The mission of the Search Dog Foundation is to produce the most highly trained canine disaster search teams in the nation to find people buried alive in the wreckage of natural disasters and terrorist attacks.
**Welcome to The Quest**

*By Debra Tosch, Executive Director*

In 1996, the Search Dog Foundation developed a model for Canine Disaster Search: recruiting rescued dogs, pairing them with firefighters, and giving them professional ongoing training. The program has been very successful, and our recruitment and training methods have been adopted nationwide.

In recent years our challenge has been to raise the bar for training and disaster response in the U.S. In 2007, SDF initiated several new programs to meet this challenge. In the area of Canine Recruitment, we created a Bark Force to help find dogs, Prep Kennels for improved evaluation, and an enhanced training program for Lifetime Care Families. With respect to training, we began a Case Management program for each team, a Rapid Response function to quickly address training issues, and a Handlers’ Fund to provide equipment and travel grants to our teams and Training Groups.

I hope you enjoy reading about these new programs in this year’s edition of *The Quest*. On behalf of the staff, our Board of Directors, and our amazing Search Teams, THANK YOU for making it all possible!

**DEPLOYMENTS** – SDF Search Teams responded to 9 disasters: landslides, hurricane, tornado, flood, building collapses and missing person searches.

**CANINE RECRUITMENT** – In 2007, SDF’s Bark Force was born. There are now 32 volunteers who visit shelters and breed rescue groups in search of canine candidates. During the year, 33 shelters and breed rescue groups assisted SDF in locating 190 potential search dogs. Of these, 22 will be partnered with handlers in 2008.

**LIFETIME CARE** – 19 Lifetime Care families have been partnered with search dog candidates who for various reasons did not complete SDF’s training program.

**SEARCH TEAM MILESTONES** – 17 SDF Search Teams passed extremely challenging tests administered by Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Task Forces.

**SDF’S FAMILY OF SUPPORTERS** – SDF was honored to receive generous financial support in 2007: 1,006 individuals made their first gifts of support; 117 Foundations and Corporations provided grants and sponsorships; 48 Volunteers in the Ojai office and across the country assisted in all aspects of our program; 8 New Sponsors donated $10,000 or more.

**GUARDIAN ENDOWMENT FUND** – In 2007, we welcomed 13 new Endowment Guardians who included SDF in their estate plans, bringing the total number to 91 estate donors. Our Endowment Fund increased by 40%, reaching almost $1 million in cash contributions.

**STATE & NATIONAL GIVING CAMPAIGNS** – In 2007, SDF raised over $65,000 from workplace giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the Calif. State Campaign, the United Way, and employer matching gifts.

**“FUELED BY NUTRO”** – SDF is proud to announce a new partnership with Nutro Products, Inc., which is now the official pet food of the Search Dog Foundation.

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**Greetings from the Chairman of the Board, Upland Fire Chief Mike Antonucci**

2007 was a very good year for the Search Dog Foundation. The hard work and dedication of our team has been essential in moving the mission forward. Major accomplishments included the formation of the “Bark Force,” which increases our ability to find quality canines for the program. We also secured property for the future “National Training Center,” which will be a model for all disaster canine training in the U.S. We said goodbye and thank you for a job well done to two retiring Board members, Jim Combs and Merilee Eaton, and welcomed two new members who will continue the vision, Shari Skinner and Chris Wright. As Board Chair, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the support and donations received from our friends across the country who are helping to fund this life-saving program.

**SDF Search Teams Find a Home**

SDF Founder Wilma Melville had a vision: that one day the Foundation would have a permanent home. It would be a place where rescued dogs could become rescuers at the hands of highly skilled trainers. It would give search dog handlers from across the country the opportunity to receive advanced training in specialized simulated disaster sites found nowhere else in the U.S. It would enable our teams to achieve the highest deployment skill level in the nation.

In 2006, the McGrath’s, a pioneering farming family whose roots in Ventura County go back to the early 19th Century, brought Wilma closer to her dream. They made it possible for SDF to purchase a 38-acre parcel of land in the foothills of Santa Paula, an hour north of Los Angeles. It was the largest gift SDF had ever received.

After much research, we determined that a larger property would be needed to accommodate the kennels and runs, SDF offices, and training sites. In July 2007 the neighboring parcel became available for purchase. At 125 acres, this parcel is everything we had hoped for. We are pleased to announce that in early 2008 SDF sold the original land, and closed escrow on the new parcel: the future site of the National Training Center.

Sean McGrath, whose family made the land acquisition possible: “A common thread in our family history has always been the value and devotion of dogs. Whether working, or as sport or sofa partners, their place in our lives has always been as part of the family. The courageous SDF Search Dogs are even more than our family—they’re our heroes. And we’re honored to play a part in their lifesaving mission.” His mother, Mrs. Frank McGrath, Jr., adds simply, “It was the right thing to do, and the right time to do it.”

Debra Tosch, SDF Executive Director: “There’s no way to thank the McGrath family enough. They have given SDF, and America, an extraordinary gift. It’s not just about consolidating our training facility, offices and search sites into one location. It’s about giving all the nation’s canine handlers a precious resource, enabling them to achieve higher skill levels than ever before.”
Florida Search Team Deployed

On December 6, 2007, search and rescue teams across the state of Florida were called to assist the Jacksonville Fire Department with a search and rescue involving a structural collapse. Parts of a six-story parking garage had gone down while under construction. A worker said that parts of the garage went down like dominos—a plume of smoke could be seen from across the river. Twenty-three people who had been working at the site had to be rescued; nineteen were transported to nearby hospitals; two with serious injuries.

When the dust settled, one person was still missing. I had just returned from training in Miami when I received the call, and my gear was still in the car. I put Trapper and Shade in the car and set off for the disaster site.

Six K-9 teams responded. We assessed the situation and determined what each dog was best suited for: who tunneled best, who wouldn’t jump off the cantilevered floors, whose weight wouldn’t cause a secondary collapse in weakened areas.

Trapper had to climb multiple ladders to get to some areas. There was lots of rebar, broken and protruding, or stretched to its limit and waiting to snap. Concrete walls and lumber dangled precariously over rubble and deep voids and the structure shifted as we searched.

It was extremely noisy due to cranes removing debris and generators operating tools and lights. They needed to call for “all quiet” when the K-9s were on the pile, in order for us to hear. Everyone stopped and listened, hoping to hear one of them bark—a sign that someone had been found alive.

At one point Trapper stepped off a ladder onto a piece of plywood (he likes to choose his own route), and it slid all the way back down to the bottom of the pile. He rode it like it was the teeter totter he trains on. He just waited until it stopped, looked up and got back on the ladder and climbed again. He went right on like he hoped nobody was watching!

We worked around the clock for two days, with the fire department doing selective breaching and debris removal. Although the dogs showed interest in some areas, they did not alert. In the dark of night we hid people for the dogs to find. This gave the K-9s a reward for good work and an incentive to go out and do it again.

