



THE QUEST

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



FINANCIALS

Our story demonstrates how pooling together many gifts can make one large impact on our work. Over 3,900 individuals, foundations and companies supported our life-saving mission during the 2018-2019 fiscal year and every single gift received, no matter its size, was vital and put to good use. We sincerely thank each and every one of you for being *Part of the Search*. You are all a cherished part of our Search Dog Foundation Family, and we trust you are proud of the difference we are making together.

AUDITED STATEMENTS

OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets	\$ 8,002,503
Fixed Assets	\$ 27,032,293
Other Assets	\$ 58,616
Total Assets	\$ 35,093,412
Current Liabilities	\$ 965,312
Long-term Liabilities	\$ 2,109,816
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,075,128
Net Assets	\$ 32,018,284
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 35,093,412

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

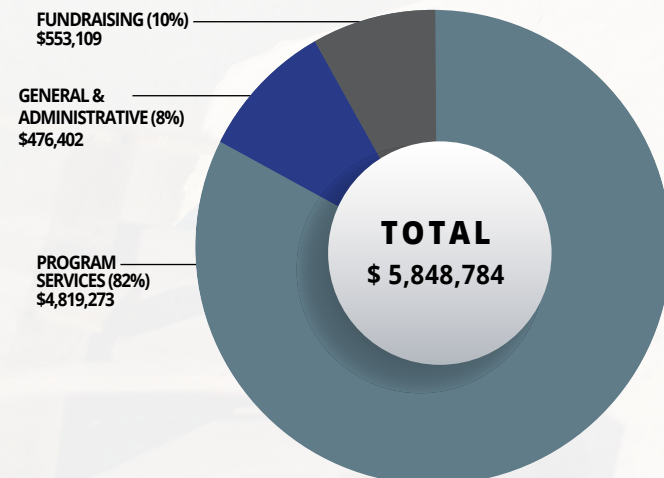
Contributions	\$ 2,330,533
Grants	\$ 2,435,081
Planned Giving Income	\$ 2,053,351
In-Kind Donations	\$ 1,850,469
Investment Income	\$ 162,522
Merchandising Income	\$ 11,713
Other Income	\$ 22,165
Gain (Loss) on disposition of assets	\$ (10,697)
Total Public Support*	\$ 8,855,137

* A total of \$760,000 in public support was restricted by donors for use in future fiscal years (from October 2019 to September 2021).

NON-OPERATING EXPENSES: \$2,339,413

\$2,019,387 expended on site improvements of our National Training Center and other capital items. \$320,026 expended as principal payments on the note payable for acquisition of the National Training Center's land.

OPERATING EXPENSES: \$5,848,784



A healthy endowment supports the financial stability of SDF. The fund's value totaled \$4,652,938 as of September 30, 2019.



OUR MISSION

The Search Dog Foundation (SDF) 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 departments or taxpayers.

SDF has trained 170 certified teams that have deployed to 194 disasters and missing person searches.

Thanks to mutual aid agreements between states, these teams can be deployed nationwide and even internationally wherever disasters occur.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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RECRUITING RESCUED DOGS TO BE RESCUERS

From the beginning, SDF has looked in shelters for potential search dog recruits, rescuing dogs who can be transformed into rescuers. Through the years, we have recruited hundreds of dogs from all over the country that have obsessive toy drive, endless energy, and intense focus—all traits which are then channeled into searching for survivors, ensuring no one is left behind in the wake of disasters.

During our 2018-2019 fiscal year, the SDF recruitment team evaluated 624 dogs across the United States. Of those evaluated, 22 were formally accepted into our training program as official canine candidates, joining 13 classmates who were already in training.

If you know a dog that might be a good fit for our program, please contact our Canine Recruitment team at Recruitment@SearchDogFoundation.org.



