



# THE QUEST

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



30  
YEARS OF IMPACT

The logo for the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) is circular. It features the text "NATIONAL DISASTER" at the top and "SEARCH DOG FOUNDATION" at the bottom, both in blue. In the center, the letters "SDF" are written in a large, bold, red font, with a white silhouette of a dog's head and neck integrated into the letter "D". Below "SDF", it says "Est. 1996".

# OUR MISSION

The Search Dog Foundation strengthens disaster response in America by rescuing and recruiting dogs and partnering them with firefighters and other first responders to find people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters. We provide highly trained search dogs and ongoing professional training to task forces across the nation at no cost to their department or taxpayers.

To date, SDF has trained over 255 certified teams that have deployed to over 300 disasters and missing person searches. Thanks to mutual aid agreements, teams can deploy nationwide and, in some cases, internationally wherever disasters occur.

This year marks a momentous milestone as we celebrate SDF's 30th anniversary. Since our founding in 1996, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to recruiting rescued dogs and training them to be rescuers. What began as a vision to bridge the gap in canine disaster search has evolved into a legacy of hope, resilience, and lifesaving partnerships spanning three decades.

# 2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Over 3,500 individuals, foundations, companies, and groups came together to support our life-saving mission during our 2024-2025 fiscal year. We are grateful for each of your contributions and work diligently to use every dollar wisely.

### Financial Position

September 30, 2025

Total Assets	\$ 39,961,739
Cash and Other Current Assets	\$ 1,443,016
Investments	\$ 12,030,130
Property and Equipment	\$ 26,488,593
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 39,961,739
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,345,391
—Accounts Payable	\$ 439,913
—Note Payable	\$ 905,478
Net Assets	\$ 38,616,348

*A healthy endowment supports the stability of our work. The investment income is reinvested to facilitate sustainable, diversified income streams, with a portion of earned income used for programs and operations as needed.*

### Activities

October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Total Revenue and Support	\$ 7,486,197
Contributions	\$ 6,316,353
Investment Return (Net)	\$ 933,382
In-Kind Donations	\$ 159,536
Other Income	\$ 76,926

*In addition, a total of \$230,347 of net assets were released from donor restrictions.*

Total Expenses	\$ 7,707,164
Program Services (79%)	\$ 6,080,253
Management and General (11%)	\$ 817,826
Fundraising (10%)	\$ 809,085

*Expenses include a total of \$890,431 in depreciation calculated on fixed assets.*

Net Assets – End of Year	\$ 38,616,348
Change in Net Assets	(\$ 220,967)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$ 38,837,315

# THIRTY YEARS OF PURPOSE

## THE EVOLUTION OF RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND LIFETIME CARE

In the mid-1990s, the Search Dog Foundation was born from a singular, urgent goal: train rescued dogs and their handlers to ensure no one is left behind. What began as a small, scrappy endeavor has, with perseverance, matured into a substantial national presence in canine disaster response. After 30 years of purpose-driven operations, we reflect on the evolution of a mission that treats every dog not as a tool, but as a unique individual and partner.

### Recruitment: From Hopeful Road Trips to Strategic Partnerships

Thirty years ago, finding a search dog candidate was a journey of hope and intuition. SDF Founder Wilma Melville and Debra Tosch, SDF's first employee, spent their days traveling the winding roads of California, visiting shelter after shelter to find the dogs with the extraordinary drive required for this work.

On why they turned to animal shelters to recruit dogs, Debra says, "it was just the right thing to do." In those early days, there was no sophisticated process, just staff and volunteers walking through local care centers, looking for a spark of potential in an overlooked dog.

Today, that effort has transformed into a targeted, strategic partnership with shelters across the country. SDF values these shelters and rescue groups as essential teammates and has positioned itself as a vital resource for the animal welfare community. More than simply scouting talent, we work alongside shelter staff to identify and help "diamonds in the rough": dogs whose high energy might make them difficult to place in traditional homes but make them heroes in the field.

While our core criteria—high toy drive, bold temperament, and athleticism—have remained consistent, our ability to assess these traits has developed into a more scientific methodology. By sharing this expertise, we can discover talented candidates sooner and place them into careers more efficiently than ever before. "We want to build a community and foster genuine connections," explains CEO Rhett Mauck. "So we can learn from and support each other." This collaboration, Debra notes, has drastically improved the speed and success with which dogs are matched to their true callings.



