

**JULY/AUGUST 2025**

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ASSISTANCE DOG SOCIETY

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO AMANDA DUBÉ**

Puppies are everywhere, and we're celebrating incredible dog placements! What an exciting time to be part of DWW.

We want you to know how much we appreciate and strive to support you in your role. Whether you're raising puppies or planning events, your time, care, and ongoing dedication are vital to our programs and team. When we look to the future, you're truly at the heart of our success and the reason we keep moving forward.

(Did you see us on the news and hear us on the radio recently?!)

You should have recently received information about our DiveThru+ partnership. We encourage you to reach out if you'd like to talk to someone. We understand this journey can have its ups and downs, and we're here to support you every step of the way. Please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the team with any questions.

I hope you enjoy the sun, warmth, and our DWW community that continues to grow.

Take good care!  
Amanda

## **OUR DREAM**

**IS WELLNESS AND  
SUPPORT FOR ALL**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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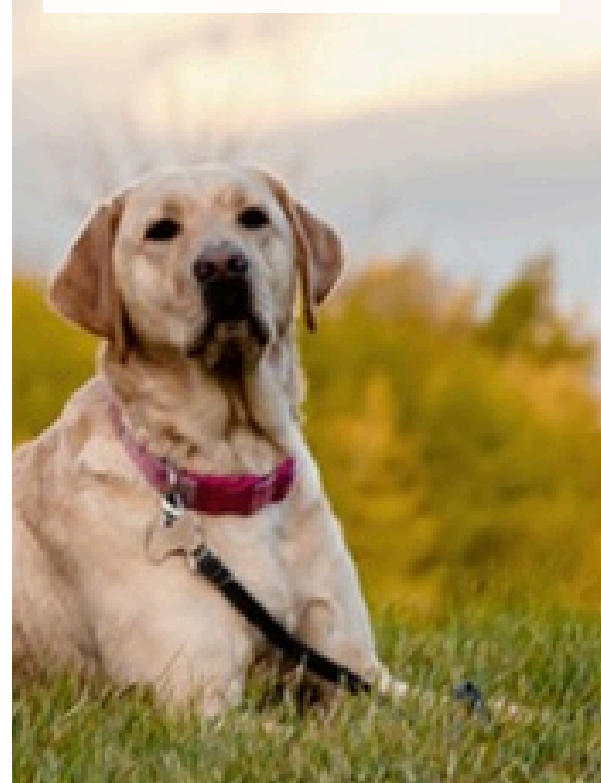
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# CLIENT SUCCESS STORY:

## Stollery Children's Hospital

In June, Dogs with Wings placed DWW Pumbaa at the Stollery Children's Hospital, making history as **Canada's first-ever ADI-accredited Facility Dog placed with a Child Life team in a children's hospital.**

Working alongside the Child Life department, Pumbaa's role is to help reduce fear, provide comfort, and support children through some of their most difficult medical journeys. Whether it's lying quietly during a procedure or bringing smiles after a hard day, Pumbaa is already making a profound difference.

We are thrilled to partner with the Stollery to enhance care in such a compassionate and innovative way. It's a beautiful reminder that our dogs do far more than work: they transform lives.

**PUPPY RAISER: MICHAEL & CHARISSA  
ADVANCED DOG RAISER: DANIKA &  
FAMILY**

**WHELPED BY: ANNE, JOE AND FAMILY  
PLACED AT STOLLERY CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL**





## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Hi, I'm Emma! I started with Dogs with Wings as a gala volunteer and now I'm proud to be the Development Liaison. I'm passionate about building meaningful connections and sharing the heart behind our mission, empowering individuals through highly trained Service Dogs and a supportive community focused on transformative impact.

It is an absolute honour to work with Dogs with Wings and with this amazing team! It is safe to say, I'm hooked for life!



Emma Hamel,  
Development Liaison

## OUR STAFF

Amanda Dubé, CEO

Piera Angotti, COO

Sean Robbins, Executive Associate

Elisa Irlam, Founder and Program Services Advisor

Emma Hamel, Development Liaison

Chihiro Webb, Director of Canine Operations

Dana Whytock, Coordinator Puppy Program

Robin Shields, Canine Operations Liaison

Taylor Smith, Coordinator Puppy Program

Sarah Lapp, Client Services Coordinator

Abby Rice, Development Writer

Leanna Mottus, Breeding and Health RVT

Sydnee Hayes, Communications Assistant

Sadie Maciocha, Apprentice Trainer



# RECENT CHANGES

With all of our exciting program updates, we are happy to share exciting internal updates! Please join us in welcoming some new staff as well as celebrating the promotions of others.

- Piera Angotti promoted to Chief Operating Officer
- Chihiro Webb is our new Director of Canine Operations
- Robin Shields is our Canine Operations Liaison
- Sadie Maciocha is our Apprentice Instructor
- Sarah Shields is joining us in a volunteer capacity for July and August to support both puppy and advanced training

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Dogs with Wings is always seeking passionate **Community Connector Volunteers** to support event planning and community engagement initiatives. These volunteers play an important role in helping us expand our reach and create meaningful experiences for our supporters.

We also welcome fresh ideas! If you have **suggestions for events or fundraising opportunities**, we'd love to hear from you. Your creativity and insight can make a real difference.