On the third day, two dogs that search for cadavers were brought in and immediately alerted. Rescue workers carried out the body early Saturday afternoon, nearly 60 hours after the collapse. The rest of the search teams stayed in rescue mode and continued searching until that victim could be identified as the missing person. Once he was identified, the operation turned into one of recovery.

The Jacksonville Incident Commander came and thanked us for our quick response, for our efforts and a great job. Trapper, Shade and I headed back to Orlando and were able to attend my team’s training the following day.

I was VERY proud of my K-9s! Their excellent performance was due to our constant training. I want to thank Trapper’s Puppy Raisers at Guide Dogs of America, Judi Gomez and Miguel Ola; his Guardians, Janice and Michael Torres; his new sponsor, Allstate Insurance-Florida Region; and all the Search Dog Foundation supporters who help to make this happen!
The Bark Force
by Karen Klingberg, SDF Canine Manager

It doesn’t just take a special canine to be a Disaster Search Dog. It takes an extraordinary one. Scouring shelters and breed rescue groups throughout the Western States is a daunting task. Out of 190 canines tested in 2007, only 22 had the athleticism, drive and focus needed in a disaster search dog. A grant from Jeff Pepper (an American Kennel Club Judge and SDF Sponsor and Guardian) has enabled SDF to create the Bark Force to address this challenge. Since October of 2007, our 32 Bark Force volunteers have already increased the efficiency and success of our recruitment program. The Bark Force is responsible for half of the dogs currently in training at Sundowners. Hats off to this extraordinary group of men and women for the wonderful work they are doing!

Bark Force in Action
Rowdy’s Story
By Karen Klingberg, SDF Canine Manager

Sometimes the path from shelter to Search Dog is an arduous one, with many dedicated people helping along the way. When a rescued dog concludes the first 30 days of training at Sundowners Kennels, it’s cause for celebration! This is Rowdy’s story: from neglected stray to search dog in the making.

Last August I was traveling the length of California in search of potential search dogs. One stop was at Calaveras County Humane Society in Lodi, where Ellen Endres brought to my attention a young dog she had in mind for our program. Unfortunately, during our evaluation the dog showed NO toy-drive, so I thanked Ellen for trying, and told her he would make a nice pet for someone.

Ellen couldn’t find a home for the dog. She sent him to San Francisco SPCA where more people would see him, but still no one was interested. The SPCA staff was concerned that he was developing an unhealthy possessiveness with his toys. They returned the dog to Ellen, who sent him to Margaret Blair of Twin Cedar K-9 for obedience training.

Unaware of SDF’s earlier attempt to recruit this dog, in October of 2007 Margaret called us to say she had a potential search dog. SDF trainer Sharon Wolfsen visited Twin Cedar K-9 and determined the dog was definitely SDF material! She brought the dog to Sundowners Kennels, and it was agreed he was a keeper.

And so this young and energetic Border Collie mix, now appropriately named “Rowdy,” began his Search Dog training. When Ellen called Margaret and found out the dog had been placed with a Search and Rescue group, she called SDF and confirmed that the same dog that had failed his evaluation in August was now past his first 30 days of training at Gilroy! In February of 2008, Rowdy was teamed with Dave Stoddard of Sacramento Metro Fire, and will be ready to go home with him in April.

As the person who identified Rowdy for us this time around, Margaret has received the first payment of $100 towards the $1,000 to be awarded when Rowdy completes training and attains FEMA certification partnered with Dave.

Our thanks to Ellen, the folks at the San Francisco SPCA, our intrepid trainers SHARON, KATE & PLUIS, and MARGARET, for bringing this awesome dog to SDF! WAY TO GO ROWDY!!!

For info on becoming a Bark Force member, Canine Recruitment volunteer, or Lifetime Care home, please contact SDF Canine Manager Karen Klingberg at (888) 459-4376 x114 or canines@ndsdf.org.
Lifetime Care Profile
Judy & Clay Phelps
By SDF Volunteer Emery Walker – Ojai, CA

Early last summer SDF received a call from the Corning Animal Shelter in Northern California. Calvin, a handsome Black Lab Mix, had been picked up as a stray and looked like a candidate for our program. After six weeks at the shelter, Calvin’s time had run out: he was scheduled for euthanasia, and SDF was his last chance of staying alive. We decided to take a chance with him.

After a few months of training, it was clear that Calvin lacked the prey-drive and focus needed for disaster search. Every dog recruited for our program is either partnered with a firefighter or, in the case of dogs like Calvin, placed with a loving family in Lifetime Care.

Judy and Clay Phelps of CP Aviation in Santa Paula, CA were delighted to welcome Calvin into their family. But the dog began to demonstrate some anti-social behavior, and went back to Ellen Paiva at SDF’s Prep Kennel, “Broken Arrow,” for additional evaluation and training. Judy and Clay had become close to Calvin and felt the loss. They wondered, “What next?”

Enter Emmie. Back in August of 2007, SDF Bark Force member Vivi Sparvoli of Animal Rescue Volunteers discovered a sickly, malnourished Yellow Lab at the East Valley Animal Shelter in Los Angeles. Vivi arranged for Emmie to get the medical attention she needed, and with immense love and care brought her back to health. She also spotted some Search Dog potential in her, and Emmie entered the SDF training program.

She thrived during training, but was so delighted with any tender human contact that she just couldn’t keep focused on the task at hand.

Back at SDF, Emmie found a new, loving Lifetime Care home with Judy and Clay. And Judy and Clay had found the perfect companion. “We love Emmie!” says Judy. “She fits in perfectly with our lifestyle, has a phenomenal personality, and always wants to please.” Clay adds, “At our busy flight school, Emmie has become our canine greeter, and we’re so pleased!”

SDF Founder, Wilma Melville, helped Judy and Clay along the way—first with Calvin, then with Emmie—helping train on a daily basis. Says Wilma, “It took the Emmie/Calvin real-life adventure for SDF to realize that strengthening our Lifetime Care program would benefit us all. The dog and LTC family win, and SDF can continue to ensure that once rescued, a dog needs never to be rescued again.”

In order to ensure the very best outcome for our Lifetime Care canines and their families, in 2008 SDF is enhancing the LTC program, providing extra obedience training for canines and increasing the number of home visits to help families give the highest level of care to their new family members.