### A Recruitment Success Story: Search Dog Chip

Nothing illustrates this evolution better than the journey of Search Dog Chip. Surrendered to the Lancaster Animal Care Center near Los Angeles, Chip's story is a testament to our partnership with savvy shelter workers. They recognized Chip's intense ball focus and reached out to SDF immediately—a far cry from the days of simply hoping to stumble upon the right dog. Chip's transition from shelter dog to search dog graduate represents the culmination of the last three decades: a collaborative effort to take a dog the world might have missed and unleash the hero within.

### Training: A Philosophy for the "Whole Dog"

As our understanding of canine behavior has deepened, so has our approach to training. We recognize that, like humans, dogs have unique perspectives shaped by genetics and experience. Our modern philosophy puts the well-being of the dog above all else, which has the dual benefit of producing more effective search partners and ensuring a dog's career path is one they desire.

The key to this success is uncovering an individual dog's "why." By identifying what motivates a canine recruit—whether it's a favorite toy or a specific type of play—our trainers nurture cooperation rather than force compliance. When a dog discovers that their reward for a successful "find" is their favorite activity, they light up with a sense of joyful agency.

Our focus on canine fitness further strengthens this holistic approach to each dog's individualized care. In 2018, we implemented Canimetrics (strength-and-conditioning protocols developed by the Penn Vet Working Dog Center), and we also now teach incoming handlers this foundational knowledge of canine conditioning. This ensures SDF dogs are not just mentally sharp but physically prepared for the rigors of a disaster site, remaining in peak shape throughout their careers.

*Chip is sponsored by The Joel and Dena Gambord Family*



Learn more about our  
Canine Recruitment Program  
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**Fiscal year 2024-2025**

**326 shelter and rescue groups engaged across 43 states**

**50 dogs supported in training**

**227 dogs started the year in our Lifetime Care community**

**14 dogs placed in family homes**

**11 dogs placed in alternate careers**



**Lifetime Care: Once Rescued, These Dogs Will Never Need to be Rescued Again**

Thirty years of experience has taught us that while every recruit has high drive, not every dog is meant for the rubble. Wilma recognized early on that for a dog with no other safety net, recruitment had to be a commitment for life. That personal vow

has grown into a robust program ensuring that no SDF dog—regardless of their path—ever faces an uncertain future.

If disaster search is too taxing, a dog might find their calling in wilderness search, law enforcement, conservation detection, or even public health sectors like water safety. For other dogs, the best career is as a beloved family member. Our Lifetime Care staff works tirelessly to match these dogs with adopters who understand their unique energy, ensuring they never “fall through the cracks.”

“Our program continues to develop new ways and networks to meet the individual needs of each dog,” explains CEO Rhett Mauck. “We ask how best and how many dogs we can help through our mission.”

**Our Bedrock for the Next 30 Years**

Reflecting on the thousands of miles traveled and dogs evaluated since 1996, Debra captures the heart of our canine operations:

“Every single dog who comes through our gates is honored for their own story. We find these dogs who have had an incredibly rough time because people didn’t understand them, and we give them a place where that same ‘misunderstood’ energy is finally celebrated as greatness.”



**Interested in adopting one of our Lifetime Care dogs? Scan to learn more!**

# SEARCH TEAMS

## PASSING THE LEASH IS JUST THE BEGINNING

While rigorous training builds the foundation of a team's capability, the heart of our mission lies in the profound bond between canine and handler. At SDF, "passing the leash" is more than a graduation ceremony—it is the beginning of a lifelong alliance.

Beyond evaluating technical skills, our trainers facilitate a meticulous pairing process in which the dogs ultimately choose their human companions.

This deliberate approach ensures a partnership rooted in deep trust, mutual respect, and unwavering loyalty. These thoughtfully matched pairs transcend the role of colleagues; they become a family united by a singular, life-saving mission. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, we honor the hundreds of "perfect matches" that have formed the backbone of our disaster response legacy.

