

2026

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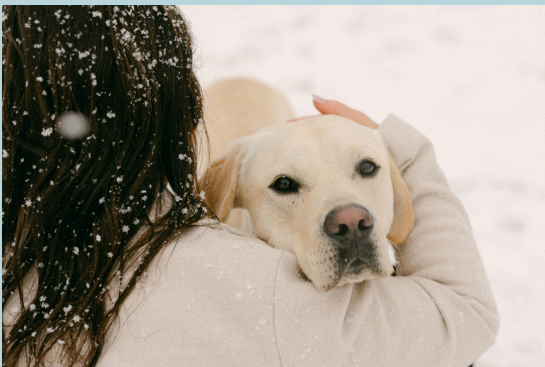
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ABOUT US

We breed, raise, train, and place Service Dogs that empower individuals with mobility challenges and PTSD or trauma-related experiences.

We also provide Companion, Therapy, and Facility Dogs that provide comfort, connection, and life-changing support in communities where it matters most.

OUR MISSION

To empower individuals by partnering them with highly trained accredited dogs.

OUR VISION

To transform lives, one moment at a time, through our commitment to wellness and support for all while advancing the Assistance Dog sector.

A MESSAGE FROM DWW'S BOARD CHAIR

Greetings to our incredible volunteers! It's been too long since our last update, and we're delighted to reconnect with you. We want to extend our deepest thanks for your steadfast support, kindness, and perseverance as we've navigated recent changes together. Your dedication is the very heart of our mission, and because of your generosity, we are able to keep moving forward—helping more people benefit from the companionship and assistance of our amazing dogs.

Your willingness to go above and beyond, and your belief in the strength of our community, inspire us every day. As we look ahead, the future is bright and filled with possibilities. Together, we'll continue to create positive change, one paw at a time, and we're excited to share in every success with you. Thank you for walking this journey with us—there's so much hope and promise in what we can accomplish together.

-Kim Craig



VOLUNTEER SHOUTOUT

Kathy & Peter Kawalilak

A huge shoutout to Peter, our #1 Oilers 50/50 seller, and to Kathy, who won our Easter mini eggs guessing game with an impressive guess of 333 (there were 359!).

Together, Kathy and Peter have also been delivering fantastic monthly info sessions and helping us recruit new volunteers. Thank you both for all that you do, we truly appreciate you!

CLIENT PLACEMENTS

Congratulations DWW Strider and DWW Minnie!

DWW STRIDER COMPANION DOG



PUPPY RAISER: PIERA ANGOTTI & FAMILY

ADVANCED RAISERS: BIANCA ANGOTTI & FAREZ HALIM

WELPING HOME: LOUISE MARVIN

Strider was placed on March 8th, 2026 as a Skilled Companion Dog with a wonderful family in Calgary. Strider will support his family with regulating anxiety and emotions, while also being a steady, joyful presence in their daily lives. He is already making an impact... and even has a pretty impressive skill of helping wake his person up by removing the bed covers on cue!

DWW MINNIE II ACCREDITED FACILITY DOG



PUPPY RAISER: ROBIN SHIELDS

ADVANCED RAISER: KADIN POCHYNOK

WELPING HOME: SPEAR FAMILY

Minnie was placed on March 20th, 2026 as an Accredited Facility Dog with the Calgary Emergency Management Agency. She will be supporting the professionals who work quickly and tirelessly in times of emergency. Whether offering comfort during difficult moments, helping regulate stress, or bringing a sense of calm, Minnie will be an incredible source of support, while also providing those important moments of joy through play and connection.

MARCH TEAM TRAINING



DID YOU KNOW?

Before going home, all of our dogs and their new handlers complete an in-depth Team Training program at Dogs with Wings.

This program includes both classroom learning and hands-on practical training with our team. Handlers take part in lectures and quizzes covering key topics such as health, behaviour, stress signals, enrichment, decompression walks, and ongoing training and handling skills.

Training takes place both at our facility and out in public to build real-life skills. Companion Dog teams typically complete 3 to 4 days of Team Training, while Assistance Dog teams complete a minimum of 5 to 7 days, with some programs extending up to two weeks.



UPCOMING GRADUATION



Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate our late 2024 and 2025 graduates and the life-changing partnerships they've created

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
1:00 PM - CEREMONY START
CHATEAU LOUIS

This special event is free to attend as part of our 30th anniversary, and everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and family, add it to your calendar, and come celebrate with us.