# PUPDATE



**Cedar**



**Daisy II**



**Rosie II**



**Blossom**



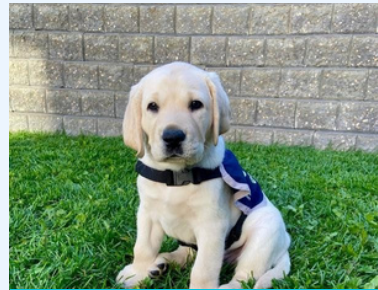
**Iris II**



**Maple II**



**Oakly**



**Lily**



**Spruce**



**Ash**



**Rowan**

Please join us in welcoming Charlie's plant litter to the DWW Family! These adorable pups headed off to their raiser homes on Friday, July 11th. A huge thank you to everyone who opened their homes to help us place them!

Another huge thank you to their wonderful sponsors:

Ed Stahl: Daisy II, Iris II, Oakly and Ash    Eddy Stahl - Lily and Spruce  
Stahl Peterbilt - Blossom and Maple II    Paige Stahl - Rosie II



# PUPDATE



**Bogey**

**Raiser: Katy &  
Chad Godfrey**



**Putter**

**Raiser: Steph  
Franks**



**Bunker**

**Raiser: Ron &  
Yvonne King**

Our Golf Litter has gone off to the loving homes of their puppy raisers!



With this pupdate comes an urgent need: puppy raisers! We're in the midst of one of our busiest puppy seasons ever, and we can't do it without you.

Welcome Della's Litter of 3 boys and 3 girls!

A huge thank you to their whelping home, the Shields family, for helping out so immensely with the process.

These pups are growing fast and we can't wait to see what they become!

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Behind every successful litter is a team of selfless, hard-working individuals and for Charlie's Plant Litter, that team is Lizzie and Charlotte Tombs (with help from Richard and Finlay, too.)

"The absolute best things about whelping are watching the puppies grow and seeing their personalities develop and of course all the puppy snuggles. "



"The workload is pretty non-stop for the whole of the eight weeks and the washing machine has been going continuously. It's been really helpful this time round having 'whelper helpers' to come and help during the evening clean, especially the people who come multiple times because they get to know the puppies and our way of doing things"

We're so grateful to the Tombs family for their commitment, care, and incredible dedication to these puppies' earliest days.

Dogs with Wings relies on over 200 incredible volunteers and we're grateful for each and every one. From puppy raisers and whelpers to event helpers and fundraisers, your compassion fuels everything we do.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Dogs with Wings is always looking for dedicated individuals and families to become puppy raisers. These volunteers play a vital role in the early development of our service dogs by providing a loving home, basic training, and socialization during their first year of life.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the puppy raising program, please visit our website or contact:

**[volunteer@dogswithwings.ca](mailto:volunteer@dogswithwings.ca)**



## BECOME A FACILITY CANINE ASSISTANT

DWW is expanding it's volunteer program for Facility Canine Assistants!

**You must be 18 years or older, and able to commit to at least 1 shift per week.**

- ensure the daily care, hygiene, and welfare of assistance dogs-in-training within our facility
- help us maintain a clean, safe, and enriching environment while supporting the operational needs of our canine programs
- uphold Dogs with Wings' high standards of cleanliness, canine well-being, and Assistance Dogs International (ADI) compliance.

This is a great way to learn about the Service Dog industry, gain volunteer experience and help build your resume. For full job description, visit [dogswithwings.ca](http://dogswithwings.ca), under Volunteer Program.

Apply by emailing  
**[volunteer@dogswithwings.ca](mailto:volunteer@dogswithwings.ca)**



## TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

\$200/ticket \$2,000/table

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Dogs with Wings is currently seeking volunteers to assist with securing silent auction items for this year's gala. In line with the event's "Well-Being" theme, items

such as golf packages, fitness memberships, hotel stays, travel experiences, dining vouchers, tours, and admission passes are especially appreciated. Those interested in helping can contact Emma at [emma@dogswithwings.ca](mailto:emma@dogswithwings.ca) to receive a PDF copy of the Silent Auction Information Sheet, or visit the DWW office to pick up printed materials.

In addition, the team is still looking for a Title Sponsor for the gala. Anyone with connections to potential sponsors or businesses interested in supporting is invited to reach out to Elisa or Emma directly.

### Save the Date

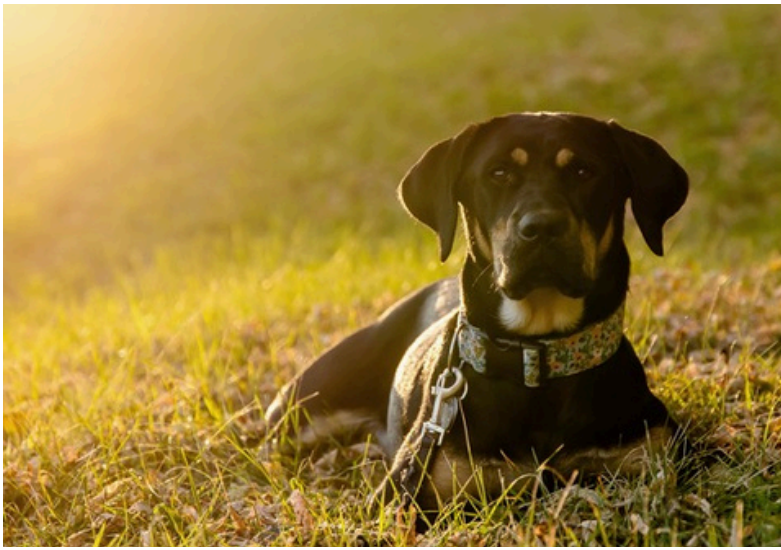
Date: October 25, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Location: Double Tree by Hilton  
West Edmonton

16615 109th Avenue Northwest,  
Edmonton AB T5P 4K8





# 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%!**



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RAISING, AND TRAINING**



**TO HIGHLY TRAINED  
ASSISTANCE DOGS**

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



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