



MOBILITY SERVICE DOGS- WEST COAST PROJECT (DBA MOBILITYDOG)

Putting the FUN in FUNctional Independence,
raising awareness and resources for the disabled community

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

MobilityDog advances FUNctional independence for people with disabilities through service dogs, tools, education, and empowerment. We are putting the FUN in FUNctional Independence, raising awareness and funds for the disabled community.



SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING (SDIT) PUPPY RAISING PROGRAM

Our volunteer Puppy Raisers introduce our dogs to the world and provide our dogs with lots of love and the critical foundation to be successful Mobility Service Dogs. A Puppy Raiser loves and works with a puppy for 16-18 months and during this time, teaches it basic obedience, exposes and socializes it to the outside world, and introduces the foundations for key tasks it will learn to perform. Puppy Raisers attend weekly virtual meetups to discuss the dogs' growth and development milestones, key training tools, tips, fun games to play as well as challenges and successes.



MOBILITYDOG'S SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

MobilityDog raises, trains, and matches poodles with mobility-impaired individuals. Our poodles are donated from breeders whose priorities are their dog's health, temperament, working ability, and longevity. A Service Dog is a living, breathing animal who is our responsibility to care for as they care for the Handlers. Once a team is formed, they continue working monthly with our SD Trainer, and attend Puppy Meet Ups. A happy dog makes the best service dog! When the work harness comes off, then it is playtime with its Handler. It takes a remarkable canine to become a Service Dog.



PAWS THAT EMPOWER

PAWS that Empower (PAWS), is a reading circle program held in classrooms, conferences, offices, and community centers. Led by a Service Dog Team, the program covers themes of Tolerance, Kindness, Compassion, Integrity, Gratitude, and Empathy with the ultimate goal of empowering individuals with knowledge, art, and confidence to discuss perceived differences to create positive pathways forward.



WAG EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

The ADA protects all people in the USA with disabilities. Our Education and Advocacy Program, WAG, provides interactive workshops for businesses, government, colleges, community, and medical offices teaching what full accessibility means. What is a Service Dog Team? What does life look like from a mobility disabled human's perspective? We show how to create an accessible pathway for all people with disabilities. Education is the key to advocating on behalf of the disabled community.



DISABILITY NETWORK & BUILDING COMMUNITY

We offer two meetups each week! PUPPY MEETUP is for our SD Handlers and Raisers. TOGETHER is for disabled individuals who are unable to have a Service Dog. MobilityDog provides a community network of support. Being part of a community to share, enhance, meet up, educate, and own the life you have is an important launching towards FUNctional independence. Each one of us is a bio-individual; MobilityDog is here to support the journey and make the pathway kinder by choosing adventures of wellness and forward mobility.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

1,230

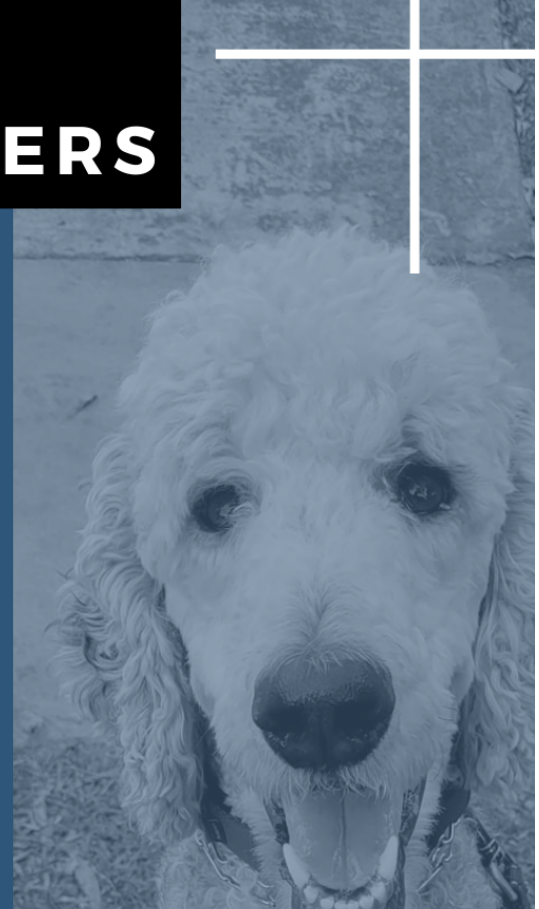
PARTICIPANTS IN PAWS THAT EMPOWER PROGRAM

