

JUNE 2025

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DOGS WITH WINGS
ASSISTANCE DOG SOCIETY

A MESSAGE FROM AMANDA DUBÉ

As warm weather approaches, there's an incredible buzz of excitement for everything happening at DWW! With adorable puppies here and more on the way, plus new programs launching, this is going to be a monumental season for us.

My deepest gratitude goes out to you for your hard work, time, and the love you pour into DWW. This isn't just appreciated; it's the most powerful message we share with partners when we seek their support. You are the reason we can breed, train, place, and support our dogs, making us a truly volunteer-powered organization.

The entire DWW team and I are so thankful for your dedication. As we grow and embrace new opportunities, please remember that you are integral to our story and the heart of our success.

Soak up the sun, stay connected, and help us spread the word: we desperately need puppy raisers to help raise the dogs that will do the big work soon!

Be well,
Amanda

OUR DREAM

**IS WELLNESS AND
SUPPORT FOR ALL**

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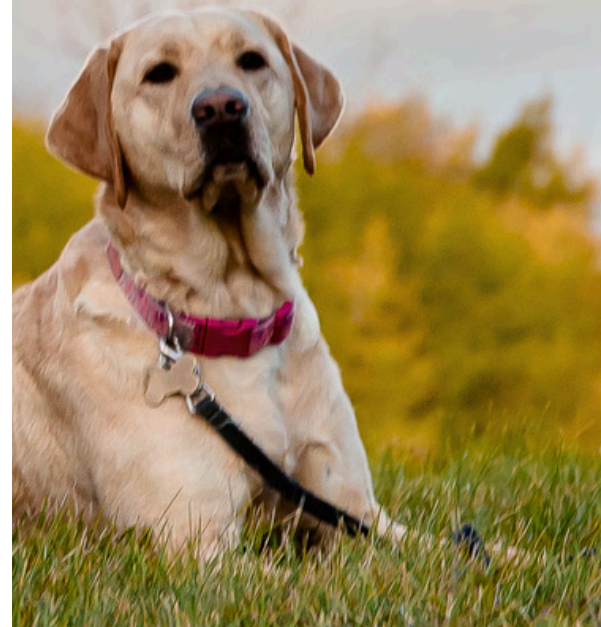
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CLIENT SUCCESS STORY:

Zebra Child and Youth Advocacy Centre

Dogs with Wings partners with 5 of the largest child and youth advocacy centres and specialized treatment centres in Western Canada, including:

Zebra Child and Youth Advocacy Centre

Little Warriors

Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre (CACAC)

Luna Child and Youth Advocacy Centre

Toba Centre for Children and Youth

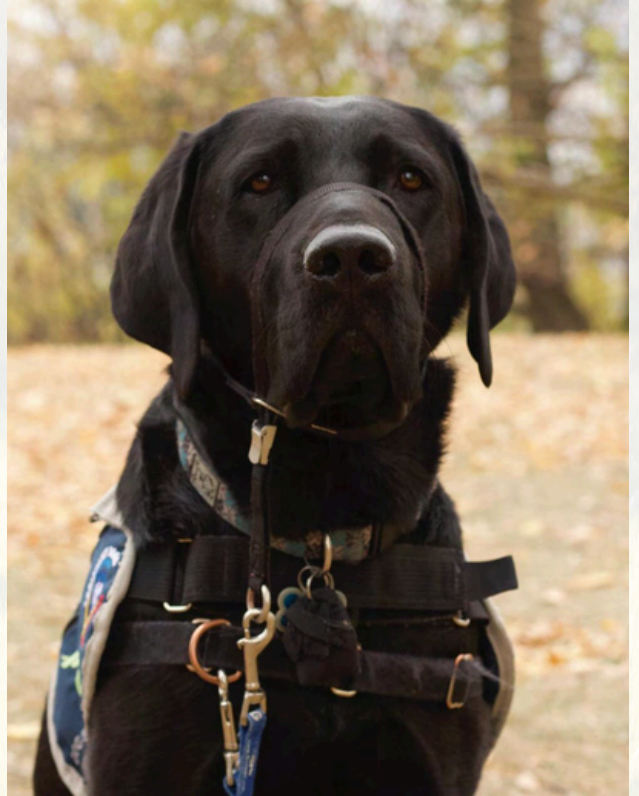
Our remarkable dogs assist children, youth, and adults coping with PTSD, trauma, health issues, and abuse recovery. Through our partnerships, these programs touch thousands of lives in police stations, courtrooms, victim service units, medical facilities, and schools.