The **RACHAEL RAY RESCUE BRIGADE:** helping us find the right dogs for the job



We celebrated our third annual Rachael Ray Rescue Brigade initiative, made possible by a grant from The Rachael Ray Foundation™ to support the recruitment of rescued dogs for our training program, their ongoing care, and the assurance that they'll never need to be rescued again. Thanks to all who donated, including The Rachael Ray Foundation, we raised \$631,835 to provide shelter dogs with forever homes and jobs they love. There are more amazing shelter dogs waiting for their chance to be successful and The Rachael Ray Rescue Brigade is leading the charge—so stay tuned for another launch!

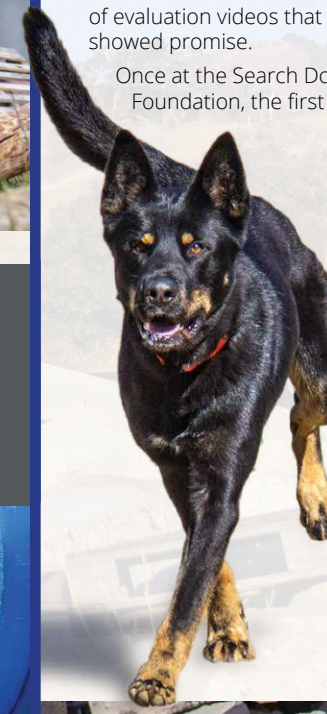
MONTECITO

A HERO IN THE "RUFF"

When a group of squatters was evicted from rural land in Grants Pass, Oregon, an observant neighbor also noticed many stray dogs living on the property. Concerned for the dogs' welfare, the neighbor contacted trainer Katrina Van Der Linden of Van Der Linden K9 with hopes of keeping the feral dogs out of a shelter.

Katrina cared for the dogs and noticed that one German Shepherd mix named Luke possessed the high toy drive and characteristics needed in search dog candidates at SDF. Katrina quickly reached out to us with a series of evaluation videos that showed promise.

Once at the Search Dog Foundation, the first



thing Luke had to learn was to trust humans. Having lived mostly on his own, his toy drive was remarkable, but he was leery of people. With consistent love and care from SDF trainers, canine care staff, and volunteers—Luke gained his confidence in people and thrived.

Luke began excelling in his training, becoming a top candidate in our program! From the bark barrels to the rubble pile, he could easily find his "victim" even in the most difficult search scenarios.

As he progressed and continued to shine in our program, SDF knew he was the perfect candidate to be honored with the name "Montecito." Monte (as he's affectionately called) now carries the name in memory of those who lost their lives in the January 2018 mudslide in nearby Montecito, California, as well as in honor of those who responded to the disaster, including 18 SDF-trained search teams.

Monte transformed from a dog afraid and unwilling to connect with humans to one who can save people trapped alive in the wake of disasters. He now instinctively forms tight bonds with "his people" and loves to work.

As they began to form their bond, Montecito found a trusted friend in Luis Garcia, a firefighter with the Tijuana

Fire Department and a member of Baja California Task Force 3 (BC-TF3). The two worked well together and in no time, Monte could understand his training commands in both English and Spanish! The two were officially partnered at SDF's Search Team Graduation Ceremony on June 28, 2019.

Back in Mexico, Montecito is adapting well to his new life. In fact, on August 5—just two months after pairing—Monte and Luis were dispatched to a missing at-risk person search in an area called Mesa de Otay near Tijuana. Monte and Luis were the first to arrive at the scene and performed a perimeter search of the area, looking for the victim, who was known to suffer from chronic health problems.

After covering approximately six square blocks, Monte did not alert, letting Luis know that he did not detect live human scent in the area. The search was soon suspended when, fortunately, the person was located in a local restaurant.

Luis was so proud of Monte's performance, especially given that this was their very first official search since being partnered. We look forward to seeing Monte and Luis go on to serve their community and country for many years to come!



During our 2018-2019 fiscal year, 36 SDF-trained canine disaster search teams responded with their task forces and fire departments to 14 deployments across five states and Mexico.

Highly trained from the start and supported in honing their skills throughout their careers, these SDF teams were fully prepared for their rescue missions.