**12 search teams paired during fiscal year 2024-2025, growing our national roster to 99 active teams**

**6 fire departments received SDF-trained teams**

**5 task forces received SDF-trained teams**



## ACHIEVING CERTIFICATION TOGETHER

To be eligible for deployment with their task forces, search teams must pass an evaluation every three years.

We are so proud of these teams for their hard work and continued dedication to their training.

**22 re-certifications**

**19 first-time certifications**



# DEPLOYMENTS

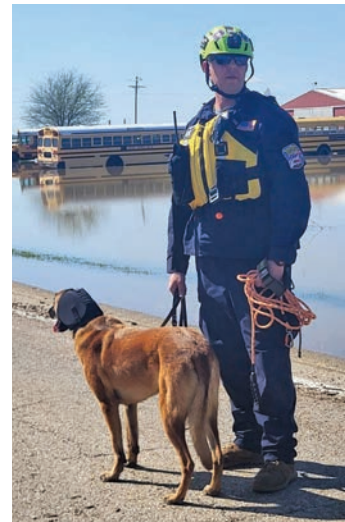
As we reflect on our 30th anniversary year, we extend our deepest gratitude to the courageous search teams who continue to respond to disasters across the nation and beyond. These deployments represent the culmination of thousands of hours of training and the ultimate expression of our mission. We are honored to support these incredible duos and thank them for

their invaluable service and commitment to bringing hope to communities in their darkest hours.

**10 deployments in fiscal year 2024 - 2025**

**36 search teams deployed**

**7 states supported in 2 countries**



## 1 Hurricane Milton

October 6-13, 2024 – Florida  
*Lauren Canning & Barney, Lee Culley & Tommy, Josh Davis & Bosco, Tyler Green & Mila, Jason Jasgur & Ruffy, Carey Jenkins & Nate, Phillip Kleinheinz & Sassy, Kalub Lewis & Cyrus, Karen Meadows & Jax, Garreth Miller & Reva, Sean Monville & Nanci, Brandy Outlaw & Pluto, Sean Quigley & Geno, Adam Schaaf & Dodger, Mark Stevenson & Ruger, Kevin Tatro & Dempsey, Mike Toepfer & Deacon, Jessica White & Alder*

## 2 Landslide

November 4, 2024 – Tijuana, Mexico  
*Luis Garcia & Montecito, Fidel Gomez & Gemma*

## 3 Mountain Fire

November 10, 2024 – Camarillo, CA  
*Jon Munguia & Clifford, Ed Ruiz & Harper*

## 4 Missing Person

December 2, 2024 – Malibu, CA  
*Eric Darling & Steven*

## 5 Palisades Fire

January 9, 2025 – Pacific Palisades, CA  
*Jon Munguia & Clifford*

## 6 Eaton Fire

January 10-23, 2025 – Altadena, CA  
*Josh Davis & Bosco, Patrick Easton & Linus, Eric Lieuwen & Ridge, Garreth Miller & Reva*

## 7 Mudslide Pre-Staging

January 24, 2025 – Los Angeles, CA  
*Eric Darling & Steven*

## 8 Midwest Storms

April 2, 2025 – Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee.  
*Jeremy DeMott & Chirp, Adam Schaaf & Dodger, Mark Schroeder & Koda*

## 9 Flooding

July 7, 2025 – Texas  
*Jonathan Munguia & Clifford*

## 10 Missing Person

July 8, 2025 – Ventura County, CA  
*Eric Darling & Steven, Kristine Priebe & Emmett, Mark Stevenson & Ruger*

# 30 YEARS OF SDF

Thirty years ago, a devastating national tragedy revealed a critical vulnerability in America's disaster response: a severe shortage of trained search dogs. Today, a nationwide legacy of hope and resilience. As we look back on the last three decades, we are proud of each milestone and the extent to which, after every disaster strikes, America is always ready.



**1995**

## Oklahoma City Bombing

Following the tragic bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Wilma Melville and her search dog deployed as one of only a handful of certified disaster search teams in the country. The immense challenge of the response highlighted a critical national shortage of trained canines, inspiring Wilma to found the Search Dog Foundation (SDF) to ensure America would never be unprepared again.



