



2014

ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

FROM JAY GRAY

At this time of year, we put together our Annual Report to tell how many students we worked with, how many dogs went through our program and what the Puppy Department is up to. All of this information and more is put into a nice booklet for anyone and everyone to read. What is impossible to put into words for that report is the many ways that each and every one of our students, and each and every one of our dogs has touched our lives. Certainly, please take the time to look through all of the numbers and statistics because they are an important reflection of how our program is running, but also think about the people and animals behind the numbers, because they are the spirit behind our program.

Sincerely,



J. Jay Gray

Executive Director



FINANCIALS

RECEIPTS

2013

2014

Dues & Donations	\$1,340,648.00	\$1,515,751.00
Bequests	\$441,403.00	\$796,114.00
Women's Board	\$8,500.00	9,000.00
Lions Clubs	\$160,032.00	\$193,761.00
Interest	\$7.00	\$7.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00	\$600.00
Total	\$1,952,090.00	\$2,515,233.00

DISBURSEMENTS

2013

2014

Dog Equipment/Supplies	\$61,946.00	\$51,937.00
Puppy Department	\$147,072.00	\$144,633.00
Treatment Center	\$174,271.00	\$178,705.00
Training	\$628,835.00	\$644,237.00
Pilot Home	\$225,615.00	\$222,922.00
Public Relations	\$47,524.00	\$43,267.00
Administration	\$419,411.00	\$455,855.00
Development	\$85,348.00	\$513,195.00
Hearing Dogs	\$29,596.00	\$29,143.00
Total	\$1,817,618.00	\$2,283,924.00

FACTS & STATISTICS

We are proud to have worked with **138** blind and visually impaired individuals in 2014. Of this number: **48% were men, 52% were women, 41% were new students and 59% were retrainees**

Our youngest student was **22** year old Jeongmin Kim from South Korea.

Our youngest at heart students were two **88** year old ladies named Joy Harris and Trudy Knox.

The average age of our students rose this year to **55** years old.

Our students came from **29** states and two foreign countries—**Israel** and **South Korea**. We had the most individuals from **Ohio (52)**, followed by **Indiana** and **Illinois (7)**, **Texas, Michigan** and **Kentucky (6)**, and **Missouri (5)**.

Our students held a variety of occupations, including: college student, stand operator, medical transcriptionist, IRS consultant, sitting Judge, physical therapist, city employee, receptionist, counselor, musician, masseuse, musical therapist, federal employee, entrepreneur, vending machine programmer, high school student, shop worker, minister, telemarketer, fire department employee, lawyer and many retirees.

The average working life of a team is approximately **8.6** years.

Of the dogs that were placed with our students:

60% were Labrador Retrievers

18% were Standard Poodles

10% were German Shepherds

7% were Golden Retrievers

3% were Doberman Pinschers

1% were Boxers

1% were Vizslas



Of the dogs that graduated, 47% were female and 53% were male.

IN-HOME PLACEMENTS & FOLLOW-UP

We did several in-home placements and/or follow ups this year. They were in Ohio, Texas, Michigan and Kentucky.

Doing these trips gives us a better insight into the different obstacles our students have to face on a daily basis.

On most of these trips we try to do more than just the home placement. We visit other students, attend Lions meetings, drop off information at rehabilitation facilities, or interview prospective students.

DOGS

This year we worked with 275 dogs. Of these:

59% were Labrador Retrievers

11% were Standard Poodles

9% were German Shepherds

8% were Golden Retrievers

7% were Doberman Pinschers

4% were Boxers

2% were Vizslas

Of the dogs we worked with, 45% were male and 55% were female.

Percentage of dogs taken in of each breed that graduated or are still in training-94% Labs, 97% Poodles, 89% Dobermans, 100% Shepherds, 91% Golden Retrievers, 92% Boxers, 80% Vizslas



Have you checked out the new and improved www.pilotdogs.org? We have graduate John Brinkerhoff to thank for our new look! Below he explains how he came to lead the charge for a new Pilot Dogs website.

THANK YOU JOHN!