1 BRIDGE COLLAPSE

October 8, 2018 — Dallas, TX
Derek Chaky & Scout, Robert Grant & Rocky, Patti Krafft & Billy

2 HURRICANE MICHAEL

October 10-18, 2018 — Mexico Beach, FL
Marshia Hall & Lilah

3 CAMP FIRE

November 16-24, 2018 — Paradise, CA
Alex Mengell & Gunner, Doug Van Iwaarden & Sadie

4 MUDSLIDE PRESTAGING

January 15, 2019 — Santa Barbara, CA
Eric Gray & Riley

5 MUDSLIDE

February 14, 2019 — Sausalito, CA
Mike Stornetta & Rocket

6 CLIFF COLLAPSE

February 22, 2019 — Ft. Funston, CA
Tom Carney & Allie, Eli Thomas & Vader



7 CAVE COLLAPSE

March 25, 2019 — Tijuana, Mexico
Luis Garcia & Maxim, Fidel Gomez & Rosie

8 BUILDING COLLAPSE

June 9, 2019 — Dallas, TX
Derek Chaky & Scout, Robert Grant & Rocky, Patti Krafft & Billy

9 MISSING PERSON SEARCH

June 26, 2019 — Mt. Waterman, CA
Jason Dobbins & Diva, Manny Sampang & Eva

10 BUILDING COLLAPSE

July 16, 2019 — Gardena, CA
Ryan Greenup & Koda, Manny Sampang & Eva

11 VEHICLE CRASH

July 16, 2019 — Diamond Bar, CA
Manny Sampang & Eva

12 CLIFF COLLAPSE

August 2, 2019 — Encinitas, CA
Brent Brainard & Decker, Joe Zakar & Dora

13 MISSING PERSON SEARCH

August 5, 2019 — Tijuana, Mexico
Luis Garcia & Montecito, Fidel Gomez & Gemma

14 HURRICANE DORIAN

September 3, 2019 — East Coast of the U.S.
Brandon Andersen & Winnie, Aide Barbat & Delta, Brandon Budd & Josie, Tom Carney & Allie, Brian Girard & Keila, Robert Goertzen & Bailey, Greg Gould & Dax, Marshia Hall & Lilah, Adam Leckonby & Luka, Garreth Miller & Vita, Brook Rowley & Echo, Billy Walkenhorst & Victor

SEARCH TEAMS PAIRED

After a lengthy interview and evaluation process, hours of classroom and field work, a two-week Handler Course at our National Training Center and months of canine training, the long-awaited moment of graduation arrives for both handler and search dog. The pairing of a search team marks the beginning of a lifelong bond between human and canine that is essential to their career together.

During our 2018-2019 fiscal year, SDF partnered 15 new search teams for six federal and state task forces throughout the United States and Mexico. We are proud to introduce our 2018-2019 graduates!



Michael Bruce & Cooper
California Task Force 5
Orange County Fire Authority
Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



Travis Calka & Hopper
California Task Force 2
Los Angeles County Fire
Sponsors: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family,
Westlake Women's Club - CFWC



Imelda Cordova & Diesel
California Task Force 5
Orange County Fire Authority
Sponsors: Linda Heizer Seaman, Karen B. Winnick
Named by: Karen B. Winnick



Mike Devine & Sonny
California Task Force 2
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Sponsors: Nanci Denney Bergin, Nicole Lallande,
The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



Luis Garcia & Montecito
Baja California Task Force 3
Tijuana Fire
Sponsor: Julie Croker
Named in honor of the lives lost in and rescuers
who responded to the January 2018 mudslide



Fidel Gomez & Gemma
Baja California Task Force 3
Tijuana Rescue Squad
Sponsors: Carol George and Roger Stewart



Eric Gray & Waffles
California Task Force 2
Santa Barbara County Fire
Sponsors: Doris and Howard Busloff



Tyler Green & Mila
California Task Force 5
Orange County Fire Authority
Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



Ryan Greenup & Koda
California Task Force 2
Los Angeles County Fire
Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



Wade Haller & Dallas
California Task Force 5
Orange County Fire Authority
Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family
Named in memory of Dallas police officers who
lost their lives on July 7, 2016