**1997**

## First Three Search Teams Graduate

SDF celebrated its first major operational milestone when three canine disaster search teams successfully completed their intensive training and graduated into service, proving the viability of Wilma's vision to recruit shelter dogs for high-stakes rescue careers.



**2001**

## 13 Teams Deploy to 9/11

In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, 13 SDF-trained search teams deployed to the World Trade Center in New York City. Working tirelessly on the rubble piles, these teams provided critical aid to the national recovery efforts during one of the largest activations in U.S. history.



**2017**

## National Training Center Grand Opening

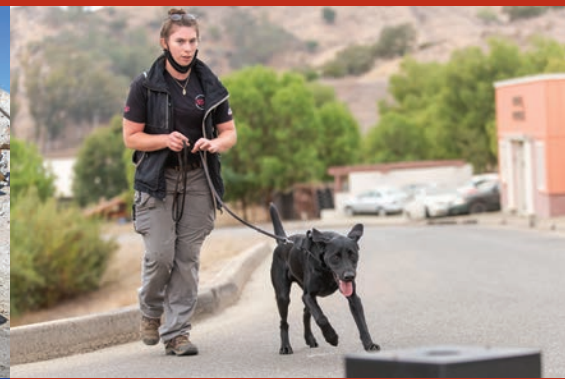
SDF officially opened the doors to its world-class National Training Center in Santa Paula, California. Featuring lodging for handlers, classrooms, kennels, a veterinary clinic, and canine gym, as well as multiple rubble piles, collapsed freeway and many other simulated disaster zones, the campus revolutionized how search dogs are cared for, trained, and paired with handlers nationwide.



**2020**

## 168 Certified Teams for America

February 2020 became a meaningful moment in time for SDF when its 168th disaster search team officially certified for deployment. This poignant benchmark realized Wilma Melville's original goal to provide exactly one elite rescue team in honor of each individual life lost in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.



**2021**

## Human Remains Detection Pilot Program Began

SDF expanded its impact by launching a specialized Human Remains Detection (HRD) pilot program to meet task force requests. This initiative channels the intense drive of selected canine candidates into recovery work, providing closure to families and vital assistance to authorities, ensuring no one is left behind.

of trained canine heroes. What began as one woman's vision in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing has grown into a powerful, extraordinary growth that has shaped the Search Dog Foundation into a global leader in urban disaster rescue, ensuring that when



**2005**

**Largest Deployment to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita**

SDF saw the largest mobilization in its history at the time, deploying 32 certified search teams to the Gulf Coast following the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



**2008**

**Search Team Fund Established**

Recognizing that the financial burden of canine care can stress underfunded fire departments and volunteer handlers, SDF established the Search Team Fund. This program ensures handlers receive ongoing support for specialized gear, veterinary care, and training resources to maintain deployment readiness.



**2010**

**First International Deployment to Haiti**

SDF-trained teams achieved a historic first by deploying internationally following the catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake in Haiti. Spending over two weeks in Port-au-Prince, the teams helped find survivors in the rubble of the devastating quake.



**2024**

**Search Team Fund Expansion**

SDF significantly expanded the Search Team Fund, which now provides \$200,000 in direct financial assistance to working dog teams across the country. This includes medical support for active canine heroes, as well as helping to cover the cost of attending training events and purchasing equipment.



**2026**

**300 Deployments Reached**

Marking its 30th anniversary celebration, SDF celebrated a monumental legacy of service as its trained canine teams officially crossed the threshold of 300 deployments worldwide, spanning earthquakes, mudslides, missing person searches, structural collapses, and hurricanes.

**THE NEXT 30 YEARS START NOW**

The exceptional milestones of the past thirty years were made possible by a community that believes in the life-saving power of the canine-human bond. As we look ahead, we invite you to stand with us as we write the next chapter of disaster response.

The next 30 years start now.

Join the celebration and help us ensure that no one is left behind.

**Join the Celebration!**



# ADVANCED SEARCH TEAM TRAINING

As we celebrate 30 years of excellence, we continue to evolve our training landscapes to reflect the ever-changing challenges of the real world. By constantly refining our props and deployment simulations, we ensure that both familiar faces and new teams can sharpen their skills in the most realistic settings possible.