PUPPY RAISER: RAY GELDREICH
ADVANCED DOG RAISER: DOUG & TAMARA
GREENWOOD

WHELPED BY: PADS
PLACED AT ZEBRA CENTRE

"Captain, our remarkable facility dog at the Zebra Centre, has truly transformed the way we engage with the children we serve. His gentle presence and unwavering support has fostered a comforting environment, making a profound impact on their emotional well-being, and enhancing the positive outcomes of our work. We love DWW Captain."

S. Franks, Handler



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

"Hi, my name is Sean Robbins, and I'm the Executive Associate at Dogs with Wings. I've been with the organization for nearly three years. Working at DWW is incredibly rewarding—not just because of the amazing team and the incredible dogs, but because of the life-changing impact these dogs have on the people they assist."



Sean Robbins, *Executive Associate*

OUR STAFF

Amanda Dubé, CEO

Sean Robbins, Executive Associate

Elisa Irlam, Founder and Program Services Advisor

Emma Hamel, Development Liaison

Piera Angotti, Director of Canine Operations & Instructor

Dana Whytock, Coordinator Puppy Program

Taylor Smith, Coordinator Puppy Program

Martha Priddle, Apprentice Instructor

Amy Barnett, Apprentice Instructor

Sarah Lapp, Client Services Coordinator

Abby Rice, Development Writer

Leanna Mottus, RVT

Sydnee Hayes, Communications Assistant

OUR MISSION

...is to empower individuals through highly trained Service Dogs and a supportive community focused on transformative impact.

OUR VALUES EXPLAINED

In Fall 2024, Dogs with WIngs came together to identify and develop 5 core values that speak to who we are and what we do. These principles connect our community, guide our growth, and help give us meaning for what we do.

OUR VALUES

- **WELL-BEING** - We are committed to supporting mental, emotional and physical wellness by encouraging balance and boundaries for our staff, dogs, volunteers and clients.
- **COMPASSION** - We are dedicated to approaching all relationships with mindfulness, patience and empathy.
- **HARMONY** - We aspire to have a collaborative community which promotes respect and safety, acknowledging everyone has an important role.
- **CONNECTION** - We believe the foundation of our organization is strong, meaningful relationships that allow everyone to feel seen, heard and valued.
- **HOPE** - We are future-focused with a belief in the possibility of dreams taking flight.

NEW ARRIVALS

2 new PADS puppies just arrived! Both travelled like absolute champs, are incredibly sweet, smart, and settling in well!



Tucker II



Boomer II

PUPDATE



Lilo II

Puppy Raiser:
Dorlene Hemm

Ohana Litter arrived in April and we have 2 puppies in our Calgary program under our Puppy Coordinator, Dana Whytock.



Stitch

Puppy Raiser:
Brittney Rattray

Bred & Whelped by
Cowboy Up Kennels with Summit Service Dogs



DWW Charlie just brought 11 puppies into the world, all yellow - 6 boys and 5 girls. Adorable!

Warmest thanks to Charlie's Litter Sponsor, Raywalt Construction. Raywalt's support helps pay for costs related to veterinary care, food, whelping supplies, and helps pave the way to transforming lives!

Urgent call out for puppy raisers!
Be a part of their special beginnings!
Contact taylor@dogswithwings.ca



TRUSTED INFRASTRUCTURE LEADERS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Thanks to all our volunteers who have participated in the many activities and events around Edmonton over the last month including:

Edmonton's Largest Volunteer Fair, WEM
Dovercourt Spring Craft & Vintage Market
DATS 50th Anniversary Event
Jordan's Principle



A special thanks to Marwa and Autism Service Dog Lex for their presentation at our recent Volunteer Appreciation Event. Marwa gave volunteers insight into what it's really like to live with and rely on a Service Dog.