New 2007 Canine Rescue Partners

Many of SDF’s dogs were discovered at shelters only hours before being euthanized. Through careful training in the hands of professionals, the extreme drive and boldness that led to their abandonment are transformed into lifesaving skills. Deepest thanks to ALL of the Shelters and Breed Rescue Groups who help us recruit our future Search Dogs! And a special welcome to these new Rescue Partners who joined us in 2007:

- Animal Friends Rescue Project
- Butte Humane Society
- Golden Gate Lab Rescue
- Irvine Animal Shelter
- Longmont Humane Society
- Los Banos Animal Shelter
- NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue
- Pasadena Humane Society
- Pets ‘n’ Pals
- Riverside Humane Society
- SPCA of Monterey County
- Salinas Animal Shelter
- San Jose City Shelter
- Tri-Valley SPCA
- Irvine, CA
- Longmont, CO
- Los Banos, CA
- Salinas, CA
- Pasadena, CA
- Lathrop, CA
- Riverside, CA
- Monterey, CA
- San Jose, CA
- Dublin, CA

Gennie
Jasper
Jill
Joy
Kona
Levi
Mazale
Nickel
Reggie
Roxy
Shane
Tilly
Toni
Tule
Wallace
Woody
Dietrich & Valerie Schmidt
Laura Meyers Family
Karen Fay Family
Kelly Davenport Family
John & Debbie Shearer Family
Glen & Lisa Gorski
Jason Vasquez Family
Chris Koch Family
Dustin & Bethany Sumrow Family
Larry Denier Family
John & Jamie Pfennig Family
Tony Santulli
Debra Kalla
Don Keylon Family
Ken & Monique Rose Family
Patricia Brambila

Lifetime Care Families

What happens to all the wonderful dogs who don’t have what it takes to be a Search Dog? We find a loving family for each one! In 2007, 19 dogs were placed with “Lifetime Care” families who opened their hearts to these very deserving dogs. In 2008, we will be enhancing our canine and family training program, and increasing the frequency of home visits.

We are deeply grateful to these extraordinary families to have taken our former Search Dogs candidates into their hearts and homes, giving the canines the abundant love and care they deserve.

- Animal Friends Rescue Project
- Butte Humane Society
- Golden Gate Lab Rescue
- Irvine Animal Shelter
- Longmont Humane Society
- NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue
- Pasadena Humane Society
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- Irvine, CA
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- Salinas, CA
- Oakland, CA
- Pasadena, CA
- Lathrop, CA
- Riverside, CA
- Monterey, CA
- San Jose, CA
- Dublin, CA

- Gennie
- Jasper
- Jill
- Joy
- Kona
- Levi
- Mazale
- Nickel
- Reggie
- Roxy
- Shane
- Tilly
- Toni
- Tule
- Wallace
- Woody
- Dietrich & Valerie Schmidt
- Laura Meyers Family
- Karen Fay Family
- Kelly Davenport Family
- John & Debbie Shearer Family
- Glen & Lisa Gorski
- Jason Vasquez Family
- Chris Koch Family
- Dustin & Bethany Sumrow Family
- Larry Denier Family
- John & Jamie Pfennig Family
- Tony Santulli
- Debra Kalla
- Don Keylon Family
- Ken & Monique Rose Family
- Patricia Brambila

SDF Canine Manager Karen Klingberg at work

Ellen Paiva & Emmie (center) with Clay & Judy Phelps

Judy & Clay Phelps

Karen testing a shelter dog
Jason & Maverick
Researched by SDF Volunteer Roberta Hendry – Placerville, CA

Confident. All business.

These are the words Los Angeles County Firefighter Jason Vasquez uses to describe his canine partner, an 80-pound German Shepherd named Maverick. Maverick was donated to SDF by breeder Karen McLaughlin of Las Cruces, New Mexico. A young (but very big!) pup, he was raised in Ojai by Peggy and Bob Seay. Everyone had high hopes for Maverick, but difficulties arose with the first two handlers paired with him.

Jason had his own disappointments with his first Search Dog, a Black Lab named Mazale who, five months after graduating from Sundowners, didn’t display enough focus or consistency. “Some days he wanted to be a Search Dog, some days he didn’t!” remembers SDF Lead Trainer Pluis Davern. Already attached to this lovable dog, Jason kept Mazale as a pet, while we searched for the right match for him.

SDF Executive Director Debra Tosch has high accolades for this very special team:

“Jason and Maverick have an amazing ‘can-do’ attitude and consistently exceed the high expectations we have for them. I admire Jason’s willingness to learn from his dog, and his helpful and positive attitude toward everything he tries. Above all, I applaud the support and encouragement he gives his fellow handlers. He is always there to go the extra mile, helping out in every way possible. He’s the first one to start building holes in the rubble for ‘victims’ to hide during trainings, and is the first to jump in and be the ‘victim’ for the searchers. He’s always there to help other handlers through frustrating or difficult times. Give me a hundred handlers like Jason, and I would be ecstatic!”

When asked for a few words to describe Maverick, Jason’s fellow handlers shared these thoughts:

Fireball! The Punisher!
(Tim Robertson - Sacramento City Fire)

Awesome dog with a lot of personality!
(Dale Brown – Sacramento Metro Fire)

Thankfully, everything clicked when Jason met Maverick. Their bonding was swift and certain. Jason has the highest respect, admiration and love for his canine partner. “Maverick strives to be a professional. I’ve learned so much from him. He has made me the handler I am today. Good things come to those who wait for the right partner.”

The Handlers’ Fund
SDF provides skilled canines and ongoing training for our Search Teams at no cost to our handlers or their departments. However, most of our handlers have high out-of-pocket expenses related to their training activities. It has been one of SDF’s goals to help cover these costs. In 2007, a Handler’s Fund was envisioned to help them attend national training exercises and Certifications, and purchase equipment and training gear. Awards ranging from $100 to $2,000 will be given quarterly to qualified Handlers and Training Groups. In order to qualify, the applicant must meet these criteria: The canine receives the highest level of care; The team has excellent training attendance and maintains a high standard of conduct; The funds will advance the team’s skill level and/or help them achieve or maintain Certification.

The fund was launched with a generous grant from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation. SDF’s relationship with this Foundation goes back to 1998, when Stephen Bechtel, Jr. donated a finely-bred Labrador Retriever named Sky. The dog excelled as a disaster search dog, and is now retired with his handler in San Diego. The Bechtel family has remained a steadfast and strong supporter of the Search Dog Foundation through the years. Once again, they are leading the way by helping to launch the Handlers’ Fund.

We are pleased to offer this well-deserved benefit, and look forward to partnering with other stakeholders across the country in support of this new initiative.

2008 Search Teams
The following Fire Departments are in partnership with the Search Dog Foundation to create new Canine-Firefighter Search Teams in 2008:

Alhambra Fire Department (Los Angeles, CA): 1 Team
Los Angeles City Fire Department: 3 Teams
Montebello Fire Department (Los Angeles): 1 Team
Sacramento Fire Department: 2 Teams
San Diego Fire Department: 5 Teams
Upland Fire Department (Riverside, CA): 4 Teams
Oklahoma City Fire Department: 6 Teams
**SDF’s Newest Search Teams**

*Orange County, CA*

The Orange County Fire Department has received a precious new resource: four new Canine Disaster Search Teams to respond to local and regional disasters. It’s been a long and challenging road for these dedicated (and patient!) firefighters.