28

BUSINESSES SERVICED THROUGH THE WAG EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY WORKSHOPS (IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

1,350

INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED THROUGH WAG



3

New Service Dogs in Training in 2021

3

New Officially Recognized Service Dogs in 2021

4

Puppy Raisers in 2021

16

Rescue dogs rehomed

24

Service Dog/Handler Teams

33

Dogs donated since 2018

380

ADULTS SERVED BY READING CIRCLE PROGRAM

230

CALLS FOR ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDANCE FROM SD TEAMS AND DISABLED COMMUNITY



THERE IS STILL WORK TO DO...

64

INDIVIDUALS IN THE MOBILITYDOG DISABILITY NETWORK WHO DO NOT HAVE DOGS

MOBILITYDOG AND THE COMMUNITY

ADVOCATING, EDUCATING, RAISING AWARENESS



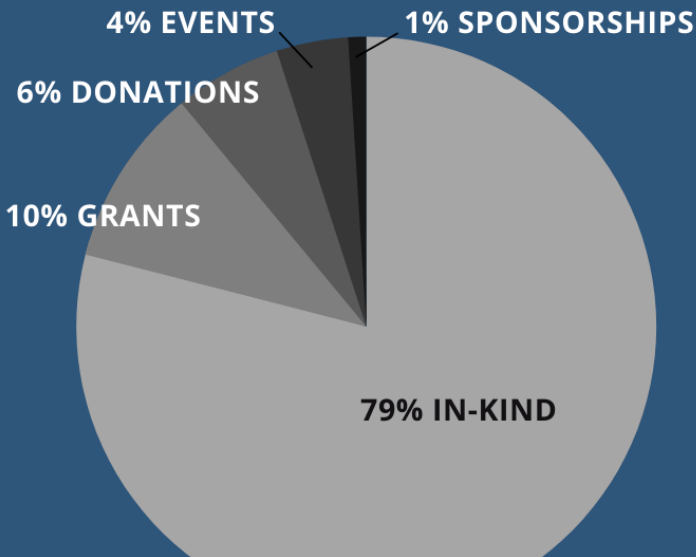
Natalie's life was changed forever in the blink of an eye during her last year of college. While on a trip with her friends, Natalie sustained a C5 Spinal Cord Injury when their car was hit by a drunk driver. Natalie was a senior at the University of Southern California (USC) at that time, extremely active, and had secured a paid PR Internship with Nickelodeon. All this changed when Natalie was left with some arm movement, but mostly paralyzed from the neck down. She went on to finish her undergraduate degree at USC two years later and joined the Rollettes - a Los Angeles based dance team of women in wheelchairs. Natalie wanted more and to be able to truly advocate for and give back to the disabled community. As motivated as she is, Natalie needed help to reach her next goal - working

on her Masters Degree and living independently. After failed attempts to secure a service dog, because of the lack of understanding and knowledge of spinal cord injuries, Natalie was on the verge of giving up. That is when Natalie found MobilityDog. After talking to Janie, Natalie went from feeling deflated to feeling optimistic. Service Dog (SD) Roxy and Natalie were quick to bond as they began their journey working together as a MobilityDog SD Team. Together, they attend classes, travel the USA advocating for disability rights, and navigate each day making Natalie FUNctionally independent. SD Roxy assists Natalie with getting dressed and undressed every day, picking up and retrieving objects that fall, opening heavy doors, ascending and descending ramps, transitioning body positions, alerting, and so much more. Because MobilityDog believed in Natalie, she is able to live vibrantly and independently as she owns the campus at USC with SD Roxy by her side. This is just one of the 24 teams that MobilityDog has matched and created. Each handler story is unique, impactful, and amazing to witness.

MobilityDog's core program is the Service Dog (SD) Program. The SD Program raises, trains, and matches service dogs in training with disabled handlers like Natalie. The SD Program is unique as it not only raises, trains, and matches service dogs, but also creates a community network for its handlers and disabled individuals unable to have a service dog. This network breaks the barriers of isolation many individuals living with disabilities face. Additionally, MobilityDog provides Education and Outreach Programming (PAWS and WAG) that serves the greater community to educate businesses, schools, and individuals on just what a service dog is and does for its handler. PAWS and WAG also teach the general public on how to interact with handlers and service dogs in public and private spaces.. MobilityDog has been integral to educating businesses, government agencies, schools, and places of employment on how to interact with disabled individuals and their service dogs. This education is critical to teaching tolerance, inclusiveness, equity, diversity, and making the world accessible to disabled individuals.

