! He's almost his full adult height, although he'll be filling out until at least the age of 2.

Now that public excursions are allowed, Filo 2 AHEPA is learning about The Big World beyond the front door. Wearing the bright puppy coat that identifies him as a future assistance dog, he and his weekend puppy raisers, Julie and Kellie, visit various public places to gain exposure to different sights and sounds.

Although a six month old puppy is still very much an adolescent, Julie and Kellie are working hard to teach Filo 2 AHEPA good manners, both in public and at home.

The last four months have been a period of great growth and change for him. We hope that he'll continue to mature into a good candidate for formal assistance dog training.



Happy Valentine's Day