

# PATRIOTPAWS

## SERVICE DOGS



# THE NOSE KNOWS

When a disabled veteran receives one of our service dogs, we expect that dog to excel in aiding his veteran in everything that he was trained to do. But, now and then, one of our dogs goes beyond that training and does something extraordinary.

### Meet Elle.

When Marine Corps veteran Mike received Elle in 2021, Elle filled a need in his life that made life better for him and his wife and baby daughter. What Mike couldn't have guessed, though, is that Elle would potentially save all their lives.



the all-clear that it was safe to go back home. Elle had smelled the gas, and instinct had told her to warn Mike that something wasn't right. "Elle has always been the protective type. She even goes into the baby's room to check on her. I knew she was devoted to me, but now we know that she's also the guardian of the house."

And Elle is just the latest of our "hero dogs".

**Service Dog Wendy** was trained to bring the phone to her veteran, Richard, but when Richard had a stroke and was unable to hold the phone in his right hand,

Wendy deduced on her own to try his left hand instead. Richard was then able to call for help.

**Service Dog Summit** was at a dog park with her veteran, Charles, when she ran to the fence and started barking. On the other side of the fence, Charles could see an elderly lady on the pavement where she had fallen and hit her head. Charles called 9-1-1, and he and Summit stayed with the lady until the ambulance arrived.

**Service Dog Pebbles** was outside with her veteran Raymond's wife, Barbara, one morning when he was out of town. Two large dogs rushed at them, knocking Barbara down and breaking her leg. Pebbles barked and growled at the attacking dogs and laid herself down over Barbara to protect her. Barbara's niece found them with Pebbles still protecting Barbara in case the dogs came back.

**Service Dog Star** was on vacation with her veteran, Rachel, when Rachel's 4-year-old son ran ahead of them and fell into a swimming pool. Star ran after him, and by the time Rachel got there, Star was in the pool with Rachel's son clinging to her back as she swam toward the steps.

And last, but certainly not least, **Service Dog Ross** alerted his veteran, Frank, to a fire in the basement of their home, proving once again that, the nose knows.

**All our dogs are heroes to their veterans**, and with your support, you can help us continue providing disabled veterans with a personal hero of their own, four paws at a time.

In April of this year, Elle started unexpectedly acting up, nose-punching Mike to get his attention. Thinking she was just seeking attention, Mike petted her, but Elle seemed anxious and kept up the nose-punching, trying to keep his attention. "She was acting very un-Elle-like," Mike recalls. It was then through his allergies-impaired nose that Mike thought he caught a whiff of something...gas. He asked his wife if she could smell it, and when she said yes, they took their baby and Elle and left. Mike turned off the gas and called the gas company to report the leak. They then went to a hotel to stay until they got





## LETTER FROM LORI

The pandemic took its toll on many things, including our prison program. Our program depends upon regular interaction among our staff, the prison staff and the inmate trainers to keep things running smoothly, but interaction became sadly limited, especially during the shutdown. With no dogs able to go in or come out, the program suffered.

Now that things have gotten better, we are making a concerted effort to reboot the program and make it even better than before. We are seeking to rebuild warden relationships and secure additional grant funding to enable us to expand to additional units in order to boost the number of inmate trainers so we can increase the number of dogs in training.

I am very proud of our prison program and know that we wouldn't be where we are today without it. If you would like a glimpse "inside" our program, check out the PBS documentary, "The Greatest Bond", available at [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org) or through Amazon. It will bring a smile to your lips and a tear to your eye, all at the same time.

# SPOTLIGHT

## On the Rexrode Realtor Team

The Rexrode Realtor Team from Keller Williams Realty in Rockwall recently chose Patriot PAWS for their "Red Day" day of service. Approximately 50 people spent the day at our training center working on much-needed projects. The team brought mulch and flowers to plant around campus, including restoring Patriot Garden back to its original botanical beauty. They also installed drains in areas of the garden prone to standing water, fixed broken sprinkler heads, leveled the ground under the pavilions in our pond area, organized our very messy storage room and even provided everyone's lunch! A great big THANK YOU to each and every team member who graciously worked so hard out in our Texas heat and did so much for us that day. We appreciate you!



