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## Saving Lives in Haiti

SDF-trained Search Team Gary Durian & Baxter return home after deployment to Haiti

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Photo: Tony Panzica

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## 2009 HIGHLIGHTS



SDF Search Teams gather at the site of the future National Training Center

## **The Quest**

We hope this edition of our Annual Report gives you a clear window into the Search Dog Foundation activities and milestones in 2009. We've included our best stories, photos and reports about your Search Teams, and brought you inspiring stories about SDF stakeholders who are making their mark as Part of the Search.

Inside you'll read about 12 local deployments in 2009 and an international deployment at the start of 2010 to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Each deployment tests the canines and their handlers in new ways. When the emergency is over and the teams are back home, they share the lessons they have learned, and the information is disseminated throughout the search and rescue community. This new knowledge advances the effectiveness of future deployments.

On the back cover you'll read the good news about our finances. 2009 was a very strong year for the SDF, thanks to the generosity of our stakeholders throughout the country. We never take this support lightly, and we continue to thank every donor, regardless of the level of gift, through thank you calls, letters and Search Team updates.

Many groups think it's too expensive for an agency to take time for this kind of individual attention. We disagree. At SDF, we believe that there's nothing more important than thanking the people who help us rescue dogs and partner them with firefighters to save lives. This is how we will stay small, vibrant and relevant for decades to come. SDF's job is...

- To turn rescued dogs...into rescuers
- To provide Firefighters with these highly trained canines and give them an ongoing program of training and support to help them reach the highest deployment readiness
- To provide additional assistance to handlers in the form of pet insurance, acute canine health care, pet products and medications, and special grants
- To support the Fire Service community in protecting the communities of our country through a unique private-public partnerships
- To give a precious resource to the United States—a resource its citizens need, and deserve.

We hope, as you turn the pages of this year's Quest, you will feel the satisfaction of knowing your support has enabled us to do this job... for our communities, for the country, and for you.

**Debra Tosch**, SDF Executive Director **Chris Wright**, SDF Board Chair and Senior Manager of Worldwide Crisis Management at Amgen, Inc.

#### **2009 HIGHLIGHTS**

**DEPLOYMENTS** – SDF Search Teams responded to 12 disasters in California, New York, Utah and Baja California.

SEARCH TEAM MILESTONES – 11 new Search Teams were formed, 10 Search Teams attained Certification, and 12 Re-Certified.

**CANINE RECRUITMENT** – 56 Shelters and Breed Rescue groups assisted SDF in locating 179 potential search dogs. Of these, 24 canines were partnered with handlers in 2009 or will be partnered in 2010.

**LIFETIME CARE** – 22 Lifetime Care families adopted recruits who did not complete SDF's training program.

STAKEHOLDERS – SDF is grateful to our supporters across the nation who made gifts in 2009, including: 2,511 Individuals, 143 Foundations, 26 Companies, 67 Organizations, and 8 Schools

**VOLUNTEERS** – 114 willing and able volunteers helped SDF in the office, at events, and in the critical work of combing shelters throughout the Western States to find our future Search Dogs.

SEARCH DOG SPONSORS – In 2009, 10 individuals, community groups, foundations and companies donated \$10,000 or more to become Search Dog Sponsors, bringing our total to 60 SDF Sponsors nationwide.

**ENDOWMENT GUARDIANS** – In 2009 we welcomed 14 new Guardians who included SDF in their estate plans. As of March 31, 2010, we have 129 Guardians and our Endowment is valued at \$1,129,946.

**WORKPLACE GIVING** – In 2009, SDF received \$94,307 from employees who gave through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), their State Employee Campaign, the United Way, and company matching programs.



Malchia Olshan, SDF Founding Board Member from 1996 to 2000 and dedicated community volunteer who helped our Founder, Wilma Melville, launch the Search Dog Foundation at a time when the field of Canine Disaster Search was relatively unknown.

**Shari Skinner**, SDF Board Member from 2008 to 2009, local Bank President and community leader whose guidance to SDF on financial matters continues to pay dividends to this day.



**SDF Board & Staff**: Back Row L to R: Denise Hess (Program Supervisor), Glaen Redeker (NTC Project Manager), David Kaplan (SDUSA President), Chris Wright (Board Chair), Ric Ruffinelli (Board Member), Bill Murphy (Program Manager), Rhett Mauck (Development Manager)

Front Row L to R: Debra Tosch (Executive Director), Jennifer Ware (Administrative Assistant), Clare Bland (Foundation Relations Manager), Serenity Nichols (Executive Assistant), Jim Boggeri (Board Member/Handler), Janet Reineck (Development Director), Karen Klingberg (Canine Manager), Celeste Matesevac (Community Liaison), Wilma Melville (SDF Founder)

#### Since the founding of the Search Dog Foundation

**in 1996,** our teams have responded to 69 disasters, including tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, mudslides, floods, and train derailments. Our largest deployments were the World Trade Center attack on September 11, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and the Haiti earthquake in 2010. In 2009 alone, the teams responded to 12 disasters, including building collapses, vehicle collisions, and missing person searches. In each case, the work of the Search Dogs and their handlers brought comfort to the people affected, knowing that everything possible was being done to find their loved ones.

Tom Carney & Gypsy	Missing Person Search South San Francisco, CA
Lee Culley & Brutus	Neff's Canyon Missing Person Search Salt Lake City, UT
Linda D'Orsi & Cody, Marco Maldonado & Hattie	Building Collapse, San Diego, CA
Davis Doty & Jester, Doug Van Iwaarden & Wylie	Missing Person Search Laguna Beach, CA
Gary Durian & Baxter	Truck Crash, La Cañada-Flintridge, CA
Gary Durian & Baxter	Vehicle Accident, Lakewood, CA
Luis Garcia & Jazz, Fidel Gomez & Krissy	Valle Sur Missing Person Search Tijuana, Baja California
Jason Geary & Marsi, Greg Gould & Kura	Missing Child Search East Glenville, NY
Ron Horetski & Pearl	Building Collapse, La Puente, CA
Dan Solis & Sandi	Highway 58 Vehicle Rollover Bakersfield, CA
Marc Valentine & Val	Truck Crash, Monterey Park, CA
Doug Van Iwaarden & Wylie	Missing Person Search, Tustin, CA



## La Cañada-Flintridge Truck Crash

#### Deployed: Gary Durian & Baxter

On April 1, a truck loaded with vehicles was driving down a steep mountain road, was unable to stop, and smashed through several cars before driving into a bookstore. Two people were killed and twelve others were sent to the hospital. Baxter searched the cars, truck and the bookstore to confirm that no live victims had been missed.



## San Diego Building Collapse

Deployed: Linda D'Orsi & Cody / Marco Maldonado & Hattie

On July 23, the third floor of a San Diego self-storage facility collapsed under the weight of books stacked to the ceiling. The stacks of books were wet and slippery from the fire sprinklers that had gone off, making it difficult for the dogs to get their footing. In spite of these challenging conditions, they searched the entire area, enabling fire crews to begin the clean-up process knowing no one had been left behind.



## La Puente Strip Mall Collapse

Deployed: Ron Horetski & Pearl

Again on July 23, only two hours after Cody and Hattie were deployed, a strip mall facade collapsed. Fire crews at the scene knew of two people in the building and possibly another ten people missing. Pearl searched all six storefronts and the rubble in front of the building and was able to assure rescue personnel that everyone had exited the structure safely.

## Laguna Missing Person Search

Deployed: Davis Doty & Jester / Doug Van Iwaarden & Wylie

On July 31, a 65-year-old man went missing while flying his remotecontrol model airplane. It was assumed his plane had gone over the side of the cliff, and that after he retrieved it, he couldn't climb back up. The Sheriff's Department searched the area but was unable to locate the victim. Despite strong wind, heat and extremely dense undergrowth, Jester and Wylie penetrated beneath the vegetation and reached the victim who had been spotted by helicopters.



**On January 12, 2010, the deadliest earthquake** to hit the southern hemisphere in 200 years struck the island nation of Haiti, destroying most of Port-au-Prince and surrounding communities. The Haitian government called upon the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance which is charged with deploying FEMA Task Forces to overseas disasters.

Seven SDF Search Teams were called into action. Six Los Angeles County teams were airlifted into the disaster zone on a C-17 military cargo plane as part of the 72-member California Task Force 2 (CA-TF2). One of SDF's Florida teams was deployed as part of Florida Task Force 2 (FL-TF2).

The teams combed the wreckage for 16 days and helped rescue 12 people buried alive beneath the rubble. We are all grateful to these extraordinary teams who stepped up to the challenge of a lifetime:

California Task Force 2: Gary Durian & Baxter

Bill Monahan & Hunter Jason Vasquez & Maverick

Florida Task Force 2: Julie Padelford-Jansen & Dakota Ron Horetski & Pearl Jasmine Segura & Cadillac Ron Weckbacher & Dawson



"This moment is what SDF Search Teams train for—week in and week out—throughout their careers together. When one SDF team succeeds, ALL of our teams succeed. Their perseverance, skill, and strength in the face of extreme challenges make us all proud."

> SDF Founder Wilma Melville

SDF Teams at the American Embassy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti L to R: Jasmine Segura & Cadillac, Bill Monahan & Hunter, Jason Vasquez & Maverick, Ron Horetski & Pearl, Gary Durian & Baxter, Ron Weckbacher & Dawson Inset Photo: Julie Padelford-Jansen & Dakota



Bill Monahan & Hunter

## January 15: Hunter & Dakota Find Survivors

Two days into the search, at 1:15 pm local time, Bill Monahan's dog, Hunter, caught the scent of three girls who had been trapped alive for three days. They had been searching a neighborhood near the Presidential Palace when Hunter pin-pointed the scent under four feet of broken concrete and alerted to show Bill where the victims were. Bill spoke with the survivors and passed them bottles of water tied to the end of a stick. As they reached for the water one of the girls said, "Thank you," in English. That's all the team needed to hear—that was their reward.

That same afternoon, Julie Padelford-Jansen & Dakota helped confirm the location of two more victims, and both were pulled out alive.



"It would have been a reward to find one person alive. Finding multiple survivors is a huge victory for everyone on the Task Force. It's a giant team effort. From the canines, to the logistics team, to communications, everyone is working at full capacity, using everything we've been trained to do to find survivors. It's an honor to be here."

Captain Bill Monahan

See interviews with the teams and video footage of the search at www.SearchDogFoundatio.org



Gary Durian & Baxter, along with Ron Weckbacher, search through the rubble in Haiti Photo: UN Marco Dormino

## January 18: Five More Rescues

After three more days of searching, Bill & Hunter, Jasmine & Cadillac, and Jason & Maverick helped rescue a woman from the rubble of a hotel. The appreciation shown by locals for the Search Teams and their Task Force was overwhelming. As soon as the woman was pulled from the wreckage, Haitians gathered in the street began chanting, "USA! USA! USA!"

The teams helped dig out three more women from under three stories of another collapsed building. Two of the women were located when they called out, but the third was deeper in the rubble, pinned to her mattress by the ceiling of her bedroom—just inches from crushing her. When Jasmine got close enough, she could see the woman waving to her and heard her say, "Thank you."