Their story begins in June of 2005, when SDF veteran handler Marc Valentine called to let us know his Task Force was interested in more teams. The following year, Rick Bartlett, Davis Doty, Bruce Hale, Doug Van Iwaarden and Jerry Leaper were chosen as future SDF handlers from among a group of highly qualified firefighters. Within six months, the five were out on the rubble, observing and helping out during L.A. training events. The new candidates were active at IronDog 2006, protocoring search sites, building holes in the rubble for ‘victims’ to hide in, and playing ‘victim’ for the search dogs to find.

By March of 2007, their future canine partners had been recruited and were in training at Sundowners Kennels. Five months later they attended SDF’s Handlers’ Course, and were partnered with their own Search Dogs. (All except for Bruce, who was seriously injured during a motorcycle accident, and had to put training on hold.)

Normally the dogs go home with the handlers at the end of their first week together at Sundowners. In this case the dogs needed extra time to work on basic skills. Rick, Davis, Doug and Jerry flew from Orange County to Gilroy four times during the next two months to work with their dogs. Finally, the long-awaited day came: the canines went home with their handlers and began their new lives as Search Dogs: Davis and Rick in December of 2007; Doug and Jerry in January of 2008. (Bruce was able to join the next group of handlers, and was paired with Jerry in February.) The handlers feel the extra time at Sundowners will help them progress rapidly on the road to Certification and deployment readiness. We applaud the commitment and tenacity of our newest teams! Here is what they had to say about the added training:

**Rick Bartlett**

“We really got to know the dogs during our stay at Sundowners, and learned each others’ quirks. There was a seamless transition between the kennel and the trainers Spuds had come to know and trust...to his life at home with me and my family. We have really gotten off to a good start and continue to progress well.”

**Davis Doty**

“The dogs already know what to do; it’s in their blood. New handlers, on the other hand, have a lot to learn! Being able to work with Jester for extended training at Sundowners gave me a chance to really improve before I took him home. It means Jester won’t have to wait so long for me to catch up!”

**Doug Van Iwaarden**

“Being at Sundowners has given me a much better idea of what it will take for Wylie and I to become Certified and become deployment ready. We’ve been expecting the dogs for a long time, and it was worth the wait! We have a head start, and a clear idea of what awaits us.”

**Jerry Leaper**

“I think by the second training session Pearl knew I was going to be her handler. She’s an awesome K9! She’s been so quick to respond to my commands. I think the bond between us was accelerated by the time we spent with Pluis, Kate and Sharon—three terrific trainers—at Sundowners.”

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**Rainbow Bridge**

**Pupdog**
Handler: Seth Peacock
January 1, 1996 - August 7, 2007

**Murphy**
Handler: Wilma Melville
September 2, 1992 - May 21, 2007

**Dusty**
Handler: Randy Gross
February 16, 1995 - March 13, 2007

**Bella**
Handler: Deresa Teller
April 4, 1992 - March 17, 2007
Congratulations to the SDF Search Teams who reached major milestones in 2007! The Teams on these pages trained intensively to pass the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), achieve Certification, or Recertify. Each of these tests, which meet U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA standards, is very challenging to both canines and handlers, and is a testament to the dedication and commitment of these outstanding Teams.

Abby & Ron Weckbacher (CATF2)  
Certification 1/20/07  
Prep Home: Kim Uhlich  
Guardians: Betty Izant, June Yanaginuma  
Photo by: Debra Tosch

Ace & Rob Cima (El Dorado Fire)  
Certification 1/20/07  
Rescued by: Tri City Animal Shelter  
Prep Home: Donna Stephens  
Guardian: Nelia Morgan  
Photo by: Adam Gavalla

Baxter & Gary Durian (L.A. County Fire)  
FSA 9/14/07  
Rescued by: Jody and Mike Jones  
(Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue)  
Prep Home: Rachel Hutchings & Jessica Drew  
Sponsor & Guardian: Jeff Pepper  
Photo by: Karyn Nevbill

Comet & Michele Vaughn (Salinas Fire)  
Certification 11/17/07  
Donated by: SDF Handler Deresa Teller  
Prep Home: Charity Carlson  
Sponsor: Pebble Beach Riding & Trails Association  
Guardian: Lillian Kabat  
Photo by: Eliot Crowley

Doc & Carrie Henger (L.A. County Fire)  
Recertification 10/20/07  
Donated by: Guide Dogs of America  
Puppy Raiser: Mary Deets  
Photo by: Brian Cahn

Ellie & Eric Hanzelka (Carmel Valley Fire Dept.)  
FSA 9/30/07  
Donated by: Roxanne Bohn  
Prep Home: Mary Lippman  
Sponsor: Diane Wolcott  Guardian: Len Hanson  
Photo by: Eliot Crowley

Hattie & Marco Maldonado (El Cajon Fire Dept.)  
FSA 10/4/07  
Donated by: Val Valentine  
(Canine Companions for Independence)  
Guardian: Patricia Steman  
Photo by: Shannon Bradford

Icon & Steve Swaney (El Cajon Fire Dept.)  
FSA 9/14/07  
Donated by: Shannon Bradford  
Prep Home: Ann DeMartini  
Sponsor: Bowtie Press / Kennel Club Books  
Photo by: Shannon Bradford
Jakers & Jeff Ivy (Sacramento City Fire Dept.)
Certification 1/20/07
Rescued by: El Dorado Co. Animal Control
Sponsor: Good Neighbor Foundation
Photo by: Karyn Nevbill

Jeb & Jonathan ‘JB’ Barnes (Salinas Fire)
Certification 11/17/07
Donated by: Jerry Roelichen - Train Rite Dog Training
Sponsor: Jeff Pepper
Photo by: Eliot Crowley

Jessie & Mike Taul (Novato Fire Dept.)
Certification 11/17/07
Donated by: David & Wendy Heredia
Guardian: Tom & Anita Lewis

Lola & Johnny Subia (Seaside Fire)
FSA 9/30/07
Donated by: James Pogrel - Bishop Ranch Vet Center
Sponsor: Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.
Photo by: Eliot Crowley

Maverick & Jason Vasquez (L.A. County Fire)
Certification 11/17/07
Donated by: Karen McLaughlin
Prep Home: Bob & Peggy Seay
Sponsor: America’s Tire Co. & the Cardoso Family
Guardian: Anita and Thomas Lewis
Photo by: Brian Cahn

Mocha & John Thomas (Murietta Fire)
Recertification 1/21/07
Donated by: Guide Dogs of America
Prep Home: Miki Klocke
Guardian: Jane & Donald May
Photo by: Eliot Crowley

Nelson & Alex Mengell (So. San Francisco Fire)
FSA 4/29/07
Donated by: Guide Dogs for the Blind
Guardian: Jacqueline Kious
Photo by: Tony Panzica

Trevor & Kevin Skinner (Salinas Fire)
Certification 10/20/07
Rescued by: Santa Cruz Co. Animal Shelter
Sponsor: Nelia Morgan, Michael Skinner
Photo by: Eliot Crowley

Zoey & Jason Cornell (Sacramento Metro Fire)
Certification 10/20/07
Rescued by: High Sierra Animal Rescue
In 2007, SDF welcomed 8 new Search Dog Sponsors. Each has contributed $10,000 and helped a rescued dog, once abused and abandoned, enter the ranks of the most highly trained search dogs in the nation.