We remain dedicated to providing this elite training ground where teams can forge the readiness required to answer the call whenever and wherever lives are on the line.

**221 working dog teams visited the NTC between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025**

**59 training events or visits to the NTC, including teams from:**

## Urban search and rescue:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| California Task Force 1          | Colorado Task Force 1   |
| California Task Force 2          | Florida Task Force 1    |
| California Task Force 3          | Florida Task Force 2    |
| California Task Force 4          | Virginia Task Force 2   |
| California Task Force 5          | Vermont Task Force 1    |
| California Task Force 6          | Washington Task Force 1 |
| California Task Force 7          | Utah Task Force 1       |
| California Task Force 8          | Oklahoma Task Force 1   |
| California Regional Task Force 7 | Nebraska Task Force 1   |
| Baja California Task Force 3     | Nevada Task Force 1     |

## Other working disciplines, including wilderness search, law enforcement, and home protection:

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| California Rescue Dog Association | Northwest Disaster Search Dogs      |
| Gold Coast K9                     | Noses for Nature                    |
| Heritage K9                       | San Diego Sheriff Search and Rescue |
| Inglis K9                         | Southwest Search Dogs               |
| Monterey Bay Search Dogs          |                                     |



Interested in training on our campus? Scan to learn more!

# SEARCH TEAM FUND

The Search Team Fund is a financial assistance program offered by SDF to help handlers with out-of-pocket expenses not covered by their task forces or government agencies. Over the years, we have added more benefits to the program and expanded the scope of eligibility to include all qualifying canine disaster search teams in the United States, regardless of where they were initially trained.

We strive to lessen the financial burden on these teams so they can remain focused on what's important: staying deployment-ready to assist communities in need.

**275 working dog teams supported**

**75 working dog organizations served**

*Through the following programs:*

## SEARCH TEAM GRANTS

**206 Search Teams received grants totaling \$236,172.76 used for:**

- \$76,781.46 in training travel expenses
- \$26,719.26 in training equipment
- \$41,979.76 in canine care equipment
- \$90,693 in veterinary care for non-SDF canines

## CANINE HEALTHCARE FUND

**115 Active and retired search dogs received healthcare services totaling \$370,094**

## PETCO LOVE CANINE CANCER FUND

**5 Petco Love Canine Cancer Fund grants totaling \$22,500**



If you know of a working dog team that is interested in applying for one of our Search Team Fund programs, scan here to learn more!



Read more about our longtime partnership with Petco Love on page 12.

# CORPORATE PARTNERS

PETCO LOVE: A LIFELINE FOR OUR HEROES



The Search Dog Foundation is defined by the resilience of our canine partners. These dogs give everything to their mission, and in return, we promise to stand by them throughout their lives. Since 2012, The Petco Love Canine Cancer Fund has been a vital part of that promise, ensuring that when our nation's working dogs face their toughest battle, they don't have to do it alone.

Provided in partnership with Petco Love and Blue Buffalo, the fund serves as a critical safety net for search teams across a wide spectrum of disciplines. Whether they specialize in urban

disaster search, wilderness search, avalanche rescue, or law enforcement, Petco Love's investment allows these heroes to receive the medical care they deserve, honoring their years of service to our communities.

This investment has stretched far beyond cancer treatment, with nearly \$3.4 million donated for our National Training Center and canine programs. Petco Love's unwavering support over the past 24 years enables SDF to look toward the future with confidence, knowing that our dogs have the training and care they need to continue their lifesaving work for years to come.



THE RACHAEL RAY FOUNDATION

## THE RACHAEL RAY FOUNDATION™: SIXTEEN YEARS OF IMPACT FOR HIGH-DRIVE SHELTER DOGS

Since their first gift in 2010, The Rachael Ray Foundation™ and its predecessor entity have granted more than \$3.5 million to support the canine recruits who become part of the SDF family. But their partnership transcends dollars, and since 2017, they have publicly championed our work each year through The Rachael Ray Rescue Brigade, a joint initiative that raises awareness and community donations for SDF.

The 2025 campaign successfully secured over \$639,000, nearly half of which was provided by The Rachael Ray Foundation. This campaign was instrumental in our ability to scout high-drive dogs from shelters nationwide, providing them with a clear path to a fulfilling life.