During Sunday's shift, Ron & Pearl, Ron & Dawson, and Gary & Baxter helped pull a 50 year-old woman from a collapsed building. She was successfully brought to safety, dehydrated but with slight injuries.



Ron & Pearl make their way through the wreckage

## The Woodward/Newman's Own Challenge

Inspired by the work of SDF's teams in Haiti, Joanne Woodward Newman and Newman's Own Foundation made a combined \$100,000 Challenge Grant. They called on the nation to meet their challenge, and our supporters responded with passion and commitment, contributing a total of \$315,704. *(Turn to Page 22 to read more about the Woodward/ Newman's Own Challenge.)* 

## January 26: SDF's Haiti Teams Prepare to Return Home

During the final days of their deployment the teams helped confirm other possible finds and provided general support for the city's population. Honored to have served, they began the journey home, 16 days after their arrival in the devastated region.



Members of California Task Force 2 receive accolades for their work in Haiti Photo: Courtesy of LA Times

## January 28: Homecoming

At 6 pm PST, SDF's six California Search Teams, along with the rest of their Task Force, returned home from Haiti after the 16-day deployment. Exhausted but thankful to be home, the teams were welcomed by a crowd of family, friends and fellow firefighters. SDF Founder Wilma Melville was at the homecoming celebration to greet our teams:

"It took two buses to carry the 72 members of the Task Force from the L.A. airport to the rendezvous point in Pacoima. Cries of happiness rang out as the blue-uniformed Task Force exited the buses and family members hugged and kissed their returning heroes.

"I thought: Here we are today, after all the years of hard work. Twelve lives have been saved by the combined effort of SDF dogs and humans. Our rescued dogs have become rescuers. Our handlers are true American heroes.

"And the nation is better for it. As I write this, the handlers are collecting all the knowledge gained from the deployment to share with all of America's Search Teams. Disaster response will be stronger because the teams were there. Because they said 'Yes' to years of training and sacrifice. 'Yes' to the call to action."

"The need is great and so are the opportunities to make a difference."

Paul Newman

"I was so moved by the brave work of SDF's teams in Haiti. And I can see that I am not the only one. Thank you for generously opening your hearts and wallets, helping to continue the lifesaving work of this extraordinary organization. Your support is invaluable."

Joanne Woodward Newman

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## The Class of 2009

In 2009, SDF formed 11 new Search Teams. The handlers and their new canine partners have begun intensive training to attain FEMA Certification and reach full deployment readiness. We wish America's newest Search Teams the very best!

# Los Angeles / Orange County



Marc with his son & Rico, SDF volunteer Diana Davis, Rico's donor Mary Deetz, and Mary's dog Dakota



Wade & Rex, just hours after being partnered as a team Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

**Marc Valentine & Rico Montebello Fire** 

Rico was donated by Mary Deets

Sponsor: Julie Brandeau Community Service Memorial Project



Rico at rest

Wade Haller & Rex Long Beach Fire Donated by Barbara Ornbaun



Rex searching on rubble Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

# Santa Barbara

Eric & Riley the day they were partnered

Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

## **Eric Gray & Riley**

Santa Barbara County Fire

Riley was donated by Teri Draeger who adopted him from South Bay Purebred Rescue



Eric & Riley, ready to SEARCH! Photo: Sharon Hanzelka



San Diego's newest Search Teams - L to R: Aide Barbat & Martini, Brent Brainard & Fletch, Richard Smith & Bella, Matthew Kirk & Stella Photo: Eliot Crowley

Aide Barbat & Martini San Diego Fire & Rescue

Martini was recruited by Penny Woodruff from High Sierra Animal Rescue Sponsor: The McGrath Family Foundation

# San Diego



Martini receives his graduation vest from rescuer Penny Woodruff

#### **Brent Brainard & Fletch**

San Diego Fire & Rescue Fletch was recruited by Nick DeMarco & Jan Petersen from McPaws Regional Animal Shelter

Guardian: Kathleen Pierce



Fletch alerts on a "victim" Photo: Karyn Newbill

**Matthew Kirk & Stella** La Mesa Fire Stella was donated by Kerry Holden **Guardian: Carol Fenbers** Sponsors: Otilia & Emma Diaz



Bella plays keep away with Tim Robertson Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

Stella's reward: The Tug Photo: Troy Overman

**Richard Smith & Bella** Lakeside Fire Protection District Bella was recruited by Handler Al Duncan from City of Stockton Animal Control

Guardian: Nancy Coker

Sponsors: Susan & John Rountree



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New Dallas Teams - L to R: Bret & Hayden, Patti & Hula, Laurel & Sonic, Keri & Tucker Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

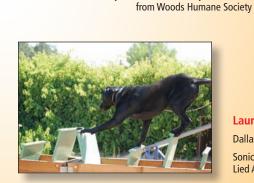
## Texas



Keri Grant & Tucker

McKinney Fire

Tucker was recruited by Jane Crue from Yolo County Animal Services



Sonic navigates the "Wobbly Monster" Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

Hula practices ladder descent Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

#### Patti Krafft & Hula

**Dallas Fire-Rescue** 

**Bret Patterson & Hayden** Cook Children's Medical Center Hayden was recruited by Heidi Miller

Hula was recruited by Paula Carpenter from Humboldt County Animal Control



Hayden ready for action! Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

Laurel Pitman & Sonic **Dallas Fire-Rescue** Sonic was recruited from Lied Animal Shelter

Tucker alerts!

🔗 Rainbow Bridge

*Manny* December 6, 1996 ~ April 14, 2009

Manny came to SDF from Border Collie Rescue, and lived with our Founder, Wilma Melville, before being paired with Ron Weckbacher. Manny and Ron were an inseparable, devoted, high-achieving pair. They deployed to 9/11, the Commerce City train derailment, the La Conchita mudslide and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Through these experiences, Manny helped Ron gain the knowledge needed to become the exemplary Handler and Search Team instructor he is today.

October 30, 1997 ~ February 3, 2009

Jeff was one of Wilma's dog's pups, the brother of retired Search Dog Abby. There were seven pups in that litter, and all were raised by firefighter families. The pups were all named for U.S. presidents, and "Jeff" is actually "Jefferson." Jeff was paired with firefighter Cliff Kolthoff, and responded to disasters including the City of Commerce train derailment in 2003 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005.





Sherman

#### March 15, 1996 ~ September 9, 2009

It was either SDF or the pound for the pup whose family was moving and couldn't take him along. From the first, it was obvious Sherman would make an outstanding Search Dog. (Wilma remembers her concern that Sherman would hurt himself as he attacked each rubble pile with such vigor!) Firefighter Steve Swaney was up to the task of handling such a powerful canine. They spent over a decade working to-



gether, responding to 9/11 and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Sherman enjoyed his retirement years relaxing at home in San Diego with Steve and his new Search Dog, Icon.

Mally

#### April 9, 1998 ~ January 4, 2010

Wally had originally been trained by Canine Companions for Independence, but was released from their program for having an "inappropriate energy level"—precisely what SDF is always looking for! Wally was paired with firefighter John Strickland in 2001 and they spent nine years together. They were deployed to the Disneyland train derailment, the Waterman Canyon mudslide, and the La Conchita mudslide.



The Search Dog Foundation Board of Directors established the Search Team Fund in 2008 to provide financial assistance and other benefits to our teams. We are very grateful to our individual, foundation and corporate donors for making these programs possible through their generous contributions.

## **Handlers Grants**

SDF offers grants to our Search Teams to help them achieve the highest level of deployment readiness. In 2009, SDF awarded 22 grants.

Congratulations to the	e 2009 Handlers Grant recipients!
Arizona training exercise	Bruce Hale & Jerry, Doug Van Iwaarden & Wylie, Rick Bartlett & Spuds
Certification Evaluation in Sun Valley, CA	Dave Stoddard & Rowdy, Jeff Ivy & Jakers
Colorado training exercise	Daisy Soto-Spira & Splash, Doug Van Iwaarden & Wylie, Jason Cornell & Zoey, Julie Padelford-Jansen & Lilly-Belle
Texas and Colorado training exercises	Jim Boggeri & Nino, Michele Vaughn & Comet
Oklahoma training exercise	Linda Tacconelli & Joe
Purchase of equipment to host and travel to Fog Dog 2009 training exercise in Monterey, CA	Central Coast, California Training Group
Purchase of canine lifting harnesses and travel to Jalisco, MX training exercise	Baja California Training Group
Purchase of GPS units	Oklahoma Training Group

Johnny Subia & Lola at an out-of-state special training paid for by a Handlers Grant Photo: Angel Inaison

"The Handlers Grant we used to purchase GPS/radios is used every time we train, whether we're radioing each other or pinpointing where a victim is hidden beneath the rubble. Thanks to SDF, we now have a valuable tool that bridges the gap between our intensive training today and survival during a real deployment tomorrow."

Dane Yaw, Oklahoma City Fire



*Linda D'Orsi & Cody - Fog Dog 2009* Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

## **Canine Healthcare**

#### **Pets Best® Canine Insurance**



SDF is now offering health insurance for every canine in our program, active and retired, whose insurance is not covered by their Task Force. The program covers all of the canine's medical expenses—from regular vaccinations and check-ups to emergency care.

#### Acute Medical Care

In 2009 we were able to cover these medical expenses:

Duke	Ingestion of poison
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Elvis	Ongoing chiropractic
	treatment
Glacier	Surgery for torn cruciate
	ligament and treatment
	of complications following
	surgery
Hero	Intestinal obstruction surgery
Huck	Cell biopsy
Jagger	Ongoing chiropractic
	treatment
Lola	Treatment for pancreatitis
Mocha	External skin tumor removal
Sandy	Internal tumor removal
	surgery
Wally	Oncology consultation
	and treatment
Wylie	Ongoing bladder issue
Zack	Treatment for bronchitis
	and vision issues



Dave Stoddard & Rowdy - Fog Dog 2009 Photo: Sharon Hanzelka



Su & Hero in training Photo: Karyn Newbill

"I really can't express my gratitude adequately. I would have sold my car to get Hero the surgery she needed and the chance to live another day. Fortunately, it didn't come to that. SDF stepped in when I needed them the most. I am VERY happy to report that she came through with flying colors, and I will be forever grateful to SDF for coming to her assistance right when it was needed most! Hero is now ready to deploy, and thrilled to continue the search!"

Su Vodrazka, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.

## SEARCH TEAM FUND



Rowdy on the rocks Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

## **Our Generous Sponsors**

SDF is very grateful to the following individuals and foundations for providing these important benefits to SDF's Search Teams:

#### **HANDLERS GRANTS**

SDF's Board of Directors, the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, The Dardin Fund, and the Sierra Cahuenga Women's Club

#### **CANINE HEALTHCARE FUND**

The Armstrong Foundation, Otilia & Emma Diaz, The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation

#### **PRODUCTS DONATIONS**

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Retired Search Dog, Abby, enjoys pain-free motion, thanks to Metacam Photo: Chris Cantrell

## **Metacam**<sup>®</sup>

SDF offers the anti-inflammatory medication Metacam<sup>®</sup> to all SDF Search Dogs for relief from arthritis pain when prescribed by their veterinarian. This is made possible through our longtime partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI) manufacturer of the Official Arthritis Medication for the Search Dog Foundation.