The following individuals, community groups, foundations and corporations have honored SDF by becoming the Sponsor of a Search Dog, and will be closely following their dog’s progress in the years to come!

The names in RED are SDF’s new 2007 Sponsors.

Individuals
Angela - San Leandro, CA (Cody)
Anita & Thomas - Carpinteria, CA (Jesse)
Anson - New York, NY (Splash)
Betsy & John - Stuart, FL (Lilly-Belle)
Christa - Dallas, TX (Lani)
Danielle - St. Jean Chrysostome, QC (Gypsy)
Diane - Carmel, CA (Elle)
Gloria - Philadelphia, PA (Lilly-Belle)
Ivy - Gurnee, IL (Recon)
Jeff - Sparks, MD (Splash)
John - Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Lilly-Belle)
Judy & Harry - Agoura Hills, CA (Aspen)
Len - Urbanna, VA (Ellie)
Lynn & Glenn - Malibu, CA (Maverick)
Michael - Los Angeles, CA (Trevor)
Nancy - West Hills, CA (Dawson)
Nelia - Newbury Park, CA (Trevor)
Robert - Seymour, CT (Brutus)

Community Groups, Companies, Foundations
Allstate - Rancho Cordova, CA (Trapper)
Allstate - Saint Petersburg, FL (Val & Hero)
Allstate - Phoenix, AZ (2 Canines, TBD)
National Court Reporters - West Hills, CA (Iams)
America’s Tire Company - Westlake Village, CA (Maverick)
Antelope Valley Kennel Club - Lancaster, CA (Hunter)
AT&T Foundation - San Antonio, TX (Cody)
B&B Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA (Duke)
Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. - St. Joseph, MO (Lola)
Bowtie Press / Kennel Club Books - Allenhurst, NJ (Icon)
Butler Company - Dublin, OH (Gator)
CA Federation of Women’s Clubs (Duncan)
Sierra Cahuenga District, CA (Duncan)
CH2M Hill - Englewood, CO (Aspen)

In 2007, SDF welcomed 8 new Search Dog Sponsors. Each has contributed $10,000 and helped a rescued dog, once abused and abandoned, enter the ranks of the most highly trained search dogs in the nation.

Spotlight on a Sponsor
Gloria Paul
By Roberta Hendry - Placerville, CA

Dog-lovers tend to see the dog before they see the person with the dog. This is certainly the case with Gloria Paul of Philadelphia, PA. Gloria first saw search dogs in action during the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. In setting out to find the source of the dogs involved in the rescue efforts after 9/11, she discovered that the teams had been trained by the Search Dog Foundation.

Gloria became an enthusiastic supporter. In 2005 her support culminated in the sponsoring of a Golden Retriever, Lilly-Belle, partnered with Julie Padelford-Jansen (City of Miami Fire & Rescue). In January of 2008 she made SDF part of her Estate plans, and became the Guardian of Zoey, partnered with Jason Cornell (Sacramento Metro Fire).

“What I love about SDF is that when disaster strikes, the dogs will be there. I feel engaged with the Foundation as a Sponsor and Guardian, even though there are no teams in my region. I keep updated through the website and newsletters, and enjoy speaking with Wilma and hearing about SDF and the National Training Center. My hope is that awareness of the Foundation will grow, and that the canines and their heroic handlers will get the recognition they deserve!”
Spotlight on a Guardian
Sue Officer

Written by Judy Friedman – Agoura Hills, CA

Sue Officer shines brightly as an enthusiastic, long-time SDF volunteer devoted to ensuring that the final days of abandoned, abused or sick dogs are as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

Over the years, countless animals have been blessed to be in Sue’s loving care. Her generosity knows no bounds—she pays all expenses, and says she’ll keep it up until her last cent! Currently Sue is caring for four dogs and three cats. Her love also extends into the human services world, where she has been a volunteer with Special Olympics, coaching track and field and bowling since 1976.

We first met Sue in 2002 when Veterinarian Floyd Ventress asked her to locate a deserving animal welfare nonprofit organization for a donation from the Emily Gray Foundation, and she brought him to SDF. Since then, this Foundation has been one of SDF’s major supporters, providing the funds to recruit and train SEVEN Search Teams.

In 2003 Sue became one of SDF’s first Endowment Guardians by including SDF in her Estate plans. Concerned about what would become of her own dogs upon her passing, Sue inspired SDF to create the “Pet Promise” that is now offered to all Estate donors and guarantees lifetime care for their pets under SDF supervision.

To make an estate gift, or for more information about our Pet Promise Program, please contact Maroesjka Carey at (888) 459-4376 x 105, Estate@ndsdf.org.

SDF Goal: 100 Guardians in ‘08

SDF’s Search Dog Endowment Guardian Fund benefits every aspect of SDF’s operations: recruiting rescued dogs, partnering the dogs with firefighters, providing ongoing training, and offering Lifetime Care for dogs who do not succeed in the program. To date, 91 Estate donors have included SDF in their Estate plans and become Search Dog Guardians. We hope to welcome 9 Guardians in 2008 who want to leave their own legacy to our canine-fighter teams. Every estate gift, small or large, is greatly needed and deeply appreciated!

The Pet Promise

Individuals who consider their pets as family share a common concern: What will happen to my pets when I’m no longer here? To help put this worry to rest, SDF is offering the Pet Promise Program, which guarantees that your dogs and cats will receive lifetime care upon your passing. Donors making an estate gift to SDF are offered two Pet Promise levels:

The Soul Mate Plan: Donors who have made an irrevocable gift to SDF as part of their estate plans and whose gift at the time of their passing is at least $100,000, may have one pet in the program.

The Family Plan: Donors who have made an irrevocable gift to SDF as part of their estate plans, and whose gift at the time of their passing is $250,000 or more may have up to four pets cared for in the program.

The Search Circle

SDF’s Search Circle is a group of wealth management advisors (attorneys, estate planners, CPAs) helping to build SDF’s future by sharing information about our mission with interested clients. It’s a great way for busy professionals to support SDF without leaving their office. If you’re a wealth manager, or know someone who would like to become part of the Search Circle, please call SDF Estate Manager Maroesjka Carey.
Guess Who’s Been Calling You!

All SDF donors who provide phone numbers receive a thank you call from one of our volunteers. We thought you’d like to meet the folks on the other end of the line! SDF thanks all of our callers, with special thanks to Nelia Morgan, who’s been leading the Call Force for 3 years, and is still going strong!

