OUR MISSION

The purpose of this organization is to improve the general condition of the blind persons, and other persons living with disabilities, who would benefit from the services of trained Pilot Dogs and Assistance Dogs. The purpose of this organization should include, but not be limited to, the training of dogs to become Pilot Dogs and Assistance Dogs, as well as the furnishing of Pilot Dogs and Assistance Dogs to qualified person.
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We would like to thank the following members of the Columbus Academy of Veterinary Medicine for generously donating their time and services for the benefit of our program.

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In 2010 ten Hearing Dogs were certified, with nine being for individuals in Ohio and the tenth for a deaf individual in New York.

Of the Hearing Dogs teams certified:
- 4 of the dogs came from our facility
- 6 of the dogs were already owned by the deaf individuals
- 50% of the students were female, 50% male
- Ages ranged from 25-81 years old

We had an eclectic group of people being certified this year who held varying occupations. Some of these occupations included: farmer, deaf advocacy group employee, department store clerk and freelance writer. Four of the individuals are currently enjoying the retired life.

**SPOTLIGHT:**
Liz Thompson

Liz is a freelance writer/columnist/author. She became totally deaf in 2002 at 50 years old and two years later began working from home due to the progression of M.S. Since then, she has published a book, *Day by Day*, chronicling the life of a hard of hearing reporter. In the book she highlights the thing that has influenced her life most: her Hearing Dog and Hearing Dog Director Cathy Naglaich.
Student Services

Over the past year 147 blind and hearing impaired students were served. We worked with 137 blind individuals. Of that number, 63 had no previous guide dog experience, while 74 were retrainees. Again in 2010 women outnumbered the men with 85 female students and 52 male. Our youngest student was 17 years old and our youngest at heart student was 91.

Peggy Bell was one of the 137 visually impaired students we worked with in 2010. She is pictured here with her yellow Lab, Reba, who is her fifth Pilot Dog. Peggy first came to us in 1969 and —much to our delight—has continued returning each time she is in need of a new guide dog.

Peggy is an English teacher at Worthington Christian High School. She says that Reba has been a “dream dog” and has adjusted wonderfully to life at school. Her affection for the students is obvious, says Peggy, and the feeling seems to be mutual. Peggy shared that on test days she has had to make an exception about letting the kids pet Reba because they have adopted her as their “lucky charm”.

“If I had made a list of all the traits I hoped my Pilot Dog would have, Reba would have more than fulfilled it.” —Peggy Bell
The **average age** of our students is currently 47 years old.

Our students came to us from **29 different states** this past year. The **largest number came from** Ohio (54), followed by Illinois (8), Indiana (7), and Florida (7).

**Average working life** for a Pilot Dog team remains at **8.4 years**.

Some of our **student's occupations** this year included:

- **college student**
- **stand operator**
- **medical transcriptionist**
- **law student**
- **receptionist**
- **high school student**
- **lawyer**
- **teacher**
- **masseuse**
- **retiree**
- **housewife**
The above map illustrates the states from which individuals came to us over the past year to receive a Pilot Dog.
In-Home Placements & Follow Up

We completed nine in-home placements this year. They were in Georgia, Virginia, Florida, Canada, South Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia.

On most of these trips, we try and accomplish more than just the home placement itself. We will visit other students, attend a Lions Club meeting, drop off information at rehabilitation facilities, or talk to perspective students.
This year we worked with 228 dogs. Of these:
51% were Labrador Retrievers
9% were Standard Poodles
12% were Boxers
11% were German Shepherds
4% were Doberman Pinschers
8% were Golden Retrievers
5% were Vizslas

Of the dogs we worked with, approximately 50% were males and 50% females.

Of the dogs that graduated:
60% were Labrador Retrievers
8% were Boxers
10% were German Shepherds
3% were Doberman Pinschers
11% were Standard Poodles
2% were Vizslas
6% were Golden Retrievers

Of the dogs that graduated, 58% were female and 42% male.
The Puppy Department placed 110 puppies in 2010. The breeds included:

- 50 Labrador Retrievers
- 14 Golden Retrievers
- 11 German Shepherds
- 1 Boxers
- 12 Doberman Pinschers
- 20 Standard Poodles
- 2 Vizslas
Brianna Luszczak began raising a male, Standard Poodle for Pilot Dogs on February 7, 2010. She named the puppy Troy. For the past year, Brianna has worked hard at developing Troy into a well-behaved and well socialized dog.

Brianna’s commitment to Pilot Dogs didn’t end with her Puppy Raising. In November she entered Pilot Dogs, Inc. into a Farmers Future Leaders Development Program competition. This involved her researching our organization and creating a Power Point presentation explaining how our program functions. Thanks to Brianna’s efforts, Pilot Dogs was awarded a check in the amount of $830.00.

She returned Troy February 21st, 2011 and he is off to a promising start in his formal guide dog training.
PILOT DOGS, INC.-Operation Statement
Subject to audit

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In Memory

Joanna Walker began her work with Pilot Dogs, Inc. in 1980. It was at this time that she made it her mission to provide us with strong and sound Doberman Pinschers. Aside from her own dog donations (which total at well over 200 dogs), Joanna solicited other Doberman breeders to donate to our program as well. She was a well-respected breeder herself and owned the kennel Marls-Tey.

Joanna was as passionate about the Doberman breed as she was Pilot Dogs and dedicated her life to assisting both. Joanna was constantly finding ways to educate others about her two passions and wrote several books and articles on the Doberman Pinscher.

Joanna passed away on October 13, 2010. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered for all she did for our organization.

Pictured left: Joanna (never one to miss a photo op!) with Betty White and one of her beloved Dobermans.
Staff

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Ray Byers
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