*"It's great to have a product like Metacam® that relieves pain and allows Abby to still chase the ball and fully enjoy her retirement. I'm grateful to BIVI for making Metacam® available to all SDF handlers so their canine partners can be pain-free."* 

## IronDog Brand Joint Supplements<sup>®</sup>

In 2008, SDF partnered with HealthyPets, Inc. to produce our own Chewable IronDog Joint Supplements<sup>®</sup> that support healthy joints and connective tissues in our canines. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of SearchDogsUSA, all SDF Search



Teams, active and retired, received a free gift of the Supplements with the option to continue receiving them at no cost through 2010.

top condition.

The formula contains triple-strength Glucosamine, Chondroitin, MSM, Creatine and high-grade vitamins and minerals that keep SDF Search Dogs in

"I was opening the package on the counter and had the top of the container open. As I began to open

the plastic bag inside, Rowdy made a quick turn and tried to jump up on the counter. I think he is

Dave Stoddard, Sacramento Metro Fire



Jim Boggeri & Recon

## **Nutro Vouchers**

Since 2002, the Nutro Company has provided NATURAL CHOICE<sup>®</sup> brand food vouchers to all FEMA Certified Search Teams in the country—an annual donation valued at over \$80,000 in 2009. NATURAL CHOICE<sup>®</sup> became the Official Dog Food Sponsor of the Search Dog Foundation in 2008 and currently fuels most of SDF's Search Teams.

going to enjoy them!"



"Nutro keeps Lani's coat healthy and thick and she always has tons of energy! The best part is that I can provide this great nutrition without breaking the bank."

John Stewart, Saratoga Springs Fire



America's First Dog, Bo, poses with Nutro-fueled Cadillac and Handler Jasmine Segura after a White House Rose Garden celebration recognizing Haiti Search Teams

Debra Tosch, SDF Executive Director and former Search Dog Handler

## SEARCH TEAM MILESTONES





*SDF Trainers: Pluis, Sharon and Kate* Photo: Eliot Crowley

The Search Teams you see on these pages reached significant milestones in 2009. We congratulate each and every canine and handler for these outstanding achievements.

We are deeply grateful for the countless hours they put into training, and their selfless determination to achieve the highest level of deployment readiness.

Each team has benefitted from the expert training they receive from Pluis and Kate Davern and Sharon Hanzelka (pictured above). Our eternal thanks to this intrepid trio for their skill, their heart, and their unwavering dedication to excellence.



Ace & Rob Cima El Dorado Fire Re-Certification: December 2009 Rescued by: Sandy Matheny – Tri City Animal Shelter Prep Home: Donna Stephens Guardian: Nelia Morgan



Andy & Russell Tao Chino Valley Fire Re-Certification: March 2009 Rescued by: Amy Lubeck – Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin Sponsor: John Bosman – California Federation of Job's Daughters Guardian: Lori Corradi



Annie & Shani Richeson Sacramento Metro Fire Certification: December 2009 Donated by: Joey & Amber Garza Guardians: Diane Dunford, Mike & Lucille McGuirk, Doug & Patty Piroh



Bonnie & Bill Simmes N.Y. State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Re-Certification: December 2009 Donated by: Becky Rutledge Sponsors: The Charles Lafitte Foundation, Ryan Zanin Guardians: Robert Montgomery, Cheryl & George Keohan



Brutus & Lee Culley Re-Certification: October 2009 Donated by: Deleta Jones Sponsor: Roberta King Guardians: Ed & Ruthann Cole, Edell Straight, Joyce Tillotson, Ruthann Conklin



Callie & Scott Zins L.A. City Fire Certified: June 2009 Donated by: Meri Forman – Juniper Ridge Labs Prep Home: Sonja Donaldson – Guide Dogs of America Sponsor: Sue & Richard Masson Guardians: Mary & Joel Deweese, Janice Hong



Dawson & Ron Weckbacher Certification: December 2009 Donated by: Kellee Matthews Sponsor: Nancy Stone Guardians: Judy Ross, Kathy Weaver, Joyce Wire, Judy & Darrel Sneed



Hunter & Bill Monahan L.A. County Fire Re-Certification: May 2009 Rescued by: Patricia Baldwin Sponsors: Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Disney VoluntEARS Community Fund Guardians: Mary Sue Berkley, Don & Jana Hirschman, Linda Green



Jakers & Jeff Ivy Sacramento City Fire Re-Certification: December 2009 Rescued by: Bonnie Koske – El Dorado County Animal Control Shelter Sponsor: A Good Neighbor Foundation Guardian: Lynn Loacker



Joe & Linda Tacconelli Certification: October 2009 Donated by: Sarah Clusman – Longmont Humane Society Sponsors: Geoffrey & Clair Mitchell, CFWC Westlake Women's Club, Guardians: Judy Mize, Linda Tacconelli

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Lani & John Stewart Saratoga Springs Fire Re-Certification: December 2009 Donated by: Guide Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raiser: Susan Zubillaga Sponsors: Christa Meyer Hinckley, Jeff Pepper – Stella & Arthur Pepper Foundation Guardian: Caryn Sousa



Lilly-Belle & Julie Padelford-Jansen City of Miami Fire & Rescue Re-Certification: October 2009 Rescued by: Carol Allen - Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York Sponsors: Gloria Paul, John Hall, John & Betsy Richardson Guardians: Ginger Carlson, Sharon Jakobi, Delores Skoog



Marsi & Jason Geary City of Cohoes Fire Re-Certification: December 2009 Donated by: John & Joy Doyle Sponsor: Young & Rubicam Guardian: Janice Kozlowski



Nino & Jim Boggeri Marin County Fire Certification: October 2009 Rescued by: Laura Birdsall – Placer County SPCA Sponsors: CFWC Sierra Cahuenga District, Ivy Zourkas Sunkist Growers, Inc. Global Licensing Guardians: Barbara & Bob Deal, Barbara Whatley



Pearl & Ron Horetski L.A. County Fire Certification: May 2009 Rescued by: Penny Woodruff & Karen Neely – High Sierra Animal Rescue Sponsor: CFWC Sierra Cahuenga District Guardians: Jane & Fred Stann



Rowdy & Dave Stoddard Sacramento Metro Fire Certification: December 2009 Rescued by: Eileen Endres – Calaveras County Humane Society Donated by: Margaret Blair – Twin Cedar K9 Guardians: Steve & Jean Kesselring, David McKean



Sandy & Dave Ramsey South San Francisco Fire Re-Certification: May 2009 Donated by: Bicky Townsend & Ben Caldwell Sponsors: Jeff Pepper – Stella & Arthur Pepper Foundation, CFWC Glenview Alameda District Guardian: Marilyn Starr



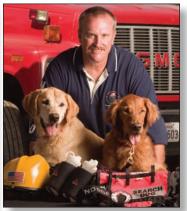
Speaker & Tim Robertson Sacramento City Fire Certification: December 2009 Donated by: Pluis Davern, Kate Davern Prep Home: Ben & Wendy Larner Sponsors: Job's Daughters of CA, Weber Shandwick, Jeff Pepper – Stella & Arthur Pepper Foundation Guardian: Natalie Stewart



Splash & Daisy Soto-Spira City of Miami Fire & Rescue Re-Certification: March 2009 Donated by: Carolyn Tremer – Flatirons Kennel Club Prep Home: Sue and Wayne Andrew Sponsors: Anson Nichols, Jeff Cohen – Indemnity Insurance Group Guardians: Lois Carnahan, Jude Fiebert



Spuds & Rick Bartlett Orange County Fire Certification: May 2009 Rescued by: Kim Thompson – Butte Humane Society Guardians: Sarah & Jim Berkhe – Canine Companions for Independence



Val & Marc Valentine Montebello Fire Re-Certification: February 2009 Donated by: Canine Companions for Independence Sponsor: Julie Brandau Community Service Memorial Project



Wylie & Doug Van Iwaarden Orange County Fire Certification: February 2009 Donated by: Kellee Matthews Guardian: Beatrice King

## A Home for America's Search Teams Our Gift to the Nation

The NTC is a **"must do"** project that calls upon the **"can do"** spirit of America: mobilizing the resources, talents, and energy of the private and nonprofit sectors to bring a life-saving gift to the nation—at no cost to taxpayers.

SDF is addressing this critical gap in America's emergency response network by building a **National Training Center (NTC)** where rescued dogs will become rescuers, new Search Teams will be trained, and existing Search Teams will receive the advanced deployment training they need to face the most demanding rescue operations.

The NTC will be the only facility in the U.S. dedicated to the training of Canine Disaster Search Teams. Built on a **125-acre historic ranch site** in the foothills of Santa Paula, CA (90 minutes north of Los Angeles), the Center will feature unique advanced search scenarios that simulate the conditions encountered during actual deployments, including deep victim searches, collapsed structures, mudslides, and large-area searches.

The NTC will assist the nation's disaster response capabilities and the Fire Service community by:

- Recruiting more canines and firefighters each year and offering the highest standards of Canine Care and Search Team training
- Giving America's Search Teams the opportunity to train uninterrupted at their own "home" without having to constantly seek new rubble piles for training
- Consolidating program functions and resources into one centralized facility, enabling Search Teams to take advantage of all SDF services at one location



Wheeler Canyon - Santa Paula, CA - Site of the future NTC Target opening date: 9/11/11

## **Progress as Promised**

The NTC site plan has been completed and the Conditional Use Permit application has been filed with Ventura County. We have found a new, plentiful water source, which is required to open the Center, and we are currently researching affordable, efficient water treatment options. Older, unsafe buildings have been demolished, their vintage lumber and hardware preserved for future use. We're pleased to be working with County officials in helping them meet their requirements regarding project review and site specifications as we move forward into the permitting process.

## Targeted Opening Date: September 11, 2011

Our goal is to open the NTC on September 11, 2011: ten years to

the day after the 9/11 disaster. It was then that America began to understand the life-saving role played by Canine Disaster Search Teams. By opening the Center on that day, we are honoring those who perished in the disaster, and those who risked their lives to save others. In creating this Center, we are saying to the country and the world:

"We have not forgotten"



#### **Project Budget**

The NTC project budget is estimated at **\$10,500,000**. The funds will come exclusively from charitable gifts **(no government funding, and no cost to taxpayers)**. We have secured **\$3,600,000** to date, or 34% of the goal. All design and planning costs have already been fully underwritten by existing gifts and pledges.

\$4,000,000	To build Outdoor Disaster Training Zone and viewing areas, the Canine Pavilion, and the Handlers Lodge with infrastructure
\$3,000,000	To reconstruct the historical Barnplex, build a Search Team Showground, and renovate existing houses with infrastructure
\$2,500,000	Maintenance and depreciation endowment
\$500,000	Land note payment
\$500,000	Campaign costs
\$10,500,000	TOTAL

"Our selection of the Search Dog Foundation to receive this challenge grant is based in our belief that there is nothing more basic for a community than to have the resources needed to respond to emergencies. Our community and state are prone to natural disasters, and the Search Dog Foundation Teams directly strengthen the emergency response network."

> Noelle Claeyssens Burkey President, Wood-Claeyssens Foundation

"Where else in the U.S. does a facility like this exist? Nowhere! We're confident that there are people in this country who, once they understand what we intend to do here, and our ability to succeed at doing it, will be pleased to lend a helping hand financially. They will love to come to this site and see it developed. They will enjoy seeing their name on a building, a training site, or a peaceful overlook. We look forward to meeting the folks who will leap in and lend a hand to give the Search Teams a home."