Steve MacDonald & Molly
Nebraska Task Force 1
Civilian
Sponsors: Tracy and Rascal



Mike Patterson & Kendri
California Task Force 5
Orange County Fire Authority
Sponsors: Patricia Snyder, Anonymous Donor



Sean Quigley & Geno
California Task Force 2
Los Angeles County Fire Department



Rudy Valencia & Topa
California Task Force 4
Berkeley Fire
Sponsor: Ann Cooluris



Damon Wirth & Koa
Nebraska Task Force 1
Lincoln Fire-Rescue
Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family

CERTIFICATIONS

Before a search team can deploy to a disaster, they must first achieve state or federal certification. SDF helps prepare and support our teams as they train and travel to certification tests throughout the country.

We appreciate everyone who helps these handlers and dogs certify, from SDF supporters to their task force teammates.

Please join us in congratulating the 14 SDF-trained search teams that achieved certification for the first time and the 14 teams that re-certified this fiscal year.



JAKE ARMENDARIZ & CLANCY
 California Task Force 2
 Los Angeles County Fire
 FEMA Recertification: March 2019
 Donated by the McCloskey Family
 Recruited by Penny Woodruff
 Guardian: Nancy Stone
 Sponsors: Patricia Snyder, The Joel and Dena Gambord Family
 Named by Cecilia O'Flynn



AIDE BARBAT & DELTA
 California Task Force 8
 San Diego Fire-Rescue
 FEMA Certification: October 2018
 Donated by Jasmine Simental
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



MIKE BRICE & BLAKE
 California Task Force 8
 San Diego Fire-Rescue
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Recruited from Jackson County Animal Care & Control Center
 Recruited by Kirsten Fulk
 Sponsor: Red Oak Foundation



TOM CARNEY & ALLIE
 California Task Force 3
 South San Francisco Fire
 FEMA Recertification: March 2019
 Donated by Kaelene Schooley
 Guardians: Pam Jones, Sue and John Ziliotto
 Sponsors: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family, Pamela Hill, Marith Levers, Carol and John Marengo



LAURA DENISON & FLYER
 Nebraska Task Force 1
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Recruited from Haven Humane Society
 Recruited by Kirsten Fulk
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



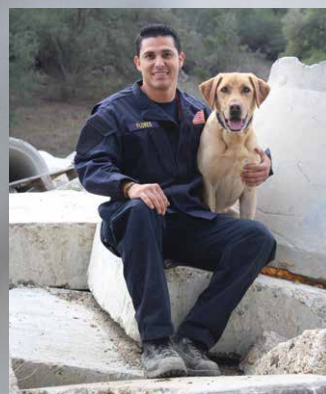
MIKE DEVINE & SONNY
 California Task Force 2
 Los Angeles County Fire
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Donated by Joseph Cinnante
 Sponsors: Nanci Denney Bergin, Nicole Lallande, The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



JASON DOBBINS & DIVA
 California Task Force 2
 Los Angeles County Fire
 FEMA Recertification: December 2018
 Donated by Anonymous
 Guardian: Berkeley Meigs
 Sponsors: Mary and Jeff Kroll, Mars, Inc.



GARY DURIAN & FRISCO
 California Task Force 2
 Los Angeles County Fire
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Recruited from Columbia Humane Society
 Recruited by Kirsten Fulk
 Sponsors: Mary and Jeff Kroll



JOSH FLORES & CAJUN
 California Task Force 2
 Los Angeles County Fire
 FEMA Recertification: December 2018
 Donated by Elise Lalor
 Sponsor: Mars, Inc.