The Graduation Ceremony is a powerful opportunity to truly see your impact.



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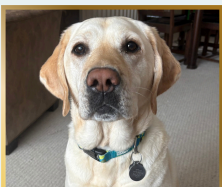
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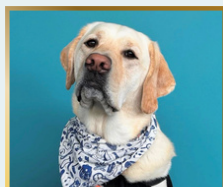
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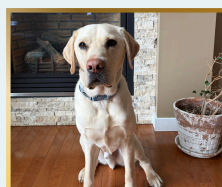
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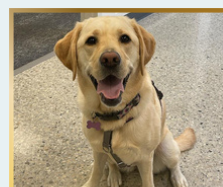
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SUMMER III



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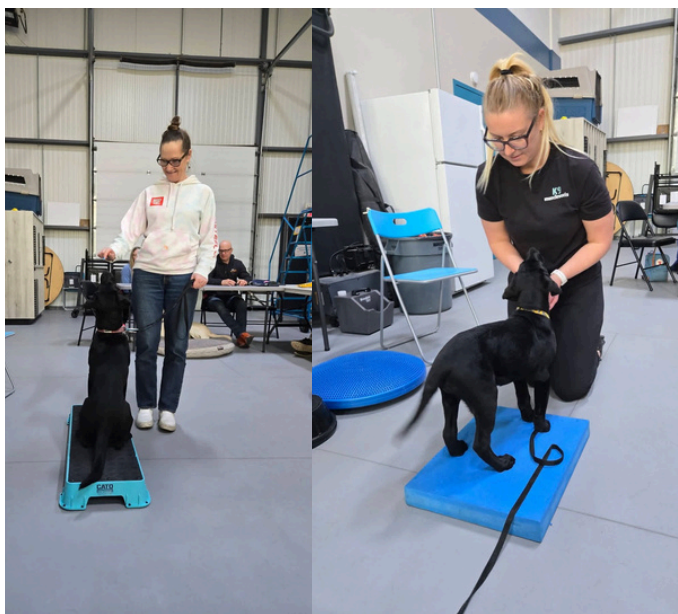
APRIL REMINDERS

- Please remember to keep dogs away from rivers and other moving bodies of water, as these areas can be unpredictable and dangerous, especially during seasonal runoff.
- Flea and tick season is also just around the corner. Preventative medications will begin to be distributed again, but it is still important to do regular physical checks on your dogs. Be sure to look in those easy-to-miss areas such as the neck, ears, armpits, and between the toes.



APRIL IS CANINE FITNESS MONTH!

We hosted a workshop on March 28 in celebration of Canine Fitness Month, and our puppies and raisers did an excellent job! Angie from K9 Muscleworks is working with our puppy raisers to introduce simple strength and body awareness exercises that help build confidence and support our future Service Dogs. Tara with Barking Bliss Bodyworks continues to support our Advanced Dogs with regular massage sessions, helping keep them healthy and feeling their best.



THANK YOU

To every one of our volunteers, thank you will never feel big enough, but it comes from the deepest place of gratitude.

Whether you are supporting events, sharing our story, running errands, helping keep our facility clean, or caring for our dogs, you are the heartbeat of everything we do.

To our Puppy and Advanced Raisers, the time, patience, and love you give is extraordinary. You are building the foundation for life changing partnerships. It is the early mornings, late nights, and quiet moments of care that make all the difference. Every contribution matters deeply.

Because of you, our dogs thrive, our programs grow, and lives are changed. We are endlessly grateful for each and every one of you

From all of us at Dogs with Wings, thank you.

30TH ANNIVERSARY & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Location: Dogs with Wings
11343 174 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5S
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Stay tuned for more details!

We are so grateful for all you do and look forward to celebrating with you. We can't wait to see you there!



Volunteer Appreciation Week April 19–25, 2026

Pop in Dogs With Wings during this week, for treats, & appreciation!

NEED FOR RAISERS - SPREAD THE WORD!

We are in urgent need of additional Advanced and Puppy Raisers!

Are you interested in becoming a raiser, or know someone who is?

Please email volunteer@dogswithwings.ca!



NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR RECRUITMENT EVENTS

WEM Volunteer Fair

- April 25
- 10:00am - 2:00pm
- West Edmonton Mall

Volunteer and Community Resource Fair

- April 30
- 10:00am - 1:00pm
- Holy Trinity Catholic High School (7007 - 28 Ave)

Email

volunteer@dogswithwings.ca
to volunteer!

PLEASE SEND OUR NEW PUPPY RAISING INFO BOOKLET TO YOUR FAMILY/FRIENDS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN PUPPY RAISING!

Email

volunteer@dogswithwings.ca

for a PDF or Physical copy!



Additional Info

PUPPY RAISING

Apply through our website Dogswithwings.ca or email Volunteer@dogswithwings.ca for more information.

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INTRODUCING EMMA CAMERON

PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

Hi everyone!

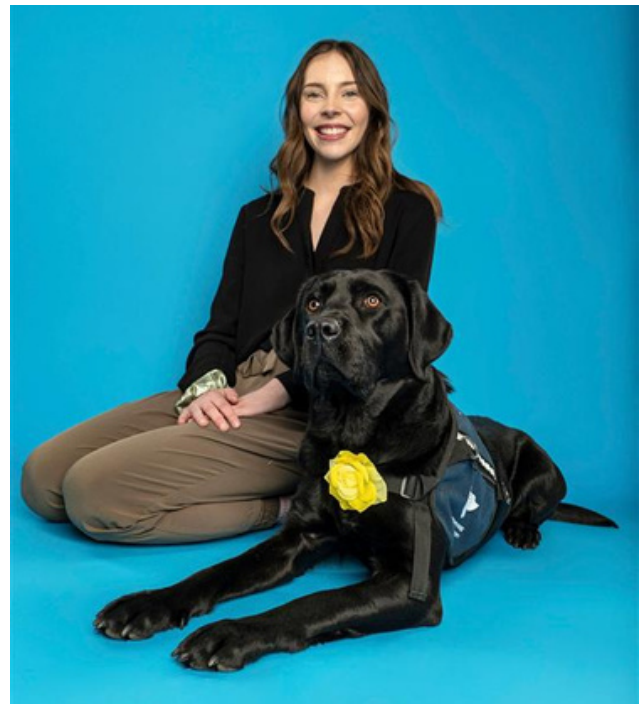
I'm Emma, and I'm grateful to be stepping into the People and Programs Coordinator role at Dogs with Wings.

I started my journey with DWW initially as a volunteer, followed by being hired on as the Development Liaison for Dogs with Wings which continues to guide my work and deepest appreciation for this incredible community.

In this role, I will help support all of our incredible volunteers, clients, and programs.

If we haven't met yet, I look forward to connecting soon and thank you for your patience and support as I settle into this role!

Emma Cameron



REMINDERS:

If you have a health concern, contact the DWW Canine Health Number:
(780) 699-0156

The Outdoor Run is available to relieve your puppy/dog in training. Please help us keep it safe and clean by picking up waste after your dog.

If approved for off-leash privileges, we recommend:

- Buena Vista Park
- Terwillegar Park
- Patricia Ravine Off-Leash Area

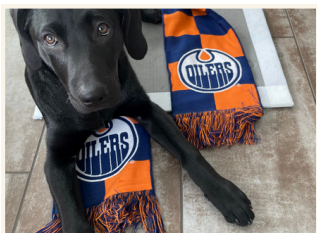


THANK YOU EDMONTON OILERS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Oilers fans and community partners, the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation (EOCF), alongside its charitable partners, raised \$1 million in direct donations, which was then matched, bringing the total to \$2 million in support of 22 Alberta-based charities, including Dogs with Wings.

These funds will help ensure even more kids, families, pets, and heroes across our region receive the support they need. For Dogs with Wings, this funding directly supports our ability to train and place service dogs, helping change lives and increase independence for the clients we serve. The \$2 million raised is being distributed across six pillars of giving, including Every Kid Deserves a Shot, Kids in Oil Country, Heroes of Oil Country, Pets of Oil Country, Feeding Oil Country, and Hockey Fights Cancer. We are truly grateful to be part of this impactful 25th anniversary campaign. Oil Country's willingness to step up in times of need is a powerful reflection of our shared compassion, thank you for being part of it.

Thank you EOCF!



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STAY CONNECTED!

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