> SDF Founder, Wilma Melville and SDF Executive Director, Debra Tosch

## FUTURE HOME OF AMERICA'S CANINE SEARCH TEAMS



## Mars Wisdom Panel Breed Testing Helps Rescued Dogs Become Rescuers

# The Mysterious Case of Hayden: Problem Pit Bull or Righteous Retriever?

When SDF's Canine Recruiters walk through animal shelters, they're looking for Labs, Goldens, Border Collies (or a mix of these breeds) with the boldness, drive, and agility required for disaster search. If we suspect any Pit Bull in a dog, we go no further in our evaluation, as many Fire Departments won't accept these dogs as part of their rescue team.

When Hayden was discovered at Woods Humane Society in San Luis Obispo, CA, we were all taken with his extreme drive and outgoing personality. Something about his appearance made us think he might have some Pit Bull in him, but the more we looked at him, the more we felt there was enough Lab to override any other breed. We accepted him into our training program, and his first 30 days went beautifully.

But Hayden was slated for placement with a firefighter whose department doesn't accept dogs with any Pit Bull in them. This compelled us to seek a definitive test of his breed. Fortunately, SDF partnered with Mars Veterinary<sup>™</sup> in 2009 as part of their Wisdom Panel project. This gives dog owners a chance to find out about their pets' breed history. The information helps explain certain behaviors and enables owners to address health issues before they become a problem.

We turned to the Wisdom Panel to solve the Hayden mystery. A blood sample was drawn and the results were back in three weeks. We were astonished with the findings: Chesapeake Bay Retriever and Curly Coat Retriever—breeds that are perfect for Search and Rescue!

Hayden completed training and is THRIVING as the partner of Bret Patterson, paramedic at Cook Children's Medical Center. We have Mars and the Wisdom Panel to thank for solving the mystery, saving this dog, giving Bret this awesome companion, and bringing a precious resource to Texas.



SDF never uses a product unless we feel it offers real benefit to our Search Teams. Thanks to the generosity of Mars Veterinary, the Wisdom Panel protocol is now being offered at no charge to SDF Handlers and Lifetime Care families. Ultimately it will help us uncover the genetic signature of what makes a "top Search Dog" so we can be sure the rescued dogs we recruit truly have what it takes to be Part of the Search.

Bret & Hayden Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

Mars Veterinary<sup>™</sup>, a division of MARS<sup>®</sup> Incorporated (a world leader in pet care), launched the Wisdom Panel<sup>™</sup> MX Mixed Breed Analysis in 2007. The Wisdom Panel is the only test of this type being offered exclusively through veterinarians. It is one of the most comprehensive DNA-based mixed breed tests and can detect over 130 breeds present in mixed-breed dogs. SDF will use this technology to find future Search Dogs to serve the nation.

We are grateful to: Dr. Neale Fretwell, Mars Veterinary Chief Geneticist; Michael Price, Mars Veterinary General Manager; and Frank Mars, Mars Symbioscience President, for their belief in SDF's mission of service to the nation.

For more info, visit www.WisdomPanel.com.

## Labs & Friends Rescue

*by Aubree Valentino, President of Labs and Friends Dog Rescue Group - San Diego, CA* 

In the summer of 2009, Labradors and Friends heard about a petite female Black Lab called "Sunshine" at an L.A. animal shelter. This lovely girl had been returned by another rescue for being "crazy." She had been with a foster family but had no manners, jumped all over the furniture



*Tigger pauses with ease on the "Wobbly Monster"* Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

and was so high-energy the rescue felt she was unadoptable. After six weeks of trying to train her, the rescue returned her to the shelter.

When Labradors and Friends evaluated Sunshine, they saw a sparkle in her eye and felt that she was not a bad dog...she just needed a job! They contacted SDF, and in no time Sunshine had passed her evaluation and began training at Sundowners. She was renamed "Tigger" for her extraordinary jumping abilities. Today, Tigger is nearing graduation and has a promising future ahead.



George's first day on rubble

Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

After watching Sunshine's evaluation, Labradors and Friends was more familiar with the traits SDF was looking for, and within a few months of Tigger's placement found two more potential Search Dogs: George, a gorgeous young Black Lab, and Juno, a beautiful Yellow Lab. Both have high toy drive, incredible agility and enough energy to wear out all of our volunteers. George is well on his way to becoming a Search Dog.

Juno didn't quite have the focus required, but is soon to enjoy a wonderful life with a Lifetime Care family.

All three dogs were in danger of being euthanized at the shelter. Now two will become Search Dogs, and one will enjoy a happy, secure life as a pet. We are proud to partner with the Search Dog Foundation, and help give these rescued dogs a wonderful new life!



Juno - Lifetime Care Candidate Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

#### **2009 CANINE RESCUE PARTNERS**

Agoura Hills Animal Shelter – Agoura Hills, CA Calaveras County Animal Shelter – San Andreas, CA California Arkansas Retriever Rescue Efforts – Willits, CA California Narcotic Canine Association – Santa Ynez, CA Castaic Animal Shelter – Castaic, CA Central California SPCA – Fresno, CA Contra Costa County Shelter – Martinez, CA Downtown Dog Rescue – Riverside, CA East Bay SPCA - Oakland, CA East County Animal Shelter – Dublin, CA East Valley Animal Shelter – Van Nuys, CA El Dorado County Animal Control – Placerville, CA Eugene Animal Shelter – Eugene, OR Flat Coat Retriever Rescue – Simi Valley, CA German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California -Cupertino, CA Gifted Animal Placement – Haslet, TX Guide Dogs for the Blind – San Rafael, CA Guide Dogs of America – Sylmar, CA Haven Humane Society – Redding, CA Hollister Animal Shelter – Hollister, CA Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue – Elverta, CA Humboldt County Animal Shelter – McKinleyville, CA Idaho Humane Society – Boise, ID Irvine Animal Shelter – Irvine, CA Kern County Animal Control – Bakersfield, CA Labradors and Friends – San Diego, CA Labs and Buddies - Los Angeles, CA Lane County Animal Services - Eugene, OR Lied Animal Shelter - Las Vegas, NV

Los Banos Animal Shelter – Los Banos, CA McPaws Regional Animal Rescue – McCall, JD Merced County Animal Control – Atwater, CA Monterey County Shelter – Salinas, CA NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue – Lodi, CA Oaland Animal Services – Oakland, CA Orange County Animal Shelter – Orange, CA Placer County SPCA – Roseville, CA Pro Active Canines – Hilmar, CA Riverside Animal Shelter – Riverside, CA Sacramento City Shelter – Sacramento, CA Salinas Animal Shelter – Salinas, CA San Jose City Shelter – San Jose, CA San Luis Obispo Shelter – San Luis Obispo, CA Santa Barbara County Animal Services –

Santa Barbara & Santa Maria, CA Santa Cruz Animal Services – Watsonville, CA Sequoia Humane Society – Eureka, CA South Bay Pure Bred Rescue – San Jose, CA Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue – Los Angeles, CA

Southern California Labrador Retriever Rescue – Palmdale, CA

Stanislaus Shelter – Modesto, CA Stockton Animal Shelter – Stockton, CA Sutter Butte Canine Rescue – Gridley, CA Tehama County Shelter – Red Bluff, CA Ventura County Animal Control – Camarillo, CA West Valley Shelter – Chatsworth, CA Yolo County Animal Control – Woodland, CA

#### **SDF's Lifetime Care Program**

Despite our best efforts, occasionally the dogs we recruit are not able to complete our training program. Some dogs who display tremendous drive at the shelter lose that critical "edge" in new surroundings. Some recruited dogs cannot be admitted to the program due to hip dysplasia or early signs of arthritis revealed in a screening X-ray. Sometimes, after several months of training, dogs begin to exhibit a previously undetected behavior that makes them unsuitable for disaster search, such as aggression toward other dogs, lack of focus, or dislike for working on rubble. Sometimes the dogs are just so happy to finally be part of a loving family, they simply lose their intense desire to search.

In all of these cases, SDF finds the dog a permanent, loving home with a Lifetime Care family. We stay in touch with the new family to make sure the dog is getting the best possible care, and we continue to act as the dog's advocate throughout his or her lifetime.



## Yolo

This gangly Yellow Lab was just five months old when Haven Humane Society noticed his intense toy-drive and contacted SDF. Because he was so young, before starting formal training, Yolo spent several months in a Prep Home where he could build his drive and learn to climb all types of surfaces. At ten months, it was clear Yolo was ready to learn to search with the "big boys" at our training kennel in Gilroy, CA. Unfortunately, after about three months his desire for the toy decreased and he began to "step out" of the game.

Happily, there were some very special folks waiting to adopt Yolo: the family of



Photo: Loree Hirschman

SDF Founder Wilma Melville's son, Dave. Yolo now helps Wilma's granddaughter, Kara, with her homework and enjoys every minute of their playtime, especially in the winter snows of Maryland. Says Wilma, Yolo's proud new Grandma:



"The dog is a delight—a highly regarded family member that greets humans and dogs with a wagging tail, travels like a gentleman in the car and is ready to play at every opportunity!"

## **Career Change "Chewy"**

Many dogs that don't have what it takes to be Search Dogs are perfect for other types of work: drug/explosives detection, customs search, or wilderness search and rescue.

One of our "career change" canines is a beautiful Golden Retriever named Lewie. NORCAL Golden Retriever Rescue (NGRR) took Lewie in when his family lost their home. He was placed in a foster home, where his insatiable play-drive was too much for the family. NGRR set up several adoption meetings, each with the same result: "Too much energy for us!"

It was clear that Lewie needed a JOB. NGRR contacted SDF to evaluate him, and Lewie—renamed "Chewy"—was off to Sundowners Kennels to be trained as a Search Dog. Unfortunately, his intense drive led to anti-social behavior with other dogs, and Chewy had to be dropped from the program. SDF arranged for a canine detection agency to evaluate Chewy, and they loved him! They tried him in many jobs, but his naughty behavior continued to cause problems. Then they tried one more line of work...

Hotels and nursing homes constantly battle bed bug infestations. A dog's nose beats any technology for detecting bed bugs. It turns out that bed bug detection was Chewy's calling: a perfect, unique job for a very unique dog! Now Chewy travels the country, staying in fancy hotels to sniff out those nasty bed bugs. The next time you travel, rest assured that your room is free from those disturbing critters—thanks to dogs like Chewy!

## **2009 Lifetime Care Placements**

Al Capone Hakker Family
Albert Einstein William Clute
Axel Busa Family
Barney Rubble Career Change
CalvinLance Ueno
Chewy Career Change
Crash Rink Family
EddieLynn Loacker
Gabby Career Change
HollySmith Family
Kuto Career Change

Lukas Wright Family
Maddie Tsuchiya Family
Mike Belyea family
MiMiMondschein Family
Moxie Patricia Callender
Nick Davidson Family
Obie Career Change
RJElizarraz Family
TannerKnitowski Family
Wolfy Gutfreund Family
Yolo Hirschman Family

Kara's favorite study partner

#### **Search Dog Guardians**

You can make SDF's mission part of your personal legacy by including the Foundation in your estate plans. In 2009, we welcomed 14 new Estate Donors who have become the Guardian of a Search Dog.