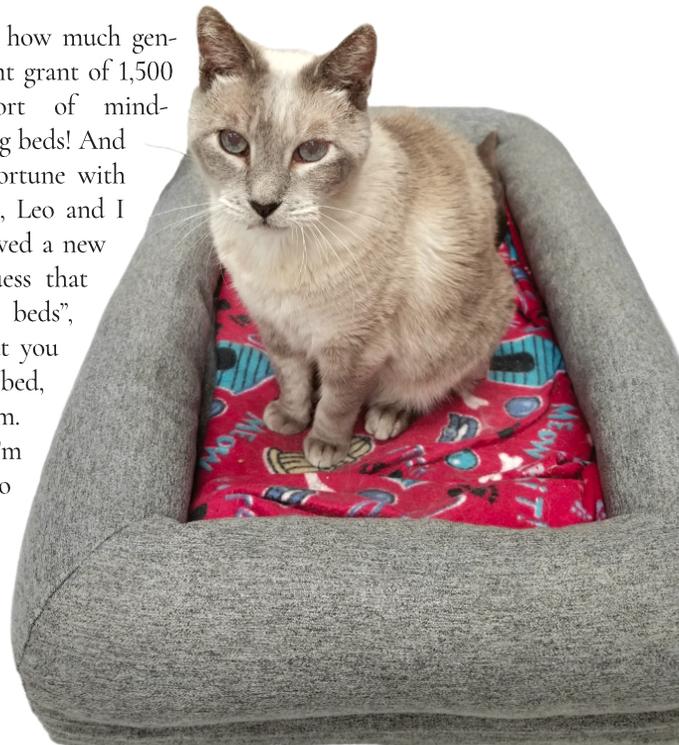
## Eli's Corner

It never ceases to amaze me how much generosity comes our way. The recent grant of 1,500 dog beds was nothing short of mind-boggling...stacks and stacks of dog beds! And although we shared our good fortune with area animal shelters and rescues, Leo and I weren't forgotten. We each received a new bed of our own. Hmmm, I guess that would make those two "cat beds", wouldn't it? But no matter what you call it, a nice soft bed is a nice soft bed, and Leo and I are grateful for them.

Speaking of my new bed, I'm running late for my cat nap, so sweet dreams, y'all!

Until next time, dear friends.

*Eli*



# The Great Dog Bed Giveaway

In May, Patriot PAWS was the recipient of a GreaterGood grant for 1,500 premium-quality dog beds. The grant came with the stipulation that, after keeping what we could use, including sharing with our staff and volunteers, we pay it forward by sharing the rest with animal welfare agencies in our area. Thus, the great dog bed giveaway was born!

Animal shelters in Rockwall and three nearby cities, plus several area animal rescue organizations, were selected as our pay it forward recipients. In one day, Patriot PAWS staff members, assisted by the veteran/service dog team of Derrick and Goose, loaded up and delivered 960 beds to animal shelters in the cities of Rockwall, Rowlett, Royse City and Greenville. It was a huge undertaking requiring a great deal of teamwork to accomplish, but seeing the smiles each delivery brought to the faces of the shelter workers made all the hard work worthwhile.

Thanks to the generosity of GreaterGood, not only our Patriot PAWS dogs and cats, but also a lot of area dogs and cats waiting to find their forever homes now have a nice new bed to sleep in. Thank you, GreaterGood!

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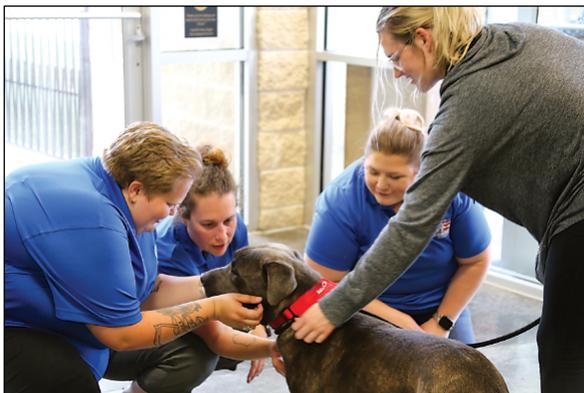
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about our past hero dogs?

All of our newsletter issues are archived on our website. Just click on News/Newsletters to read more about Wendy (Spring 2012), Summit (Spring 2012), Pebbles (Fall 2012) and Star (Summer 2019).



## IN MEMORIAM

The Patriot PAWS Family has lost one of our own.  
Our hearts go out to the family of  
Veteran Delano Smith.

*Earth has no sorrow that  
Heaven cannot heal.*

— Author Unknown

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Consider today what you can do to help us help them...



"The atmosphere here is unreal and reinforces the fact of how great it is to be an American veteran! What is really amazing is how the commitment of Patriot PAWS never ends. They are here forever for each veteran who receives one of their great animals..." – Arlie Matthews, 2016 Graduate

### PLEASE DONATE TODAY

- We accept all major credit cards on our website at [www.patriotpaws.org](http://www.patriotpaws.org)
- Cash, checks and money orders by mail or in person. Address: 254 Ranch Trail, Rockwall, TX 75032

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