



How can it be June already?

We have had such a busy first half of the year here at Early Alert Canines!

We have held not one, but two crab feeds, participated in several outreach events including an employee wellness day at Chevron in San Ramon, the Bay Area Diabetes Summit, Doggy Dash in Sacramento, and Lafayette's Dogtown Downtown. We had graduation and orientation, and placed four dogs in Southern California via a Skilled Companion Team Training and a special Full Access Team Training. While we normally host our team trainings here at our Concord facility, this Spring we took our show on the road and held a team training for the placement of three full access teams in the greater Los Angeles area.

Graduation

Three teams graduated from our program in March: Marcia and Laurene, Mabel and Tokyo, and Max and Sumner. It's always nice to meet the puppy raisers, but this time, two of our dogs were raised through the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility puppy program! Laurene was raised by Heather, who runs the program, and Sumner was raised in the program. These dogs started changing lives well before they became service dogs! We even had the mom, Miley, of one of our graduating dogs, Sumner, and her breeder keepers join us for the event!



Marcia and Laurene, Mabel and Tokyo, and Max and Sumner at Graduation



CCI breeder Miley, left, and her son Sumner, right.



Carol, Lauren, and Ricki pose with the EAC banner at the 2018 Town Hall Meeting in Southern California.

Looking Ahead

In July, staff will be heading down to Orange County for a Town Hall Meeting for people interested in our program. We will also be holding a recertification day for our Southern California clients. When we return, we'll be hosting three teens for Teen Camp! We picked up three new dogs from Canine Companions for Independence during the last week of May. This gives us six dogs in our training string! Two of the dogs will be placed the end of June, and we will be holding another team training in October.

Save the date for our walk! September 28, 2019



Dog in training Ophelia



Dog in training Dixie



Dog in training Piccolo

Volunteer Spotlight

Diane Holly has been volunteering with us for over a year now. In that time, she's made several events possible, helped with campaigns, written marketing material, and become a ray of sunshine in the office. We are so grateful for Diane and all that she does to help us. **Many thanks to Diane for all her hard work!**

Would you like to volunteer? Fill out our short app on our website! We are still looking for people to join our 2019 Walk Committee, as well as our 2020 Crab Feed Committees for both Sacramento and San Francisco! Send Lauren an email if you're interested! LBurke@EarlyAlertCanines.org



Early Alert Canines trains dogs to alert a person with type one diabetes of changing, high, or low blood sugar levels, preventing life-threatening episodes of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar levels), and reducing the risk of long-term chronic disease from hyperglycemia (high blood sugar levels).

We train dogs to save the lives of people with type 1 diabetes, and help them live their lives with less worry and fear of death and other long term complications. We accomplish this by placing dogs that alert on a diabetic's blood sugar levels before those levels leave normal range, as much as 30 minutes before our best current technology is able to.

Early Alert Canines does not charge for dogs placed, despite the high cost (\$30,000+) involved in training these life saving dogs. Your support keeps us going strong! Thank you!

In their own words:

- "Since I have had O'Shea, I have not had to be rushed to the hospital... she alerts me 30-45 minutes faster than my blood sugar meter." - Lia Nelson, placed with O'Shea in 2013
- "Ever since I got Waimea three years ago, I haven't had DKA even once. I haven't had any extreme lows, either." - Monique LaBomme, placed with Waimea in 2016
- "...and once again Blue was on top of things, well before technology." - Sal Vitale, Eva's dad, placed with Blue (aka Honcho) in 2017 (pictured left)
- "I am privileged to help care for sick children, a job I can do because Nona is looking out for me." - Dr. Matt Hall, placed with Nona in 2015
- "Even after only about 6 weeks, Brandt is already starting to take a little bit of that stress out of diabetes" -Lauren Loncaric, Chase's mom, placed with Brandt in 2019