#### **The Pet Promise**

People 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 offers a Pet Promise Program, which guarantees that your dogs and cats will receive lifetime care upon your passing.

To let us know you've included us in your estate plans, or to learn more about our Guardian or Pet Promise programs, contact Rhett Mauck at (888) 459-4376 x105 or Rhett@ndsdf.org

## **Mary Deweese - Paying It Forward**

Mary Deweese is the Guardian of Callie, partnered with Handler Scott Zins of the L.A. City Fire Department. She's fortunate to live near the team and is able to watch Callie and Scott train. What inspired Mary to become an Estate Donor?

"I had attended a talk given by SDF Handler Howard Orr just six months after his deployment to the September 11th disaster. Howard spoke about the experience

of searching the rubble, and I was so moved, I knew that if there was any way I could support SDF, that's what I was going to do! Dogs know how to 'pay it forward' in life. I'm happy to help SDF make this happen, now and in the future, through my estate gift."



Pet Promise Guardian Mary Deweese with Callie and her handler, Scott Zins

## SDF Guardian Carol Fenbers – Seeing Stella Search

Carol is an SDF Estate Donor from Kentucky and the Guardian of Stella, a beautiful Black Lab in San Diego. On a recent business trip there, she met Stella and Handler Matthew Kirk and watched them train on rubble with their Training Group.

"The dogs get very excited when they realize they're going to get to search. They know that once they find the person hidden from view, their reward will be a game of tug-toy with the 'victim.' Once they're given

the 'Search!' command, they quickly climb the pile, following the scent of the victim. Once they find the exact spot, they start barking to alert the handlers to the victim's location. What a magnificent group of animals! It warmed my heart to see the bond between the canines and their handlers."



*Matt & Stella* Photo: Karyn Newbill "Because of how SDF stays in touch, and your outstanding materials, you make a donor realize that they have made the right decision by adding SDF to their estate plans." – Janet Thornberry



"Barbara was one of the earliest Estate Donors to put her faith in SDF. From the beginning, Barbara's enthusiasm for SDF was in her heart and in her eyes whenever I spoke to her. She delighted in SDF's growth. Barbara cheerfully grew to 99 years of age and showed me how to do that with class."

SDF Founder Wilma Melville

Barbara Uniker

#### SDF Endowment Guardians (Our 2009 Guardians are noted in red)

Adele (Tequesta, FL) Anita & Thomas (Carpinteria, CA) - Maverick Anne (Houston, TX) Anonymous (Madison, WI) Anonymous (Melbourne, FL) Barbara (Crescent City, CA) Barbara & Bob (Crescent City, CA) - Recon Barbara & Michael (Essex, IA) - Ana & Sandi Barbara (Camarillo, CA) - Nino Barbara (Sacramento, CA) Beatrice (Houston, TX) - Wylie Betty (Ojai, CA) - Abby Carl (San Rafael, CA) Carol (Villa Hills, KY) - Stella Caryn (Pittsburgh, PA) - Lani ryl & George (Staten Island, NY) - Bonnie Christina (San Jose, CA) - Jeb Cindy & Jim (Dayton, OH) David (Eckert, CO) - Rowdy David (Willoughby, OH) Deanna (Phoenix, AZ) – Marc Delores (Fallbrook, CA) - Lilly-Belle Deresa (Simi Valley, CA) - Ranger Thousand Oaks, CA) - Annie Don & Jana (Derby, KS) - Hunter Donna & Bill (Bloomington, MN) Doreen (Danville, CA) - Zoey Doug & Patty (Rutherford, NJ) - Annie Ed & Ruthann (Oceanside, CA) - Brutus Edell (Okeechobee, FL) - Brutus Erling (Carmel, CA)

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Juanita (San Francisco, CA) - Trevor Jude (Las Cruces, NM) - Splash Judith (Dana Point, CA) Judy & Darrel (Moorpark, CA) - Dawson Judy (Ojai, CA) - Dawson Judy (Ojai, CA) - Joe June (Oxnard, CA) - Abby Karen (Ojai, CA) Kathleen (Newbury Park, CA) - Fletch Kathy (Los Angeles, CA) - Dawson Kay (Williamsport, PA) - Wally Kimberly & John (San Clemente, CA) - Jerry Leigh (Ójai, CA) Len (Urbanna, VA) - Ellie Lenora (Half Moon Bay, CA) Lerae (Bloomington, IN) - Salsa Lillian (Crowley Lake, CA) Lillian (San Luis Obispo, CA) - Comet Linda & Phillip (Lorain, OH) Linda (Bayshore, NY) - Jessie Linda (Goleta, CA) - Joe Linda (Lancaster, CA) - Hunter Linda (Newbury Park, CA) - Cappy Linda (Sun City, CA) - Ranger Lois (Ormond Beach, FL) - Splash Lori (Ojai, CA) - Andy Louise (Lompoc, CA) Lynn (Portland, OR) - Jakers Marilyn (Cambridge, KS) Marilyn (Sacramento, CA) - Sandy Martha (Remsen, NY) - Sandi Mary & Joel (Santa Barbara, CA) - Callie

Mary (Albuquerque, NM) - Salsa Mary (Carmel Valley, CA) - Comet Mary (Pasadena, C Mary Sue (Riverside, CA) - Hunter Mike & Lucille (Amador City, CA) - Annie Nancy (Bristow, VA) (Escondido, CA) - Bella Nancy Nancy (West Hills, CA) - Cadillac Natalie (Royal Oaks, CA) - Speaker Nelia (Newbury Park, CA) - Ace Nuelda & Russell (Austin, TX) - Cody Pam (Los Angeles, CA) - Cody Pamela (Sacramento, CA) Patricia (Sun City, CA) - Hattie Patricia (Ventura, CA) Robert (San Francisco, CA) Robert (Sparta, NJ) - Bonnie Rosemary (Ojai, CA) - Baron Ruth Ann & Frank (San Diego, CA) - Cody Ruthann (Ojai, CA) - Brutus Sandra (Wilbraham, MA) Sarah & Jim (Fremont, CA) - Spuds Sayde (Nashville, TN) Sharon (Sun City Center, FL) - Lilly-Belle Steve & Christine (Otto, NC) Steve & Jean (Monterey, CA) - Rowdy Sue (Pasadena, CA) - Aspen (Mount Olive Tina (North Easton, MA) - Tag Trudy (Santa Rosa Virginia (Cupertino, CA) - Rowdy Wilma (Santa Paula, CA)

In 2009, SDF welcomed 10 new Search Dog Sponsors. Each has contributed \$10,000 or more, over one or two years, and helped a rescued dog enter the ranks of the most highly trained Search Dogs in the nation.

#### SDF's Sponsors (Our 2009 Sponsors are noted in red)

#### Individuals

Ann (Concord, CA) - Major Ann, Paul, Erika, & Matthew (Somis, CA) - Icon Anson (New York, NY) - Splash Christa (Irving, TX) - Lani Danielle and Jason (Orlando, FL) - Trapper Danielle (St. Jean Chrysostome, QC) - Gypsy Diane (Carmel, CA) - Ellie Fran (Studio City, CA) - Hattie Geoffrey and Clair (La Cañada, CA) - Joe Gloria (Philadelphia, PA) - Lilly-Belle Ivy (Gurnee, IL) - Recon John (Fort Lauderdale, FL) - Lilly-Belle John and Betsy (Stuart, FL) - Lilly-Belle Joseph (Spartanburg, SC) - Huck Judith (Newport Beach, CA) Judy and Harry (Agoura Hills, CA) - Aspen Linda (Westlake Village, CA) - Baxter Lynn and Glenn (Santa Monica, CA) - Maverick Nancy (West Hills, CA) - Dawson Neil and Amy (Redwood City, CA) Nelia (Newbury Park, CA) - Ace & Trevor Otilia and Emma (Los Angeles, CA) - Stella Roberta (Seymour, CT) - Brutus Ryan (Charlotte, NC) - Bonnie Sue and Richard (Los Angeles, CA) - Callie Susan and John (La Verne, CA) - Bella

#### **Companies & Community Groups**

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## **California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC)**

SDF's partnership with CFWC began in 2006 when Ojai's Tierra Adorada Club met Search Dog Abby. They began spreading the word, and before long SDF began receiving donations from clubs throughout California. In 2009, SDF was selected by the General Federation of Women's Clubs based in Washington, DC. Founded in 1890, these clubs continue to be a unifying force for women making positive changes in our



Moorpark Sponsored team, Deresa & Ranger Photo: Fred Stann

world, and we are grateful to every member for being Part of the Search!

#### **Glenview Alameda Women's Club**

"In 2009, we sponsored our local team, Sandy & Dave Ramsey. We're always amazed at the vital role Search Dogs play in rescue efforts during disasters, big or small." Elizabeth Koppenhaver, President

#### Sierra Cahuenga District

"The Sierra Cahuenga District Women's Club is the proud sponsor of two SDF Search Teams: Ron Horetski & Pearl and Jim Boggeri & Nino. It gives our organization such joy to know we were able to help them serve the nation." Carol Hillman, Past-President

#### Westlake Women's Club

"Our Club realized the huge need to support SDF after 9/11. The demand for these amazing dogs compelled us to find a way to contribute. We were so excited the day our club sponsored Joe & Linda Tacconelli." Linda Schottel, 2009 Summer Wine Down Co-Chair

#### **Moorpark Women's Fortnightly Club**

"Now, more than ever, we are motivated to make a difference by supporting organizations like SDF. Our members are filled with pride knowing that our hard work enabled us to sponsor Ranger & Deresa. We're well on our way to our second sponsorship!" Carol Sanders, President

## **America's Court Reporters**

In March of 2005, 43-year-old Court Reporter Julie Ann Brandau was slain during a violent rampage in a downtown Atlanta courtroom. Deeply saddened by the tragic loss of their colleague, and knowing that Julie Ann was a devoted dog lover, Court Reporter Jan Lopez and her colleagues decided to honor her memory by raising money to support the Search Dog Foundation. In 2005, the Julie Brandau Community Service Memorial Project was launched with the goal of raising \$10,000 to sponsor a Canine Search Team in Julie's memory.

The project continues to blossom. As of January 2010, the group has raised over \$43,000, and is the proud sponsor of four SDF canine search teams: Marc Valentine & Val (Montebello Fire), Su Vodrazka & Hero (L.A. Sheriff's Dept.), Bruce Hale & Jerry (Orange County Fire), and a fourth team soon to be announced.



We congratulate the Court Reporting community on their continued success. Their dedication and passion for keeping a colleague's memory alive is truly inspiring!

Sponsored teams, Bruce Hale & Jerry, Su Vodrazka & Hero

## **Employees Community Fund of Boeing CA**



L to R: Gary Durian, Jim Campbell, Baxter, Carrie Bollwinkle, SDF's Clare Bland Photo: Ross Mishima

In 2004, Jim Campbell, an Electrician with the Boeing Company, nominated SDF to receive funding from the Employees Community Fund (ECF) of Boeing California. The fund has supported SDF each year since then, and is powered by gifts from Boeing employees made through payroll deductions.

