

TIFFANY DENYER
PRESIDENT



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Our Board Members:

Laura Burchfield
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Thanks to these Veterinary Clinics for donating their services for our puppies!

Chilhowee Veterinary Clinic
Knoxville Animal Clinic
Lange Animal Hospital
Lenoir City Animal Clinic
Mountain Hwy Vet. Clinic
Village Veterinary Hospital
Volunteer Veterinary Hosp.

Thanks to all of our foster families who are loving and caring for our puppies as they grow.

The Lintner Family - Quincy
Tom & Deanna Hall - Ruthie
Stacy Wheeler - Timothy
Beth Sexton - Veda
Gail Alexander - Uri

What's New with Wilderwood?

Wildewood is continuing to grow every day. We have been so blessed that we have added a new puppy trainer for our puppies. Her name is Heather and we are so thrilled to have her on our team!

We were so excited when Anna Laura Bryan decided she wanted Wilderwood to be her platform if she should win Miss Alabama contest. Should she win Miss Alabama she will go on to compete in the Miss America pageant and she will continue to promote Wilderwood on her platform.

Wildewood has always felt that even though we are a non profit organization that we need to give back some of that which we have been given. When we were approached by Angela Pippins about our program, we learned that she has an autoimmune disorder that keeps her in a wheelchair. Angela suffers from seizures and hearing problems. We also learned that she was a Nun and there was no way she would ever be able to come up with the funding necessary to get a service dog. After much thought and prayer, Wilderwood decided what better way to give back than to give of what we do best and that was to provide Angela with a service dog. We are so excited to be able to give to someone so deserving that would have absolutely no other means to have a service dog. We also had a young lady approach us that wanted to use Wilderwood in some way to get her Eagle Scout. So our Girl Scout is going to be training the dog for Angela.



The Leadership Blount Class of 2008 raised \$7,889.02 to support the Wilderwood Service Dogs. On hand for the check presentation are, front row from left, Patti Clevenger and Tiffany Denyer with Levi; second row from left, Shanna Veiga, Lynne Musick, Angie Luckie, Karen Stiles, Phyllis Handly, Jennifer Hunt and Tara Rasher; back row from left, Jane Groff, Edward Harper, Karyn Adams, Lance Coleman, Steve Johnson, Barbara Jenkins, Cathy Cate and Mike Hearon.

Graduation of Levi and Puah!



Meet our Trainers!

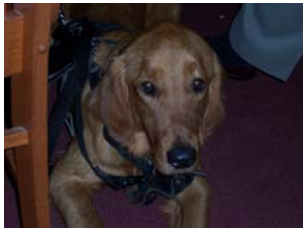
We have been blessed with great trainers at Wilderwood. Tracy (Hoopi) Hoopingardner, Brad Forham and Heather Womac. All 3 bring great skills to our organization. Heather, as mentioned earlier, is training our puppies. Hoopi is training the 70 to 90 basic service behaviors. Brad has an innate understanding of dogs and is directly responsible for making sure our dogs are calm, cool, and collected and stay that way in all situations. And, of course, Tiffany is involved in training the specific behaviors that are needed for each child. Each child we give a dog to has their own individual needs and Tiffany makes sure that our dogs are trained to address those individual needs.



You can help us...

If you would like to help us we are always in need of the following items:

1. Nutro Dog Food - \$60 a month per dog
2. Purchase a year of Heartguard for a puppy. \$48
3. Purchase a supply of flea/tick medication for puppy for a year - \$300.
4. Office supplies such as paper, ink, and postage - \$100 a month
5. Gas cards in any dollar amount.



Puah, one of our recent graduates.

Thank you Maryville College!

Maryville College has provided us the space to meet with our families when they arrive for the week of training prior to graduation. Maryville's campus is the perfect place for us to help our families learn how to incorporate a dog into their daily routine. Walking on sidewalks, crossing streets, dealing with distractions of people, cars and noises are all very important things our families have to learn as a part of incorporating a service dog into their daily lives. We are so grateful to have such a great place to work with our families!