VINNIE FUCCELLA & HANK
 California Task Force 7
 Sacramento Fire
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Recruited from Second Chance Pups
 Recruited by Sheila Stern
 Named in Memory of Henry "Hank" Salvatori



RYAN GREENUP & KODA
 California Task Force 2
 Los Angeles County Fire
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Donated by the Irvine Family
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



GREG GOULD & DAX
 New York Task Force 2
 New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
 Office of Fire Prevention & Control
 SUSAR Recertification: May 2019
 Recruited from Guide Dogs of America
 Recruited by Heidi Miller
 Puppy Raiser: Christina Guz
 Sponsor: Planet Dog Foundation



SCOTT HOFSTETTER & AMBER
 Nebraska Task Force 1
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Donated by Stephanie O'Brien
 Sponsor: Julie Croker
 Named in Memory of Amber Skull



ERIC INGSTAD & JAVA
 California Task Force 1
 Los Angeles Fire
 FEMA Recertification: March 2019
 Recruited from Bones Pet Rescue
 Recruited by Laura Rathe
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



PAUL JANUARIO & BEAR
 California Task Force 7
 Sacramento Fire
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Donated by Sharon McIntyre
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



JASON JASGUR & RUFFY
 California Task Force 1
 Los Angeles Fire
 FEMA Certification: March 2019
 Donated by Elaine Brock
 Recruited by Kirsten Fulk
 Sponsor: Patricia Snyder

CERTIFICATIONS

(CONTINUED)



BRENT KOENINGER & MOXIE
 Oklahoma Task Force 1
 Oklahoma City Fire
 SUSAR Recertification: April 2019
 Recruited from Humane Society of
 Ventura County
 Named by Westlake Women's Club
 - CFWC



GARRETH MILLER & VITA
 California Task Force 3
 San Francisco Fire
 FEMA Recertification: March 2019
 Recruited from Sioux City Animal
 Adoption & Rescue
 Center
 Recruited by South Dakota Canine
 Center
 Guardians: Michele and John Aerts
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena
 Gambord Family
 Named in Honor of Vita Franco



BROOK ROWLEY & ECHO
 New York Task Force 2
 New York State Division of
 Homeland Security &
 Emergency Services
 Office of Fire Prevention
 & Control
 SUSAR Certification: May 2019
 Recruited from Mohawk Hudson
 Humane Society
 Sponsor: Arc Aspicio



MANNY SAMPANG & EVA
 California Task Force 2
 Los Angeles County Fire
 FEMA Recertification: March 2019
 Donated by Heather Smith
 Guardian: Melanie Levitt
 Sponsors: Otilia and Emma Diaz
 and Mars, Inc.



CYNTHIA SATO & ROXY
 California Task Force 1
 Los Angeles Fire
 FEMA Recertification: April 2019
 Recruited from Sacramento SPCA
 Recruited by Heidi Miller
 Guardian: Gloria Balcom
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena
 Gambord Family



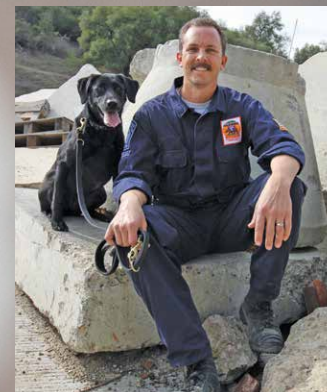
CLINT SCHEPE & GEORGIA
 California Task Force 8
 Chula Vista Fire
 FEMA Certification: October 2018
 Recruited from Union County
 Sheriff's Office Animal
 Control
 Recruited by Gregory Strickland
 Sponsors: Mary and Jeff Kroll



MARK SCHROEDER & NOAH
 Nebraska Task Force 1
 FEMA Recertification: April 2019
 Recruited from Central California
 SPCA
 Recruited by Heidi Miller
 Guardians: Kimberly and John
 McGuigan
 Sponsor: Julie Brandau Community
 Service Memorial Project



ELI THOMAS & VADER
 California Task Force 3
 San Francisco Fire
 FEMA Recertification: April 2019
 Recruited from Rescue Ranch, Inc.
 Recruited by Kirsten Fulk
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena
 Gambord Family



DOUG VAN IWAARDEN & SADIE
 California Task Force 5
 Orange County Fire Authority
 FEMA Recertification: March 2019
 Donated by Nona Bauer
 Prep Home: Jeff and Jill Wenig
 Guardian: Karen Kamp
 Sponsors: Teddy Armstrong III,
 Dakota and J.C. Svec



BILLY WALKENHORST & VICTOR
 California Task Force 8
 City of Santee Fire
 FEMA Certification: October 2018
 Recruited from Haven Humane
 Society
 Recruited by Kirsten Fulk
 Sponsor: Patricia Snyder
 Named in Memory of the six
 U.S. Marines who lost
 their lives in Nepal on
 May 12, 2015.