After a recent visit from SDF Handler Gary Durian & his partner Baxter, ECF's Executive Director Carrie Bollwinkle shared, "When the earthquake struck Haiti, we hoped 'our' teams would be there helping find survivors. Then we saw them on TV searching the rubble! Boeing employees who contribute to ECF are so proud to be Part of the Search."

## Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians



L to R: David Dominguez, Gary Pace, Tribal Chairman Vincent Armenta, Kenneth Kahn, and Richard Gomez

In 2009, SDF brought a new Search Canine to Santa Barbara County Fire Department, partnering Riley with Firefighter-Paramedic Eric Gray. Learning of this, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians extended *'amuyich*—their spirit of generosity—in grant support for Eric & Riley's training.

Tribal Chairman Vincent Armenta explains, "As the first residents of the Santa Ynez Valley, we believe that our role in this community is to be a good neighbor. This Search Team will bring comfort and hope when disaster strikes, so we are proud to help bring this life-saving resource to our neighbors in the local community, and beyond."

## **SDF's Foundation Partners**

Through their generous grant support in 2009, SDF is honored to help fulfill the philanthropic missions of the following foundations. We deeply appreciate our foundation partners' belief in our lifesaving mission.

The Lisa & Steve Altman Family Foundation - La Jolla, CA The AmaDeus Foundation - Crescent City, CA Anastasia Charitable Foundation - Portola Valley, CA Armstrong Foundation - Lancaster, PA Anne Wakefield Atkinson Philanthropic Fund - Hayward, CA B & B Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA The Baird Foundation - Buffalo, NY Evalyn M. Bauer Foundation - Long Beach, CA S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation - San Francisco, CA Charles Bloom Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA Employees Community Fund of Boeing California - Long Beach, CA Helen Brach Foundation - Chicago, IL Dr. Bronner's Family Foundation - Escondido, CA Lewis Brounell Charitable Trust - Bernardsville, NJ The John and Barbara Byrne Charitable Fund - North Wales, PA Patricia Duque Byrne Charitable Foundation - Pasadena, CA The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation - Los Angeles, CA Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians - Santa Ynez, CA Bill & Jackie Clark Memorial Foundation - North Bonneville, WA Lori Cope Fund - Manvel, TX Constans Culver Foundation - Brooklyn, NY The Dardin Fund - San Diego, CA **DEW Foundation - Reno, NV** Disney VoluntEARS Community Fund - Los Angeles, CA The Drueding Foundation - New York, NY Evans-Cockerline Foundation - Branford, CT Fifth Age of Man Foundation - Austin, TX The Mary Alice Fortin Foundation - Palm Beach, FL Frog Crossing Foundation, Inc. - North Caldwell, NJ Christen C. & Ben H. Garrett Family Foundation - San Marino, CA E.L. and Thelma Gaylord Foundation - Oklahoma City, OK Giant Steps Foundation - Boston, MA The Grainger Foundation - Lake Forest, IL William H. Hannon Foundation - Santa Monica, CA Harris Foundation - Oklahoma City, OK The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation - Reno, NV William R. and Virginia Hayden Foundation - San Gabriel, CA Hueston Foundation - Cary, NC Hurlbut-Johnson Charitable Trusts - Malibu, CA Rex and Nelle Jackson Foundation - Peoria, IL The Ethel & W. George Kennedy Family Foundation - Coral Gables, FL Kirkpatrick Foundation - Oklahoma City, OK Harry Kramer Memorial Fund - Miami, FL Lakeside Foundation - Lafayette, CA Laural Foundation - San Francisco, CA The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation - Los Angeles, CA Brad Lemons Foundation - Los Angeles, CA The Lillis Foundation - Castle Rock, CO The Lincy Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA The J.M. Long Foundation - Walnut Creek, CA

Bert W. Martin Foundation - Orlando, FL Mathewson Charitable Lead Trust Three - Reno, NV Matthews Family Foundation - Springville, AL MBD Foundation - San Francisco, CA The Harold McAlister Charitable Foundation - Beverly Hills, CA Roger and Nancy McCabe Foundation - Wayzata, MN The McDaniel Family Foundation - Huntington Beach, CA Marjorie & Richard McGahren Foundation - Naples, FL The McGrath Family Foundation - San Diego, CA Alan & Sally McLean Family Fund - Oaks, PA The Neel Foundation - Croton On Hudson, NY Newman's Own Foundation - Westport, CT Nierman Foundation - La Jolla, CA Laura J. Niles Foundation, Inc. - Greenwich, CT The J. Robert Nonemaker Foundation - Collegeville, PA The Gerald Oppenheimer Family Fund - Los Angeles, CA Peaceful Warrior Fund - Novato, CA Stella & Arthur Pepper Foundation - Salinas, CA Perri Family Fund - Jenkintown, PA PETCO Foundation - San Diego, CA Margaret Thiele Petti Foundation - Beaverton, OR Philanthropic Ventures Foundation - Oakland, CA Ramsay Family Foundation - San Francisco, CA The Redducs Foundation - San Diego, CA Garland and Brenda Reiter Family Foundation - Salinas, CA Donald A. Rhoades Family Foundation - Placerville, CA The Riehm Family Foundation, Inc. - Tucson, AZ Rohauer Collection Foundation, Inc. - Harrison, NY **Russell Family Foundation - Lake Forest, CA** SahanDaywi Foundation - Riverside, CA Grace Ford Salvatori Foundation - Los Angeles, CA Scaife Family Foundation - West Palm Beach, FL Dr. Scholl Foundation - Northbrook, IL Schwab Charitable Fund - San Francisco, CA Ellen Browning Scripps Foundation - La Jolla, CA Shenandoah Foundation - San Francisco, CA The Shilling Family Foundation - San Francisco, CA Gerald B. Shreiber Foundation - Pennsauken, NJ Starlight Foundation - Coconut Creek, FL Sidney Stern Memorial Trust - Stamford, CT S. Mark Taper Foundation - Los Angeles, CA Peter & Joyce Uddo Family Foundation - Fort Myers, FL Uvas Foundation - Lafayette, CA vanKerkhoven Family Fund - Schofield, WI Vital Spark Foundation, Inc. - Pebble Beach, CA Bruce and Marilyn Wallace Foundation - Woodland Hills, CA The Weiler Foundation - Palm Beach, FL Weist Foundation - Naperville, IL Toby Wells Foundation - Poway, CA Williams-Corbett Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA D. Wilsey Properties Company - San Francisco, CA Wilshire Charitable Foundation - Oklahoma City, OK The Wood-Claeyssens Foundation - Santa Barbara, CA

## **Kirkpatrick Foundation**



Jason Smith & Jagger - Oklahoma City Fire Department Photo: Sharon Hanzelka

Wilma Melville's deployment to the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 was the event that led to the founding of the Search Dog Foundation. Last fall, Paulette Black, Program Officer with the Oklahoma-based Kirkpatrick Foundation, saw the Search Teams in training.

"Watching the Search Dogs and their Handlers was truly amazing. I kept thinking about my own family and friends and the worse-case scenario. In disaster situations, I'd definitely want these trained search and rescue teams working the scene. They are an essential asset for our city and state. I felt privileged getting to see them in action."

KIRKPATRICK FOUNDATION, INC.

## **PETCO Foundation**



Hattie negotiates the balance beam during a demo at PETCO Park Photo: Karyn Newbill

Four new San Diego area Search Teams were partnered in 2009, funded in part by a generous grant from the PETCO Foundation. Since 1999, the PETCO Foundation has served as a voice for companion animals across the country.

Paul Jolly, Executive Director of the PETCO Foundation, explained, "SDF recruits their future search canines from shelters and breed rescue groups, giving these wonderful animals a well-deserved 'new leash on life.' We're delighted to partner with SDF to make a world of change in the lives of pets."

The San Diego Search Teams thanked their local supporters at an agility skills demonstration last fall. Here, veteran Search Dog Hattie shows the new recruits how it's done.

#### **Community Support**

Each year SDF is honored to receive donations from Community Groups throughout the country whose creative fundraising projects bring support to the Search Teams. Our 2009 community partners include:

#### **COMMUNITY GROUPS** Anna Beck Antiques

BTS **California Women for Agriculture** Cars 4 Causes Channel City Kennel Club, Inc. Chatsworth Chapter N.S. DAR Community Health Charities of California Cypress College Bursars Office **Del Monte Forest Property Owners Evergreen** Design Friends of Long Beach Firefighters Julie Brandau Memorial Project Just Give Kasmar, Zanglis & Associates **Middlebury** Animal Clinic Natural Resources Defense Council Naval Base Ventura County, Chaplain Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club, Inc. Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club Ojai Valley Community Bank Pebble Beach Riding and Trails Association Port Hueneme Animal Hospital Roots and Shoots of Oiai Valley Rotary Club of Simi Sunset San Joaquin Kennel Club Santa Maria Kennel Club Tio Gringos, Inc. (Macky's Bayside Bar & Grill) U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1938 Valley Agility Sports Team (V.A.S.T.) Veterinary Specialty Center The Villa at Ojai Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign West Los Angeles Obedience Training Club Inc. White River Golden Retriever Club

Women's Fellowship First Congregational Church Zee Medical Service #34

#### **SCHOOLS**

Bell Gardens Intermediate School Bennett's Mill Middle School Brooklyn College Academy Fort Settlement Middle School Jackson Heights Middle School LA Lutheran High School Matilija Junior High School - M.A.D. Club MSU School of Music Ojai Valley School Selvidge Middle School Sinclair Community College South Orangetown Middle School Taylor School District Topa Topa Elementary School

#### **CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF**

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#### **Company Matching Gifts**

#### Many SDF supporters boosted their giving power through matching gifts from their employers in 2009:

#### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

- Allstate Giving Campaign Virginia Norfolk, VA Altria Employee Involvement Programs -Princeton, NJ Amgen Foundation Matching Gifts and Staff Volunteer Programs - Princeton, NJ Baird Foundation, Inc - Milwaukee, WI Bank of America Matching Gifts - Charlotte, NC **BP** Foundation, Inc - Houston, TX Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation - Los Angeles, CA Clorox Company Employee Giving Campaign -Princeton, NJ Community Health Charities of Nebraska -Omaha, NE Edison Employee Contributions Campaign -Princeton, NJ Employee's Community Fund of Boeing -Gift Match - Chicago, IL FM Global Foundation - Johnston, RI Gartner - Stuart, FL **GE Foundation - Fairfield, CT** Global Impact - Alexandria, VA Houghton Mifflin Matching Gift Program -Princeton, NJ IBM Employee Services Center - Endicott, NY
- Illinois Tool Works Foundation Glenview, IL JP Morgan Chase Foundations Matching Gifts -
  - Princeton, NJ Kaiser Permanente Community Giving Campaign - Princeton, NJ

Kraft Foods Matching Gifts - Princeton, NJ MasterCard Worldwide - Princeton, NJ Merck Partnership For Giving - Princeton, NJ Microsoft Matching Gifts Program - Princeton, NJ National Football League - New York, NY Nestle - Stuart, FL

- Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Princeton, NJ PG & E - Campaign for the Community -Princeton, NJ
- Prudential Foundation Matching Gifts -Princeton, NJ

Raytheon Charitable Giving - Princeton, NJ Regence Employee Giving Campaign Princeton, NJ

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Princeton, NJ Sapient Corporation - Boston, MA UBS Matching Gift Program - Stamford, CT United Way of Greater Los Angeles Wellpoint Associate Giving Campaign -

Princeton, NJ

## **Workplace Giving**

Federal Employees: In 1961, President Kennedy created the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), a workplace giving program for U.S. Government employees. Since then, civilian and military personnel have contributed billions to charity through the CFC. The Search Dog Foundation is grateful to be accepted as one of the agencies listed as "NDSDF" under "Animal Charities."