Our commitment to these dogs is forever. Through the support of The Rachael Ray Foundation, we ensure that every dog we recruit can find their perfect fit—whether that is a deployment-ready career in disaster search or a loving “career change” home through our Lifetime Care Placement program.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to The Rachael Ray Foundation and the SDF community members whose support makes hope and a forever family possible for high-drive shelter dogs.

*Stay tuned for the launch of the 2026 Rachael Ray Rescue Brigade and find out how you can help turn more shelter dogs into search dogs!*

## VML: TWO DECADES OF CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Telling our story is not always straightforward. Neither is breaking through today’s noise. But VML has managed to do both for SDF. For over twenty years, VML has provided pro bono expertise and strategic ad placements that have introduced the lifesaving work of our search teams to audiences across the country.

Our partnership has always been about more than just visibility; it’s about telling the story of potential—the potential hidden within every rescued dog, and the potential within every person to be Part of the Search®.

This year, we are thrilled to highlight our latest collaboration, the “Make Me a Hero” bandana campaign. This initiative proves that, with the Hero Bandana, any dog can be one. Each bandana features a unique QR code, making it easy for you and your dog to raise money for the cause the next time you’re out for a walk.

We are incredibly grateful to the talented team at VML for two decades of professional artistry and dedication. Together, SDF and VML continue to bridge the gap between overlooked shelter dogs and their higher, lifesaving potential.



Who says heroes wear capes?  
Score your own “hero” bandana by scanning the QR code.



**DID YOU SEE AN SDF AD?**  
If you see one of our ads in a publication, raise your paw! Many pro bono placements are secured last minute, so we don’t always know when they’ll run. If you spot one, snap a photo and email us at [Rescue@SearchDogFoundation.org](mailto:Rescue@SearchDogFoundation.org), along with the publication name!

# WAYS TO GIVE

All gifts made to support the Search Dog Foundation's annual, capital, and endowment needs are important and put to good use.

## CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

Always appreciated, gifts of cash are critical to implementing our programs and tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

## GIFTS OF STOCK

If you own appreciated stock, reviewing your investments with a donation strategy in mind is a simple way to give more to the cause you care about and could garner a significant tax savings at the same time.

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS

These thoughtful gifts provide a special way to pay tribute to a friend or family member or to acknowledge a birthday, anniversary, or other significant event.

## MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers offer giving programs that double, or even triple, charitable contributions made by their employees. Check with your employer to see if your company has a matching gift program.

## IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTION

At 70 ½ years old, you are eligible to rollover your IRA distribution directly to SDF and can use it to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution beginning at age 72. Also known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), this transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you can benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.

## ESTATE GIFTS

The simplest and most popular way to include SDF in your estate plans is through a bequest, designating a specific dollar amount, asset, or percentage of your estate to SDF in your will. You will join over 400 other visionary individuals as an SDF Guardian, ensuring the future legacy of our mission to save lives—both human and canine.

## GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE/SPREAD THE WORD

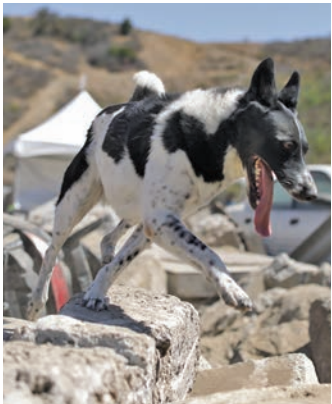
Did you know that Search Dog Foundation has a four-star rating on Charity Navigator? This means you can have confidence that your contribution will be used effectively to advance our mission. There's also an opportunity to leave a review about our work!



To learn more about these or other gift opportunities, please contact us at [Give@SearchDogFoundation.org](mailto:Give@SearchDogFoundation.org).



You can also make a donation through our website!