Being an SDF National Volunteer

by Norma Spencer - Cardiff, CA

What could be better than volunteering for an organization that rescues dogs and then trains them to rescue people?

Shortly after retiring, I adopted Gracey, a friendly 4-year-old Black Lab. I’ve always loved dogs, and I wanted to volunteer doing something close to my heart, so I sought information online about SDF. My inspiration was Wilma starting the organization with her own Black Lab, Murphy. Once I read further about how the dogs are trained for rescue work, and about the hours of time and dedication devoted by the handlers and trainers, my decision was made.

There are so many ways volunteers can help out from a distance. One of the most important ways I promote SDF is by talking to as many people and organizations as possible about SDF’s purpose and communicating the need for dogs. I’ve distributed SDF materials between San Diego and Fairbanks, inputting SDF training manuals into the computer along the way.

I tell people that if I ever need rescuing, I hope to hear barking and see a big black nose come into view. I am pleased to be a part of this much-needed and commendable organization.

Thank You 2007 Volunteers!

Everyone at SDF is indebted to the wonderful people across the country who volunteered their time in 2007. Thank you to the office helpers, writers, editors, photographers, fundraisers and the caring people who took time out of their busy day to do everything from making thank you calls to driving dogs to our training facility. SDF volunteers are the heart and soul of the Foundation and an indispensable part of our busy organization.

For information about our volunteer program, please contact Glaen Redeker (888) 459-4376 x 110 or email Glaen@ndsdf.org

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Simplify Your Support!

Automatic deposits make giving easy! Simply call your bank and let them know you would like to make an Automatic Deposit on a monthly basis to the Search Dog Foundation. For more information, please contact Suzie at (888) 459-4376 x103 or Suzanne@ndsdf.org.
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

SDF’s team of volunteers is critical to every part of the work we do. Karen Fay is one of our volunteers extraordinaire—generously offering her time and talent as researcher, office assistant, Prep Home Family and Lifetime Care Mom, and Endowment Guardian.

Our Story
By Karen, Kyle & Jilla – Ojai, CA

From my first memories, dogs have been part of our family. I first became aware of SDF at a search dog demonstration in 1998. I wanted my son to share the enjoyment of seeing a highly trained and dedicated working dog. That day we heard Wilma’s story and witnessed her strong, caring interaction with her animals. We were enthralled.

Since then, we have made SDF part of our estate plan. Our family has also had the pleasure of volunteering on projects ranging from office work, to booth support at conferences, and closest to our heart: Lifetime Care Home.

My favorite companion on walks, at home, and sometimes even in my office is a Cattle Dog/Lab mix named “Jilla.” Once a Search Dog Candidate, in the end Jilla didn’t make the grade, and we became her Lifetime Care Family. She has a heart of gold, and is a wonderful companion, accompanying me to work each day at David Allen & Co in Ojai. The fact that she’s no longer in a shelter makes us forever grateful to SDF Canine Manager Karen Klingberg and her team, who work tirelessly to give deserving dogs a chance to fulfill their highest calling.

It’s a great feeling to put your love where your time is spent. We proudly support the Search Dog Foundation!

Kentucky Sisters Raise Over $2,200 for the Search Dogs
By SDF Volunteer Emery Walker - Ojai, CA

In the true holiday spirit, Mills (11) and Alden (9), of Lexington, Kentucky, spent much of their last two Christmases decorating and stuffing stockings with dog treats and toys and Christmas cookies to benefit SDF. The girls were inspired by the efforts of the search dogs at Ground Zero and hurricane Katrina. Mills and Alden both love dogs, especially their two Labs, Frances and Stella.

“We think it’s cool that the Search Dog Foundation rescues dogs and trains them to rescue people, and we wanted to help them out!” says Mills.

Says Mom: “We can provide our children with a great education, we can foster their talents and athletic abilities, but if we fail to teach them compassion, we have missed a golden opportunity. It’s a nice thing to let your children see that they can make a difference.” And they have! (The girls are featured in the December/January issue of Dogs for Kids.)

SDF Founder Wins National Prize

10,000 baby boomers are retiring every day. 78 million will be retiring in the next 10 years. This “Silver Tsunami” is one of the most significant trends of the new century, composed of the largest, healthiest, most highly educated group of Americans ever to move through and beyond their fifties. They are pioneers in a new stage spanning the decades between middle and late life, and many want to spend this new stage as social entrepreneurs, doing work that serves a greater good.

Civic Ventures (www.civicventures.org) is a think tank that awards a Purpose Prize each year to five individuals who have made important contributions to America through an “encore career.” In September of 2007 we received news that Wilma Melville was a winner, recognized for her work in founding the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. The selection was made by 21 judges including actor Sidney Poitier, former presidential advisor David Gergen, journalist Cokie Roberts, author Gloria Steinem.

The five winners each received $100,000 in prize money, which Wilma donated to SDF’s Guardian Endowment Fund. At 74, Wilma is still “fired up and ready to go,” actively involved in SDF’s programs and the creation of a National Training Center.

Alden & Mills with family labs Stella & Frances

Hattie & Marco Maldonado in training
Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.

Search dogs are a wonderful example of the power of the canine-human bond in service to society. The mission of Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI—a subsidiary of Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation, based in Ridgefield, CT) is to benefit the health and well-being of humankind by contributing to an adequate supply of safe, nutritious food and by promoting the emotional and physical benefits arising from this special bond.

BIVI’s partnership with SDF began in 2004, and in 2007 the company made a renewed commitment to the Foundation and the bond between its handlers and canines. Metacam®, an osteo-arthritis and anti-inflammatory drug, is the Official Arthritis Medication of the Search Dog Foundation. Our handlers depend on it. We encourage those of you caring for active and older dogs to ask your vet about Metacam®. If it’s good enough for these hard-working, courageous canines, we hope you’ll agree it’s good enough for your beloved pet!

SDF Veteran Handler Ron Weckbacher:
“I call Metacam Manny’s ‘GO-GO Juice’ because of the heightened energy and mobility it gives him.”

SDF Founding Handler Rick Lee:
“After hearing friends talk about the improved quality of life restored in their dogs, I decided to put Ana on Metacam. I see an extreme difference when she’s on it. It’s easy to use, and is helping Ana’s day-to-day life as she ages.”

SDF Volunteer Merilee Eaton:
“Sadie was a pound puppy that was built all wrong—she has terrible joints. She’s six years old and has been on Metacam for four years. It’s made such a difference in keeping her active. When she comes in at night with her big brown eyes “asking” for something, I know it’s a ‘Metacam night!’ ”

Our Mission
The mission of the Search Dog Foundation is to produce the most highly trained canine disaster search teams in the nation. The job of these teams is to find people buried alive in the wreckage of natural and man-made disasters.