DAMON WIRTH & GEORGE
 Nebraska Task Force 1
 Lincoln Fire-Rescue
 FEMA Recertification: October 2018
 Recruited from Labradors and
 Friends Dog Rescue
 Group
 Guardians: Susan and Don
 Durance, Debbie Mansur
 Sponsor: Herbert H. and Barbara C.
 Dow Foundation



JOE ZAKAR & DORA
 California Task Force 8
 San Diego Fire-Rescue
 FEMA Certification: October 2018
 Recruited from Sacramento
 County Animal Care &
 Regulation
 Recruited by Kirsten Fulk
 Sponsor: The Joel and Dena
 Gambord Family



SEARCH TEAM FUND

The Search Team Fund was established in 2008 to help relieve financial stress for handlers of SDF-trained search dogs. The programs provide handlers the ability to not only train as a team for top deployment-readiness during their careers, but also to give their canine partners the best care possible throughout their lives.



METACAM

Our friends at Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedia, Inc. (BIVI) continue to donate the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication Metacam® to help our senior search dogs. During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, five canines received 13 prescriptions for Metacam®, valued at approximately \$1,300. We are grateful to BIVI for all they have done through the years, and continue to do, for these deserving canines.

PETCO FOUNDATION CANINE CANCER FUND

Over the last eight years, SDF has administered the Petco Foundation Canine Cancer Fund (PFCCF), distributing financial assistance to handlers of working dogs whose partners have received a cancer diagnosis. Thanks to the Petco Foundation and Blue Buffalo Company®, the PFCCF awarded six new grants and continued financial assistance to two grant awardees from the prior year, totaling \$38,752 during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

CANINE HEALTHCARE FUND

Every SDF-trained canine receives medical coverage for the entirety of their lives, even after retirement. The Canine Healthcare Fund ensures that our search dogs receive the best veterinary care at no cost to the handler, fire department or task force. During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, SDF covered medical expenses for 80 of our active and retired search dogs totaling \$157,462.



HANDLERS' GRANT

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the SDF Handlers' Grant Committee awarded 31 grants to individual handlers and entire task forces, totaling \$20,000 for:

- Agility equipment and direction-and-control platforms for at-home training
- Fitness and conditioning equipment like canine treadmills and core strengthening tools
- Canine welfare equipment including cooling vests, thermometers and goggles
- Handler equipment including additional pack gear for deployments
- Crates, along with accessories like cooling fans, for their canine's safety while traveling
- Registration fees and travel costs to attend disaster canine workshops across the U.S.
- Drones to better capture the dog's full search pattern and improve training performance