State Employees: Thanks to legislation that created the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) in 1993, employees of state agencies, junior and community colleges, and universities enjoy the benefit of giving to many of their favorite charities through an annual workplace giving campaign which features the convenience of payroll deduction.

Employees of the following states can donate through their workplace giving campaigns: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington.

For more information on workplace giving, contact Rhett Mauck, Development Manager: (888) 459-4376 x 105 or Rhett@ndsdf.org.

"Being an SDF supporter through the Combined Federal Campaign is a wonderful way to contribute to a cause that everyone should consider. You never know when something will happen to a close friend, family member or a co-worker you personally know that could be in a disaster.



SDF Search Team Tom Carney & Gypsy with Department of Justice staff

"Special thanks go out to these wonderful teams like Tom Carney and his Search Dog Gypsy. I feel very confident that the contribution I have given will be used to train these dogs to their best ability. We are very lucky to have animals that can save our lives!"

Orlynn Perez, Western Laboratory – Dept. of Justice, San Francisco

#### **CFC Outreach**

#### Our thanks to these enthusiastic supporters who helped spread the word about SDF in 2009:

Bernard Curran - ITT Program Manager: NSA-PHILA (Philadelphia, PA) Brian Kriger - (Medical Lake, WA) Caroline Mazzara DAngelo - Greater Los Angeles Area CFC Darrell Poplock - US Congress (Washington, DC) Diana Smith - Greater New Orleans Area CFC Janet Schlosser - CFC of the National Capital Area (Silver Spring, MD) Jay Ahuja - US Dept of Treasury (Washington, DC) Leslie Whiting - USAF (San Angelo, TX) Mara Booth-Miller - Virginia Peninsula CFC (Gloucester, VA) Sandra Dunn - CFC of the Mid South (Memphis, TN) Taylor Eggleston - USCG Air Station (Opa-Locka, FL) Renee Hatcher - China Lake AFB (Ridgecrest, CA) Santa Jones - Tinker Air Force Base - Dept. of Defense (Oklahoma City, OK) Steven Niezgorski - (Danbury, CT) Orlynn Perez - Western Laboratory, Dept. of Justice, (San Francisco, CA) Susan Walker - China Lake AFB (China Lake, CA) Sandra Wicker, IT-D - Army & Air Force Exchange Service (Dallas, TX) Amanda Wynne - Virginia Peninsula CFC (Portsmouth, VA)

## Aimee Quemuel – Media Volunteer

*By High School Student & SDF Volunteer Dorian Edwards – Oxnard, CA* 

In 2009 a new SDF volunteer stepped forward to help us with media outreach. Aimee is a professional PR and media consultant who generously offered her time and talent to help arrange coverage of our new San Diego and Texas teams. Says Aimee:

"The first time I saw SDF in action, I was

impressed by their fervor. It's a wellorganized group that gets things done. Their mission is so powerful, and what the dogs do is incredible."

Aimee recently launched www.fightdogcancer.com, a social networking site for people whose dogs are struggling with cancer. Proceeds of her *42 Rules to Fight Dog Cancer* go to organizations supporting dogs with the disease.

## **Haiti Volunteers**

As soon as our handlers were deployed to the Haiti earthquake, SDF's local volunteers sprang into action. They answered phones, kept the office going, and made over **1,000** Thank You calls.



**Shirley Ramgren** *"We all watched what was going on in Haiti, and it was so heartwarming to share the experience of seeing our teams helping in the rescue efforts."* 

**Jo Stalder** *"It felt good knowing that I could be contributing to the Haiti rescue efforts from afar. I especially enjoyed hearing firsthand news from our teams who were deployed. Just being a tiny part of the effort was very gratifying."* 

**Judy Mize** "While helping out during Haiti we would hear from handlers phoning in their deployment reports. I was so proud and excited to be part of a foundation that could help the teams perform these miracles."

**Jennifer Ware** "Being here during the Haiti deployment was an unforgettable experience. When we learned that Hunter had found three girls trapped under a building, we all welled up with tears. I felt so proud to be part of such an extraordinary organization."

#### Thank You Callers

Lisa Blumenstein Roberta Hendry Jamie Kitz Nelia Morgan Patricia O'Lear

#### **Photographers**

Mary Arango Eliot Crowley Sharon Hanzelka Karyn Newbill Troy Overman Tony Panzica Holly Roberts

#### Office Assistance in Ojai, CA

Juliana Adelman Sharon Bacon Laura Benard Barbara Bickmore Andrew Bonsignori Carole Chadick Marci Chadick Ron & Ila Chegwidden Sienna Courter Joanne Cunha Randy Dailey Penni DeFossez Merilee Eaton Karen & Kyle Fay Jesse Garrett Peggy Katsuda Katarina Matesevac

#### Ivan Matesevac Ginnie McGovern Sharon McMillan Judy Mize Karyn Newbill

Karyn Newbill Pam Rabidoux Shirley Ramgren Pattie Ridenour Holly Roberts Marie Schembri Jo Stalder Kaitlynn Stuart Nick Stuart Katy Taylor Connie Thanos Jackie Thomas Jennifer Ware Jeff Chavez Susan Claar Carla Coccia Barbara Deal Christopher Eaton **Renee Hatcher** Jacquelyn Kious **Regina Leeds** Jan Lopez Kim McGuigan Diane Myers Sue Officer Aimee Ouemuel Lvdia Reineck Norma Spencer Ivette Vasquez

2009 SDF Volunteers

Amber Byrne

Terri Chapman

Special Projects

#### Events

Elizabeth Abbet Stacev Avub **Richard Chapleau** Sue Crespo **Courtney Cromartie** Gail Cullins Ed Diamond Sam Eaton Ken Estes Gabby Flores Lisbet Frey Debra Geiger Misty Glenn Amelia Gutierrez Fric Hanover Nancy Hanover Kevin Hess

Molly Kelsey Jake Kessler Zack Kessler Andrew Koch Kevin Koch Sandy LaRosa Kellee Matthews Laura Ann McLaughlin Sean Mulford **Bill Murphy** Clay Phelps Judy Phelps Andrew Pineada Roxanne Rankin **Diane Reed** Sharon Reed

Dusty Isler

Nina Rubin **Ron Sanders** Justin Simangan John Slagboom **Cathie Swarts** Kathleen Swift Sheana Triana **Richard Van Horn Denise Viau** Debra Walters Jenna Wedemeyer Jeff Wenig Jill Wenig Caleb Yee **Courtney Young** Cory Zuber

## Hats Off to SDF's Chief Editor: Jeff Chavez

There's not an SDF article or news item that hasn't been carefully reviewed by SDF's Chief Volunteer Editor, Jeff Chavez. Thank you, Jeff, for your keen eye and unwavering dedication!

"I first learned of SDF from a radio ad a few years ago. They asked me to proofread an article, and the rest is history. I really enjoy it, knowing that whatever I do will result in more dogs getting rescued and more people getting found. I'm helping SDF present itself to the world—and that gets more people involved in the work. The small part I play helps make the big parts possible."

## **Photographers**

SDF's fabulous volunteer photographers travel long distances, climb rubble piles, get dusty and dirty and pelted with dog-kisses...all to bring the Search Dog story to life for our supporters. SDF is extremely grateful to this intrepid group for their time, talent, and dedication.

#### Eliot Crowley - Santa Barbara, CA Quest 2007 Cover Photo

*"I'm impressed with SDF's dedication to the animal and the animal's dedication to the task. A team's ability to work together and find survivors is testament to the human spirit. Photography is a talent I can use to help the search and* 





Sharon Hanzelka - Salinas, CA SDF Canine Trainer

"I love taking photos of the dogs and handlers. They

are amazing, these teams, and I am grateful for the

opportunity to capture their magic for others to see."

**Quest 2009 Cover Photo** 

thina to do."

"To know the dogs personally, from where they started to where they are in training, and to see what they will become, is what I hope to capture with each frame."

besides... I love dogs!

#### Karyn Newbill - Simi Valley, CA SDF Event Photographer

Tony Panzica - Thousand Oaks, CA

"I have always been passionate with my work and really

enjoy the opportunity to share my work with SDF. If

my work can help inspire others to get involved with

SDF and maybe donate, well it just seems like the right





# **NEWMAN'S OWN**<sup>®</sup> FOUNDATION

#### Joanne Woodward Newman & Newman's Own Foundation Inspire National Support

The deployment of SDF's teams in Haiti inspired an extraordinary \$50,000 gift from Joanne Woodward Newman, plus a matching \$50,000 gift from Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation established by the late Paul Newman. The combined **\$100,000** was used as a challenge to America to support the Search Teams.

As the teams combed through the ruins of Port-au-Prince, SDF reached out to our supporters to help meet the Challenge. The response was dramatic and heartwarming. Thanks to an outpouring of support, we received **\$205,954** from individuals, and **\$109,750** from foundations!

SDF is deeply honored by the confidence Ms. Woodward Newman and Newman's Own Foundation have shown in the work of the Search Teams, and in our mission.

And we are grateful to all the individuals, community groups, foundations and companies that rose to the challenge in support of the Haiti teams.

## The Mars Companies Committed to the Search



When Mars, Inc. heard that SDF teams were part of the Haiti rescue effort, they mounted an immediate response. Within a week, Mars Petcare U.S., Mars Canada, and Mars Caribbean & Central America responded in turn, pledging a total of \$70,000 in support of our teams.

"All of our associates at Mars, Inc. respect and value what your organization is doing to help our brothers in Haiti. Our company, Mars, Inc. and its businesses, made a commitment to support the significant efforts that Search Dog Foundation has carried out."

Olman Briceno, Corporate Affairs Manager, Mars Caribbean & Central America



L to R: SDF's Karen Klingberg & Brewster, Julia, Sara, Parent Kim, Tristan, Tyler, Keenan, SDF's Celeste Matesevac, Parent Carolyn, SDF Volunteer Karen Fay with Jilla-Roo

## Topa Topa School

When the Leadership Committee at Topa Topa Elementary School was looking for a way to help out in Haiti, they didn't have to go far. The school is only a mile away from SDF headquarters in Ojai, CA. Within two weeks, the children had collected and rolled enough change to make a \$600 donation. Our thanks to these inspired and inspiring students!



Haiti Search Teams

All seven SDF canines deployed to Haiti can attribute their strength and vitality to a steady diet of Nutro NATURAL CHOICE<sup>®</sup> food. In response to the heroic efforts of these dogs in Haiti, The Nutro Company donated \$50,000 in support of the teams, and matched all Nutro Company associate contributions, bringing their total contribution to \$56,315.

"The tragic images we saw in Haiti were interspersed with moments of hope when survivors were pulled from the wreckage. These dogs and their handlers worked tirelessly to save lives in the midst of this terrible disaster. We are honored to be able to support their mission."