To create these teams, SDF recruits rescued dogs from shelters and breed rescue groups, gives them professional training, and partners them with firefighters and other first responders at no cost to their departments. We ensure lifetime care for every dog in our program: once rescued, these dogs will never need to be rescued again.

SDF receives no government funding, and relies on our supporters throughout the country to provide these services. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, tax ID number 77-0412509.

Boehringer Ingelheim / mediaedge:cia

With 182 offices in 82 countries, Y&R Brands is a global collaborative network of preeminent companies in advertising, public relations, digital and interactive marketing and brand identity and design. Their advertising agency, Young & Rubicam works hand in hand with mediaedge:cia, their media placement agency, to create and distribute SDF public service announcements throughout the nation.

These New York-based agencies started working with SDF after seeing our teams at work after 9/11, and our partnership has continued with vigor and tenacity since then. The award-winning $10,000 Dog, Rookie and Pledge print ads and television and radio public service announcements have brought many new friends and supporters to SDF.

Associates at both companies have donated to SDF a remarkable amount of volunteer time to bring SDF’s mission of service into the national spotlight. We would like to thank the following media outlets who so generously donated print space and air time to raise awareness about the Search Dog Foundation:

• MAGAZINES

• TELEVISION
Bloomberg TV, Comcast, Fox Sports Network, KABC, KBHK/UPN, KCAL, KCBS, KCOP, KCRA/NBC, KFSN/ABC, KGO/ABC, KNBC, KPIX/CBS, KRON/IND, KTLA, KTTV, KTXL/FOX.

• RADIO
Jones Media America, Stratus Media, Westwood One

Young & Rubicam / mediaedge:cia
Helmets Off to Our Search Site Providers!

In order to achieve FEMA Certification and maintain deployment readiness, SDF Search Teams must train twice a week on piles of rubble that simulate disaster sites. The sites are not easy to find...or keep! A mound of boulders that Search Dogs skillfully navigate one week might be ground up and turned into a road the next.

The Search Dog Foundation is deeply indebted to Redwood Landfill (Ramin Khany), Vulcan Materials (Jerry Lundeman), Waste Management, Inc. (Cynthia Rodriguez) and other recycling centers for making their locations available to our teams for training purposes.

Waste Management is one of our most important partners. In addition to opening up their sites for the use of our L.A. teams, the company consistently goes the extra mile, building piles to our specifications for special trainings and evaluations, and providing equipment and food for participants.

Cynthia Rodriguez: “When I saw photos of the wreckage of Hurricane Katrina, it reminded me of a Waste Management rubble site! It helped me see why these venues are so important to the Search Teams. SDF is such a great cause—we’re delighted to be a part of your work.”

In January of 2005 two commuter trains collided in Glendale, CA. A Waste Management employee who commutes on the train was in the front car and sustained serious injuries. His co-workers, following the news reports, recognized SDF team Su Vodrazka and Hero. They were greatly relieved, assured that everything possible was being done to find survivors.

SDF thanks our friends at Waste Management, Inc. for their critically needed support!

"Fueled by Nutro"

Nutro Products, Inc. Named Exclusive Pet Food Sponsor of the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation

For over 80 years, Nutro Products, Inc. has been a leader in producing natural, premium dog and cat food. We are proud to announce that an agreement has been signed and a partnership formed with Nutro Products, Inc., now the Exclusive Pet Food Sponsor of the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. Since 2003, Nutro has provided pet food vouchers to Certified search dogs nationwide, including SDF canines. Our teams have truly benefited from this exceptional donation, worth over $150,000.

Last year we began discussing opportunities to increase this support through an exclusive pet food endorsement and sponsorship. Other pet product companies had contacted SDF, but in the end Nutro Products, Inc. was chosen because their best-selling brand, NATURAL CHOICE® is preferred by our handlers.

“It is an honor to partner with SDF in support of their mission,” announced Margaret Goodall, Director of Marketing at Nutro Products, Inc. “We believe the superior nutrition of NATURAL CHOICE® promotes the sustained energy, strength, and stamina required for the work that these heroes perform.”

SDF wholeheartedly recommends NATURAL CHOICE®. Once your pets have tried it, we’re sure you’ll agree with our handlers that this is an excellent fuel for your pets! To learn more about Nutro Products, Inc. visit www.nutroproducts.com.

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SearchDogsUSA™

SearchDogsUSA is the official licensing arm of the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation, enabling SDF to receive financial benefits and national awareness resulting from endorsement and sponsorship opportunities in the business community. In 2007, an important existing partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. was renewed, and an exciting new joint venture was established with Nutro Products, Inc. These additional funding sources will strengthen SDF’s support base as we continue to build SDF into a strong, stable, vibrant organization capable of leading the way in disaster response.

Quest 2007 was underwritten by SearchDogsUSA™
Summary
2007 Operating Budget ........... $925,000
2007 Operating Funds Raised .......... $1,537,742
2008 Projected Operating Budget .... $1,100,000

Income Sources
Community Groups. ............. 9%
Corporations. ............ 2%
Foundations ................ 56%
Individuals .......... 33%

Expenses
Program .................. 72%
Organization ............ 14%
Development .......... 14%

SDF is still a young agency, doing our best to meet our fundraising goals and secure a stable financial future while leading the way in Disaster Search Team training. Thanks to our individual, community, corporate and foundation supporters across the country, in 2007 SDF once again exceeded its income goal. We were able to keep expenses down, and launched 2008 with five months of reserve in the bank.

Since 2001 SDF has put significant resources into transforming the agency from a small volunteer group into a stable, impactful nonprofit supported by a small army of volunteers. Substantial resources have been dedicated to servicing our stakeholders and strengthening our existing income streams through national awareness and outreach.

With a strong fundraising function in place, we are now focusing more intensively on Program. Our goal is 85% or higher in Program-related expenses by 12/31/08. Toward this end, in 2008 we will be concentrating on new initiatives including canine recruitment and Lifetime Care programs, a Handlers’ Fund, and enhanced field presence and case management programs. We will also be hiring a Program Director (for the past two years our Executive Director has done double-duty, serving in both capacities).

In February of 2008 we closed escrow on a 125-acre parcel destined to be the National Search Dog Training Center for all U.S. teams. The purchase was made possible thanks to the donation of a local farm family, and will have a significant impact on our Program expenses.

Our deepest thanks for your support, and for enabling the Search Dog Foundation to consistently raise the bar for Canine Disaster Search in America.

2007 Financial Highlights

SDF Foundation Grantors
The following foundations have generously selected SDF as a partner in helping them reach their philanthropic goals. We are deeply grateful for this generous support which strengthens our mission of service to animal and mankind.