# VOLUNTEERS

118 VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED 4,341 HOURS IN 4 STATES



We love our volunteers! Always ready to pitch in with a smile whenever and wherever they're needed, our volunteers are an essential part of SDF's mission, assisting in the following areas:

- Administrative Support
- Thank You Calls
- Canine Enrichment
- Canine Fostering
- Canine Health Clinic
- Canine Meal Prep
- Kennel Cleaning
- General Assistance in the Canine Pavilion
- Campus Maintenance
- Canine Recruitment
- Canine Training Assistance
- Lifetime Care Canine Advocacy
- Photography
- "Victim" for Search Team Training
- SDF Event and Tour Assistance
- Transporting Canines

The countless hours these volunteers dedicated to supporting our programs positively impacted our success, and we thank them for their generosity:

- |                       |                    |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Achal Shah            | Ian Chen           | Matthew Daum       |
| Alana Wedemeyer       | Ian Jimenez        | Matthew Hanneman   |
| Alex Keeling          | Inara Carter       | Meghana Dhruv      |
| Alex Weissman         | Jacob Corral       | Megna Nayar        |
| Alicia Stratton       | Jacob Miles        | Melissa Castaneda  |
| Andrew Taylor         | James Bouck        | Micaela Tennant    |
| Andrew Wade           | Jan Hiester        | Michael Bowman     |
| Anurag Poddar         | Jan Jimenez        | Michael Gordon     |
| Avery Barrell         | Janet Chamberlain  | Michael Hollander  |
| Bates McCluer         | Joan Field         | Michelle Johnston  |
| Brad Holt             | Johnathan Aye      | Michelle Skidmore  |
| Brenda Hansen         | Joseph Griffith    | Nancy Withrow      |
| Brittany Fabeck       | Julie Velthoen     | Nickolas Stockwell |
| Carol Wan             | Karen Branch       | Pam Nothwang       |
| Cathy Holt            | Karen Fay          | Patrick Siemon     |
| Charles Bozonier      | Karen Gerdts       | Rachel Bow         |
| Charli Coyle          | Kate Smyres        | Richard Englehard  |
| Chris Giles           | Kayann Stables     | Richard Martin     |
| Chris Lopez           | Kea Woltag         | Ryan Ling          |
| Christopher Stratford | Kenneth Bugna      | Ryan McFarlin      |
| Claudia Gilman        | Kevin Donofrio     | Sandra Kauffman    |
| Corrie Putney         | Kiely Wu           | Scott Egekjevs     |
| Crystal Stratton      | Kim McGuigan       | Shari Lee          |
| Debbie Prosser        | Laura Helibrun     | Sheryl Harvey      |
| Debi Mauck            | Lauren Kliensky    | Shivank Dhamija    |
| Derek Krzywicki       | Leah Evert-Burks   | Stacey Noss        |
| Devon Compton         | Liam White         | Stephanie Thomas   |
| Diane Noda            | Lillyjade Sinclair | Steven Cain        |
| Donald Schadt         | Linda Munday       | Sue Gary           |
| Edward Kapp           | Lisa Hammond       | Susan Montorio     |
| Ellie Williams        | Lisa Morris        | Sydney Clough      |
| Elsa Cao              | Lisa Perrine       | Taylor Walsh       |
| Erica Russo           | Lisa Sperhake      | Theodore Reicher   |
| Erin Lacey            | Lisa Sugich        | Troy Gramont       |
| Faith Ju              | Lucinda Anderson   | Vincent Crosby     |
| Frank Hutchingson     | Marilyn Hilton     | Zachary Schulte    |
| Gena Mathwin          | Mark Hansen        | Zander Glickman    |
| Glen Gorski           | Mary Anne Kendall  | Zoe Bartholomew    |
| Greg West             | Mary Wilhelmy      |                    |

We also want to thank the pilots from our nonprofit partners Angel Flight West, Angel Flight Central, Fetch Air, and Pilots N' Paws, who donated 100% of their time, planes, and fuel to transport search candidates from all over the country to our campus in California, and the drivers and owners of Four-Legged Kids Bus who transported search dogs to our training center at a discounted rate.



**Interested in volunteering with SDF?  
Scan to learn more!**

**From all of us at SDF—staff, board, handlers, and canines—thank you from the bottom of our hearts!  
We're so grateful you're part of the pack!**



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A German Shepherd dog is running towards the camera on a gravel path. The dog has black and tan fur, pointed ears, and its mouth is open with its tongue hanging out. The background is a blurred, natural outdoor setting with some green plants and a dirt path.

**Thank you for being  
*Part of the Search!***