At the event, we discussed how often the hardest part of raising an Assistance Dog isn't the sometimes chaos of house training, the behavioural challenges, or even the massive time commitment—it's the moment of "letting go." But once you see the incredible impact these dogs have, that goodbye transforms into the most rewarding act of all – an act that transforms lives.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As the weather heats up, some things to keep in mind:

Heat

- Dogs can play or walk outside only when it's below 23°C
- For higher temperatures, limit to short bathroom breaks
- Check the ground by placing the back of your hand on concrete (sidewalk) to ensure it's not too hot. If you can't hold your hand there for at least 7 seconds, it's too hot

Smoke/Air Quality

- Dogs can play or walk outside only if the Air Quality warning is below 7
- For a rating of 7 or higher, limit to short bathroom breaks

Rivers & Lakes

- Please do not allow dogs to play in moving bodies of water
- Check water advisory websites before allowing dogs to play in lakes
- Be mindful of blue-green algae, as it's incredibly toxic
- Don't overdo water play
- Too much water ingestion can cause *water intoxication*

Practice parasite prevention

- Ensure dogs have regular dewormer and flea/tick meds

FUN SUMMERTIME TREATS

PEANUT BUTTER BANANA POPS

- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 tbsp natural peanut butter (no xylitol!)

Mix everything together and spoon into silicone molds or ice cube trays. Freeze until solid (3-4 hours.) Pop out and store in a freezer bag.

APPLE & YOGURT SWIRLS

- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- Optional: sprinkle of cinnamon

Swirl together in a mold or layer for a pretty pattern. Freeze until solid.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Dogs with Wings is urgently looking for four **Advanced Dog Raisers** in the Edmonton area. If you're interested, we would love to have you! Please reach out to **taylor@dogswithwings.ca**
*Starts August 1 2025

Please watch for details on our upcoming renovation to Bay 2 floors. New dog-friendly flooring will help our dogs move more freely with less slipping.

We need volunteers to help us move everything to storage pods when they arrive in mid-June. Please watch for an email from us with the date!

ABOUT THE ADVANCED DOG PROGRAM

Location: Edmonton

Time Commitment: 6 - 12 months

- The dog lives in your home as a member of the family
- Raisers should be eager to learn how to maintain training through kindness, care, and by meeting the dog's natural needs
- Dogs are dropped off at the DWW office Monday to Friday between 7–9 AM and picked up between 4–6 PM
- Households may have no more than two resident dogs



CURRENT EVENTS

Volunteer Recruitment

Tuesday, June 17

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Dogs With Wings

- **Chrysalis Art Show** – June 6
- **Riverhawks Community Connection Event** – June 8
- **Annual Kin Conference** (Lethbridge) – June 20



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

\$200/ticket
\$2000/table

Save the Date

Date: October 25, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

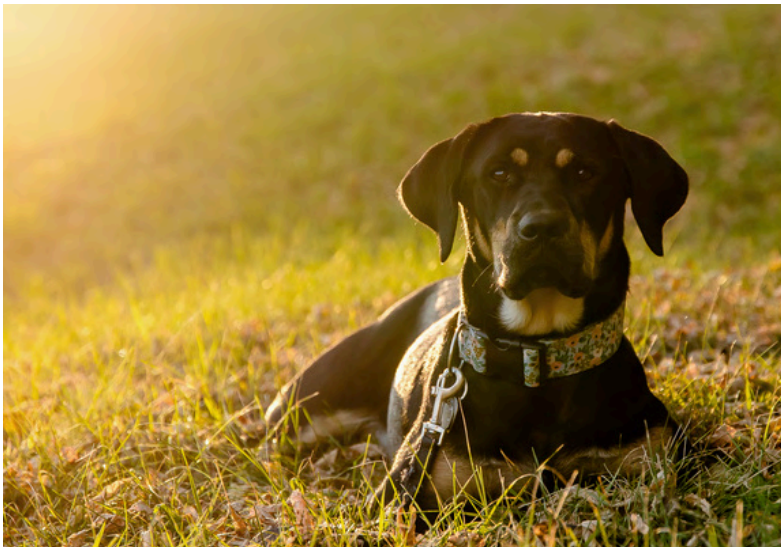
Location: Double Tree by Hilton
West Edmonton

16615 109th Avenue Northwest,
Edmonton AB T5P 4K8

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Pick up Sponsorship Packages at DWW and help us spread the word about sponsorship opportunities.
- Distribute our Silent Auction Packages to your connections. We'd love to encourage items that align with wellness—for both humans and dogs! (Spa, Dining, Vacation/Experiences)





MAKE YOUR **DONATION** GO FURTHER

We're excited to be one of the participating charities for the Rogers Charity Classic Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink!

From now until August 31st, all donations made to Dogs with Wings through Rogers Birdies for Kids will be matched up to 50%!



**FROM BREEDING,
RAISING, AND TRAINING**



**TO HIGHLY TRAINED
ASSISTANCE DOGS**

Help Us Transform Lives, **Donate Today!**