Allen-Heath Memorial Foundation - Uxbridge, MA
Alstate - Florida - Saint Petersburg, FL
America’s Tire Company Foundation - Clifton, NJ
Advertising Council Foundation - Los Angeles, CA
The Annenberg Foundation - Los Angeles, CA
The Ansutz Foundation - Denver, CO
Armstrong Foundation - Lancaster, PA
The Roland & Dorothy Foundation - Los Angeles, CA
B&G Foundation - San Francisco, CA
The Baird Foundation - Buffalo, NY
The Batchelor Foundation, Inc. - Palm Beach Gardens, FL
S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation - San Francisco, CA
Sol & Marge摔 Foundation - Clifton, NJ
Stephen & Mary Birch Foundation - Wilmington, DE
The Blaine Family Foundation - Wantagh, NY
Charles Bloom Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA
BP Foundation - Houston, TX
Helen Brauch Foundation - Chicago, IL
Lewis Browne Charitable Trust - Bernardsville, NJ
The John & Barbara Bryne Fund - Southeastern, PA
Patricia Duque Byrne Foundation - Pasadena, CA
The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation - Los Angeles, CA
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians - Santa Ynez, CA
Richard K. and Lois B. Craig Family Fund - Fort Worth, TX
Constance Culver Foundation - Brooklyn, NY
Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Foundation - Clearwater, FL
Dardoin Foundation - San Diego, CA
Better Days Foundation - Oklahoma City, OK
Deluxe Corporation Foundation - Lancaster, CA
Drueding Foundation - New York, NY
Gable C. & Julia W. Duda Educational & Charitable Foundation - Saint Louis, MO
Eric Evans Memorial Charitable Foundation - Albany, NY
Robert E. Fraser Foundation - Saint Peter, MN
Ethel Frank Estates - Los Angeles, CA
Frog Crossing Foundation, Inc. - North Caldwell, NJ
GE Foundation - Fairfield, CT
Gervis-Lubran Fund - Washington, DC
The Giant Steps Foundation - Briston, MA
Siegmund & Marilyn Goldman Charitable Trust - Maitland, FL
Emily S. Gray Charitable Trust - La Canada Flintridge, CA
Mary Jo & Hank Greenberg Animal Welfare Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA
William H. Hannon Foundation - Santa Monica, CA
Harold Foundation - Salt Lake City, UT
William R. & Virginia Hayden Foundation - San Gabriel, CA
Samuel I. & John Henry Fox Foundation - San Diego, CA
Hogan Family Foundation - Newbury Park, CA
Hueston Foundation - Cary, NC
Hurtubise-Johnson Charitable Trust - Malibu, CA

Rex & Nelle Jackson Foundation - Peoria, IL
The Ethel W. & George Kennedy Family Foundation - Coral Gables, FL
Lakeside Foundation - Lafayette, LA
Laurie Foundation - San Francisco, CA
Brad Lewis Foundation - Los Angeles, CA
The Lillis Foundation - Castle Rock, CO
The Lincy Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA
The J.M. Long Foundation - Walnut Creek, CA
Manzoni Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. - Monterey, CA
Bert M. Martin Foundation - Orlando, FL
Mathewson Charitable Lead Trust Trust - Reno, NV
Matthews Family Foundation - Springville, AL
MBD Foundation - San Francisco, CA
The Harold & Mauvein Charitable Foundation - Los Angeles, CA
Roger and Nancy McCabe Foundation - Minneapolis, MN
The Irving M. Moskowitz Foundation - Hawaiian Gardens, CA
The Moses Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA
The Neel Foundation - Croton On Hudson, NY
The J. Robert Nonesmaker Foundation - Collegville, PA
Peter Norton Family Foundation - Santa Monica, CA
Peckham Development Corporation - Temecula, CA
Stella & Arthur Pepper Foundation - Salinas, CA
PECO Foundation - San Diego, CA
The Margaret Thiele Petti Foundation - Portland, OR
P.K. Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA
Poplock Foundation - Naples, FL
Ramsay Family Foundation - San Francisco, CA
Rayne Foundation - Charleston, SC
The Reddick Chartered Foundation - Hinsburg, VT
The REI Foundation - Sumner, WA
Donald A. Rhoades Family Foundation - Placerville, CA
The Rogers Foundation - Mankato, MN
Rehauer Collection Foundation - Harrison, NY
Rosenbluth Family Foundation - Mill Valley, CA
Dr. Scholl Foundation - Northbrook, IL
Ellen Brownlee Scripps Foundation - La Jolla, CA
SEI Giving Fund - Oaks, PA
Shenandoah Foundation - San Francisco, CA
The Shilling Family Foundation - San Francisco, CA
Silicon Valley Community Foundation - San Mateo, CA
Sonoma Valley Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA
Lon W. Smith Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA
Martin W. & Martha K. Smith Foundation - Camarillo, CA
Spark Fund - New York, NY
Sidney Stern Memorial Trust - Pacific Palisades, CA
The George B. Storer Foundation, Inc. - Saratoga, NY
Peter & Joyce Uddo Family Foundation - Fort Myers, FL
Uvas Foundation - Lafayette, CA
Vankertaghoven Family Fund - Scherffield, WI
Bruce & Marilyn Wallace Foundation - Woodland Hills, CA
Robert & Kelmon Wallace Family Charitable Foundation - San Antonio, TX
The Weiler Foundation - Palm Beach, FL
Weygant Foundation - Los Angeles, CA
Williams-Corbett Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA
Wood-Claysoners Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA

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2007 Balance Sheet
Current Assets ................. 2,075,010.38
Fixed Assets .............. 1,573,027.64
Other Assets ............ 12,236.45
Total Assets ........... 3,660,274.47

Current Liabilities .......... 90,103.90
Net Assets - Restricted Funds .......... 58,100.00
Net Assets - Unrestricted ........... 3,512,070.57
Total liabilities & net assets .... 3,660,274.47

Statement of Activities
Revenues, Gains & Support
Sales-Merchandise ............... 14,059.52
Cost of Goods Sold ............ (15,426.05)
Appeal Income ............. 118,718.10
Endowment Income ........ 255,301.57
General Contributions .... 304,271.92
Workplace Contributions .... 29,270.81

Grants Income ........... 971,500.00
Sponsorships .............. 56,123.08
Reimbursement Income ........ 22,000.00
Underwritten Income ........ 7,000.00
In-Kind Donations .......... 1,142,004.06
Restricted Contributions .... 60,100.00
Gain on Investments .......... 3,334.95
Investments Income .......... 47,465.00
Other Sources (refunds) .......... 2,103.62

Total Revenues, gains & support ...... 3,028,426.58

Expenses
Program .................... 403,257.93
Administration ............... 317,521.70
Fundraising ................. 381,500.08
Canine Recruiters .......... 2,398.50
Depreciation ................ 33,508.00
Program Supplies .......... 16,484.75
Trainer’s Fees ............ 128,821.17
Vet/Medical Expenses .... 12,729.84
In-Kind Expenses Admin ...... 7,644.11
In-Kind Expenses Program .... 1,122,347.74

Total Expenses ........ 2,457,827.06