David Ansell, President - The Nutro Company

Collectively, Mars, Inc. and The Nutro Company contributed over \$225,000 to meet the Challenge. Our deepest thanks to Dave Ansell, Devon Bird, Leslie Brams-Baker, Olman Briceno, Kent Cunningham, Carolyn Hanigan, Frank Mars, Patrick O'Sullivan.

# HealthyPets, Inc.

## A Longtime Friend Steps Up to the Challenge

Since 2002, HealthyPets, Inc. has been making charitable contributions to SDF, and highlighting us in product placements. In 2007, HPI partnered with SearchDogsUSA to launch Iron-



Dog Brand Joint Supplements, chewable tablets that support healthy joints in canines, made of all natural ingredients and manufactured in the USA. Fifty percent of all IronDog sales are donated to support SDF's teams.

Many of our Search Dogs use IronDog Brand supplements. If it's good enough for our Search Dogs, we hope you'll consider it for your own four-legged friends! (To purchase online, visit our store at www.SearchDogFoundation.org.)

HPI President, Dr. Manny Ghumann: "The earthquake in Haiti was tragic and devastating. We felt we needed to do our part by getting our company involved, and raising awareness through a phone drive. We are glad to support SDF, and appreciate the Search Teams for their heroism, hard work and dedication. We hope our contributions make a difference, and the IronDog Joint Supplements will assist the Search Dogs in their training and general health."

## **Planet Dog** Supporting Service Dogs

Maine-based Planet Dog Foundation (PDF) funds the training, placement and support of all types of service dogs. They knew the work of SDF's teams would be



critical in saving lives in Haiti, and engaged their community to help reach the Woodward/Newman's Own Challenge through a challenge grant of their own. They created a special fund through a local retail store and their donors who matched every donation, contributing a total of \$8,000 toward the challenge.

#### CANINE CORPORATE **CLUB**

## **Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.**

#### SDF's Partner in Canine Health

As the official osteo-arthritis medication of the Search Dog Foundation, METACAM® helps our hardworking canines get back to the search and enhances the quality of life for our retired dogs. Since 2004, our partnership with Metacam manufacturer Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI) means that SDF Search Teams receive the medication at no cost.

The company has also donated an extraordinary \$750,000 in support of SDF's mission of strengthening disaster response in America. A special thank you to BIVI's leadership and sales force, led by President George Heidgerken, Director of Sales & Marketing Matt Musselman, Senior Associate Director of Companion Animal Sales Steve Hoffman, and Senior Brand Manager Patrick Belsan. Thank you also to Margaret Logreira, who's work with BIVI over the past seven years has helped

ensure the success of this partnership. "Lola recently suffered a ligament injury

to one of her hind legs. Her vet recommended an intensive treatment regimen so she could return to duty. Metacam was part of the treatment, and I was very impressed by how quickly she responded. She's acting like a puppy again, not like the 6 and-a-half year-old veteran she really is!"

Handler Johnny Subia, Seaside Fire



Lynn Ann Casey, Lt. John Stewart & Lani at the second annual Roof Top fundraiser

## AT&T

While SDF focuses on the human side of disaster recovery, AT&T focuses on the technical aspects, quickly restoring communications to its customers. Since 2004, AT&T has provided generous financial support to SDF, and we have been honored to take part in their Network for Disaster Recovery events throughout the country. In 2009, our Search Teams proudly joined the company at these events:

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BIVI's sponsored team, Johnny Subia & Lola, with Dan Milla and Megan

CEO Lynn Ann Casey & Director Barb White:

#### "Arc Aspicio is a global management consulting company working with clients on homeland security, border management and law enforcement. In 2007 we were searching for a nonprofit whose mission would bring together our love for dogs and passion for the business of national security. We selected SDF, and have supported the organization ever since. Employees organize annual fundraising events and help with research and awareness building. In 2010 we raised over \$2,700 towards a Search Dog sponsorship. We love SDF and are excited by the impact our company can make!"

Arc Aspicio



Heidi Diner, Handler Linda D'Orsi, Rob Burkely, and Handler Steve Swaney pose with Cody and Icon -San Diego NDR event

Houston, TX (February)

Washington, DC (July) San Diego, CA (October)

Michele Vaughn & Comet and Jason Vasguez & Maverick Jim Boggeri & Recon and Michele Vaughn & Comet Linda D'Orsi & Cody and Steve Swaney & Icon



L to R: SDF's Debra Tosch, Y&R's Caleb Lubarsky. SDF's Margaret Logreira, Clare Bland, Handler Bill Monahan & Hunter, Y&R's Amanda Chin, Victoria Kaulback and Lee Aldridge



Search Dog Hunter pays a visit to the Print Media Team at GroupM, led by Managing Partner George Janson

## Young & Rubicam and GroupM Keeping SDF in the National Spotlight

In 2002, New York-based Young & Rubicam, a giant among advertising agencies, partnered with SDF to launch an awareness-raising campaign throughout the country. Their media-distribution firm GroupM (formerly mediaedge:cia) joined in to place the ads in print, radio and broadcast media on a strictly PRO-BONO basis. In 2009, the ads appeared 40 times (the equivalent of \$3 million in pro-bono advertising dollars), and reached an audience of 36 million. The outreach has inspired interest and involvement from individuals, estate donors, foundations and companies nationwide.

We are greatly indebted to our friends at Young & Rubicam and GroupM for their extraordinary contributions.



#### The Quest: 100% Underwritten by SearchDogsUSA

SDUSA provides financial support to SDF and brings national awareness to the charity through product endorsements and cause-related marketing. The funds help underwrite SDF's publications, mailings and Search Team benefits, so we can dedicate a higher percentage of your gifts to program activities.

In 2009, SDUSA facilitated our ongoing partnerships with Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., Mars, Inc., The Nutro Company, and HealthyPets, Inc. These companies and their employees are helping SDF strengthen America's emergency response network. To make your company Part of the Search, please contact SDUSA President David Kaplan at (805) 649-2328 or dgk2@charter.net.

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## **2009 Financial Performance**

We have some very good news to share on the financial front. Thanks to the generosity of our stakeholders, SDF raised \$1,325,500 in 2009 through charitable giving as indicated in the Statement of Activities box, far right. (This does not include in-kind donations or endowment, rental or investment income.) This was a 5% (\$65,306) increase from the previous year. Taking into consideration the economic challenges our country faced in 2009, this increase has special significance.

We are deeply grateful that our mission of strengthening disaster response in America continues to resonate with our longtime supporters and inspire new contributors.

While our income was up, expenses held strong within the Board approved 2009 operating budget of \$1,100,000. The overall expense distribution for the year was as follows:

# 84% Program10% Fund Development6% Organization

We are pleased to report that 41% of our income came from in-kind and or non-cash contributions.

Instead of reallocating the savings gained from in-kind contributions back into the operating budget, in 2009 SDF was able to build its operating reserve by \$220,000. As of 12/31/09, the total amount in our reserve account was \$1,228,333 or 13.4 months of operating costs.

In 2004, the SDF Board of Directors advised us to build a reserve from any cost savings resulting from in-kind contributions and cost containment measures. We have followed their sage advice, and have made a commitment not to give in to the temptation of increasing expenses just because we had the extra funds to do so.

The reserve was intended to be drawn upon during lean years when charitable giving does

not support our operating budget. As we're all aware, in 2009 many businesses and non-profits had to lay off employees, curtail programs, or close their doors. Some of these agencies could have survived if they had put money away in a reserve.

Fortunately, SDF did *not* need to tap into the reserve last year. Quite the opposite! We are planning to distribute \$400,000 of reserve funds to our endowment, which is being aggressively built up in anticipation of the opening of the National Training Center (see Page 12 for details). The fund will be used to offset maintenance and depreciation costs at the new Center.

Meanwhile, our Endowment Guardian program grew from 114 to 129 confirmed Estate Donors, which puts us in a good position to reach our goal of 200 Estate Donors by the end of 2011.

In 2009, SDF also instituted the following money management measures:

- Seeking to reduce or cancel expensive service contracts while looking to replace outside services with inside efficiencies
- Reviewing cost containment systems in order to stay ahead of the curve regarding budget creep
- Conducting mid-year expense audits to assess where in the operating budget we can reallocate funds which were no longer needed or were under-utilized
- Avoid the temptation to grow into a mid-sized or large agency, which would increase overhead and decrease our ability to stay closely connected with stakeholders.

We want to stay lean and efficient while keeping an eye on how we spend the treasure our contributors bestow upon us. We are committed to protecting every dollar we receive, and thank all of you who continue to believe in our work of rescuing dogs, and saving lives.

SDF receives no government funding, relying solely on support from individuals, private foundations, and companies to sustain our mission of service to animal and humankind.

## 2009 Corporate Support

Astra Industrial Services, Inc. AT&T Foundation Bowen Miclette & Brit Inc Browning & Trudeau Insurance Assoc., Inc. Burleigh Road Animal Hospital CH2M Hill Diamond Ground Products, Inc. GivingExpress Online from American Express Glen Rock Athletic Club Gus Ernst Co., Inc. HealthyPets, Inc. Kenlor Management Co. Larkin Business Management Mars, Incorporated Nutro Products, Inc. OCI Chemical Corporation Ojai Valley Community Bank Pebble Beach Company Rainbow Light Nutritional -VP Business Development Sapient Corporation SearchDogs USA Small Dog Electronics The Fabric of America Fund The Oaks at Ojai TIC - The Industrial Company Total Merchant Services Ultra-Temp Corporation



bbb.org/charity



#### **Summary**

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,100,000
2009 Operating Funds Raised	\$1,325,500
2010 Projected Operating Budget	\$1,200,000

#### **2009 Income Sources**

Foundations .						 							56%
Individuals						 							40%
Sponsorships						 				•		•	. 4%

## 2009 Balance Sheet

Current Assets	\$4,186,186
Total Assets	. \$7,929,830
Current Liabilities Long Term Liabilities Net Assets - <i>Restricted Funds</i> Net Assets - <i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	\$3,000,000 \$1,055,917

Total Liabilities & Net Assets.... \$7,929,830

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### **Revenues, Gains & Support**

Sales-Merchandise	\$14,618
Cost of Goods Sold	\$-15,567
Appeal Income	\$149,455
Endowment Income	\$103,561
General Contributions	\$282,162
Workplace Contributions	\$94,307
Grants Income	
Sponsorships	
Reimbursement Income	
Underwritten Income	\$400
In-Kind Donations	\$1,861,345
Restricted Contributions	\$1,127,114
Rental Income	
Investments Income	
Investment Net Gain	

Total Revenues, Gains & Support \$4,565,572

#### **EXPENSES**

Program\$1,020,224
Canine Recruiters\$8,927
Program Supplies\$17,344
Trainer's Fees\$210,333
Vet/Medical Expenses\$32,265
In-Kind Expenses Program \$1,861,345
Depreciation & Amortization-Program \$89,875
General & Administration \$208,898
Depreciation & Amortization-
Gen & Admin
Investment Expenses-Gen & Admin \$7,100
Fundraising\$374,850
Depreciation & Amortization-
Fundraising\$10,698
Total Expenses \$3,848,267
Net Income\$717,305