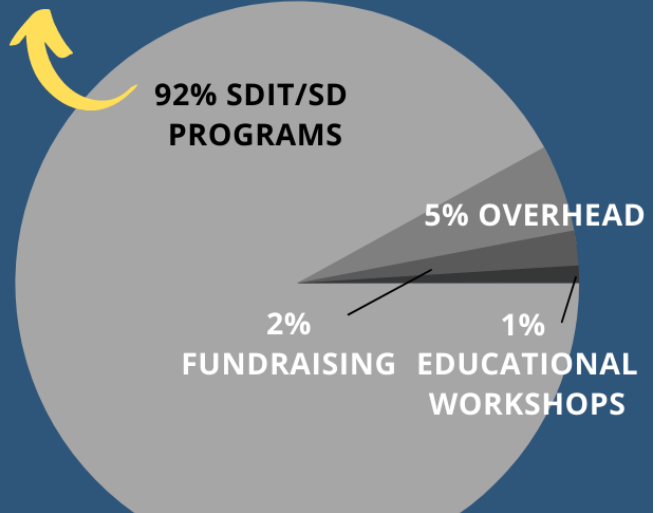


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



FUNDING SOURCES

NEARLY ALL COSTS GO TOWARDS DOGS/PROGRAMS



EXPENSES

WE NEED OODLES TO RAISE OUR POODLES

MobilityDog is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. EIN 82-4426022

- PUPPY** (Paw icon): Donation of Standard Poodle puppy or finding of a rescue puppy.
- ROUTINE VETERINARY CARE** (First aid kit icon): Vaccines, spay/neuter, heartworm, X-rays to begin bracing, tick & flea prevention, well-puppy visits.
- MAINTENANCE** (Bowl icon): Food, teeth, grooming, bathing, treats, vitamins and insurance.
- EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS** (Collar icon): Collars, vest harnesses, leashes, 48" metal crate, 48" pad, stainless steel bowls, boots, balls, Kong, wheelchai hook, packs, etc.
- PUPPY RAISERS** (Bone icon): Basic obedience, etiquette training, socialization, tasking SD training, games, preparation for the Canine Good Citizenship (CGC) and Public Access Test (PAT).
- SERVICE DOG TRAINING** (Award icon): Experienced Service Dog Trainers teaching advanced obedience, task training, and service dog etiquette. 6 to 36 months with raisers, one-on-one SD trainer, and handlers.
- SERVICE DOG TEAM** (Heart icon): Lifetime support of our SD teams, service dog training continues. Tasking and weekly online workshops.

Small or large - any oodle will help us meet our goal

\$28,700 TOTAL REQUIRED TO RAISE 1 DOG

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Visit <https://app.theauxilia.com/payments/client/mobilitydog> to donate today and help us reach our goal!

2021 AWARDS



On December 15, 2021, Talking Rain Beverage Company, the maker of Sparkling Ice® beverages, announced the three winning charities of its latest give-back initiative, Cheers to Giving, a holiday campaign created to celebrate non-profits making a difference in their communities.

The brand called on Sparkling Ice fans to nominate their favorite 501c3 non-profit for a chance to be selected as one of three recipients of a \$50,000 donation from Talking Rain. After receiving over 6,000 heartwarming nominations, Talking Rain awarded MobilityDog, Serene Harbor and Spare Key as the program winners and the recipients of the \$50,000 donations. The organizations selected were honored for their overall impact and dedication to giving back into their communities.



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THANK YOU TO OUR 2021 DONORS

MobilityDog gratefully acknowledges each of the generous donations received in 2021, including the CA COVID Relief Grant that allowed us to continue our work. Each gift we received goes directly towards puppy raising, training, and placing a mobility service dog with a mobility-impaired individual. Your donation makes a huge difference in the lives of our dogs and humans. We are sincerely appreciative of each of our donors. Our work would not be possible without your support.



2021 TOP CONTRIBUTORS

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