I was accepted into the class of October 13—November 7, 2013 for training with my first guide dog. One late afternoon, as my classmates and I were waiting in the Day Room for the meal call, the conversation turned to experiences with the various guide dog school web sites, with emphasis on that of Pilot Dogs. I was interested in, and encouraged, the students' comments for two reasons: one, I am a retired advertising writer and creative director; and two, I had been looking for a way to contribute something to the efforts of what I saw as a lean staff of very dedicated, hardworking, altruistic people.

I made mental notes of the comments being made about the site: too old-fashioned, not easy to navigate, stale content, and so on. As we headed for supper, I said to Jason, "I can help with this."

A couple of months after graduation, I offered to underwrite a Pilot Dogs web site appraisal and redesign, which would be executed by Michael Forrest of Archmore Business Web in Westerville, an expert in the necessities and nuances of effective web marketing. A meeting was held with Mr. Gray and Ms. Walker to explore how the new web site could help simplify Pilot Dogs' information-gathering and administrative needs. Rough creative thoughts and tracking methods were discussed. The project then proceeded.

We believe the revamped web site has a much more contemporary, colorful, and friendly appearance. Content is simply and logically organized. Rollover, drop down menus make information easy to find and access. Larger type and better line spacing contribute to easier reading. Contact information is prominent and inviting. It is a fresh, new face for a long-standing, trusted name.

We hope the new site serves Pilot Dogs well for years to come.

PUPPY DEPARTMENT

Beginning in 2014 we began offering obedience classes at Pilot Dogs for our raisers. This gives us the opportunity to work with each local raiser and puppy on a more personal level. We can also focus on obedience that better serves a guide dog versus a show dog or pet.

Raisers come with puppies ages 6-14 weeks for classes that teach the proper way to expose them to objects they are seeing for the first time. Some of the objects are kids' toys that move or make noise, electronics like vacuum cleaners, hairdryers etc. We like to encourage raisers to move slowly and encourage puppies to explore new things at their speed, never forcing new things or situations on them. We ask raisers to encourage and praise the puppy, but never coddle.

We also work on confidence building skills such as walking on different surfaces, steps and even through an agility tunnel. We believe these classes will help in the development of a sound adult dog.

When the puppies are 4 months old we begin with basic obedience skills such as heel, sit, down, come, and stay. We encourage raisers to practice obedience at home as well. The goal is to have a well mannered and confident dog.

It's been a pleasure working with the raisers. Seeing their progress each week is very rewarding for us and also gives the raiser a feeling of accomplishment. One comment that we hear repeated often is "I'm worried I'm not doing what you need done".

These classes have helped with that concern.



PUPPY RAISERS

We would like to thank the following individuals and families who put their time, energy and hearts into raising a Pilot Puppy in 2014:

Ackerman	Keller	Cromwell	Petsko	Hom	Weasner
Allgood	Kramer	Farrelly	Reynolds	Jordan	Zickefoose
Bratka	Landis	Gamet-Brown	Runion	Klier	Smith
Capan	Marciniack	Greenwald	Aliff	Lackey	Tekamp
Comell-Flack	Miller	Harbour	Bland	Luttrell	Truhn
Creaney	Pearce	Hickey	Buck	McQueary	Williams
Esposito	Reed	Hollan-Tancos	Cordasco	Palmisano	Stover
Folzenlogan	Rottkamp	Johnson	Dryer	Propsom	Thomas
Green	Adams	Kershner	Gerguson	Roth	Turvey
Grimes	Antonini	Kritzer	Gray	Seger	Yost
Hegenbarth	Breidenbach	Louke	Griffith	Simpier	
Hirzel	Ciulli	Maurer	Hayes	Taylor	
Hughes	Cotterman	Miner	Hidy	Trepanier	

We would also like to thank the following correctional institutions for raising in 2014:

Franklin Medical Center	15
Pickaway Correctional Institute	15
Dayton Correctional Institute	8
North East Reintegration Center	6



These institutions are kind enough to raise puppies that come in at any age or for any circumstance. They are also willing to “babysit” any pups that come in for boarding. Their flexibility is extremely helpful to our program.

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