ADVANCED TEAM TRAINING

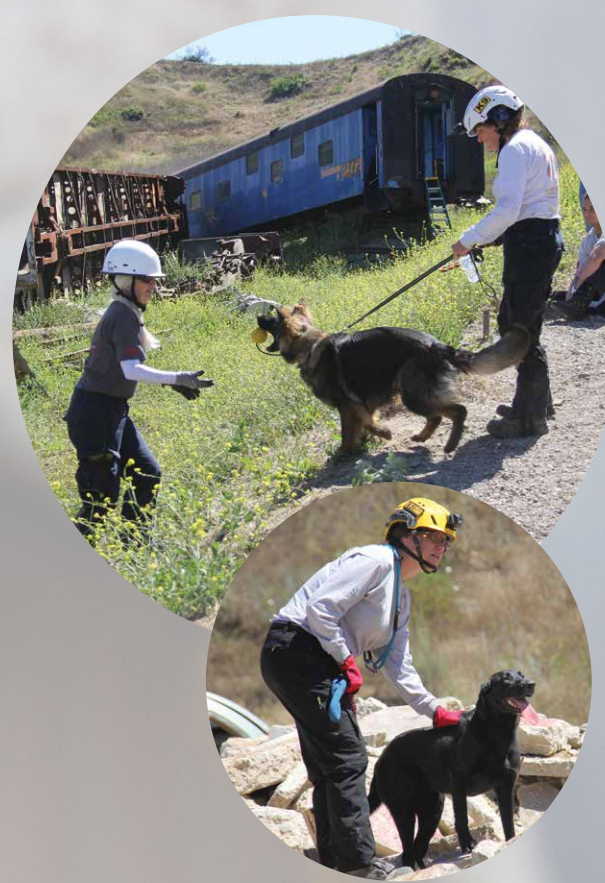
ENSURING OUR NATION'S CANINE DISASTER SEARCH TEAMS ARE READY TO RESPOND

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, SDF's campus, the National Training Center, hosted seven specialized trainings and workshops, as well as a full-scale international deployment simulation exercise coordinated alongside the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). These events were in addition to ongoing "tune-up" trainings and regular visits from teams across the country.

When teams deploy, they bring home lessons learned and valuable experiences that SDF is committed to incorporating into our program and the training props at our facility. The ability to consistently update and evolve these props is vital to the continued learning and success of our nation's search teams.

SDF's goal is to prepare every team that visits our campus for the rigors of deployment, allowing them to make mistakes and learn in a safe environment with professional trainers who help them work through challenges before they ever respond to a real tragedy.

In line with our mission of strengthening disaster response in America, SDF is committed to increasing the deployment-readiness level of our nation's search teams so that when boots and paws hit the ground, they are ready.



SDF was proud to welcome search teams from throughout North America during the 2018-2019 for these innovative training opportunities:

- November 10-11, 2018 – SDF Open Training Weekend with Pluis Davern and Steve Swaney
- December 8-9, 2018 – Superfit Disaster Canine Workshop
- February 16-17, 2019 – Disaster K9 Live Find Workshop I with Teresa MacPherson and Deborah Burnett
- April 2, 2019 – International Deployment Simulation conducted by FEMA, OFDA and USAID
- April 6-7, 2019 – SDF Open Training Weekend with Pluis Davern and Steve Swaney
- May 18-19, 2019 – SDF Open Training Weekend with Emily Hodges, Mandy Tisdale, and Steve Swaney
- June 29-30, 2019 – Disaster K9 Live Find Workshop II with Teresa MacPherson and Deborah Burnett
- September 28-29, 2019 – Disaster K9 Live Find Workshop III with Teresa MacPherson and Deborah Burnett

Teams who participated include:

- Alabama Task Force 1 (Mobile)
- Baja California Task Force 3 (Tijuana, Mexico)
- California Task Force 1 (Los Angeles City)
- California Task Force 2 (Los Angeles County)
- California Task Force 3 (Menlo Park)
- California Task Force 5 (Orange County)
- California Task Force 7 (Sacramento)
- Florida Task Force 1 (Miami)
- Florida Task Force 2 (Miami-Dade)
- Iowa Task Force 1 (Cedar Rapids)
- Nebraska Task Force 1 (Lincoln)
- New York Task Force 2 (Albany)
- Ohio Task Force 1 (Dayton)
- Oklahoma Task Force 1 (Oklahoma City/Tulsa)
- Pennsylvania Task Force 1 (Philadelphia)
- Tennessee Task Force 1 (Memphis)
- Utah Task Force 1 (Salt Lake City)
- Virginia Task Force 1 (Fairfax County)
- Washington Task Force 1 (Seattle)



RAINBOW BRIDGE

WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE

RETIRED SEARCH DOGS

HANGING UP THE SEARCH VEST



BELLA

Years of Service 2009-2019
Handler Richard Smith
Lakeside Fire Protection District
California Task Force 8
Recruited from City of Stockton Animal Control
Guardian: Nancy Coker
Sponsor: Susan Rountree



MERLIN

Years of Service 2016-2019
Handler Frankie Grant
Unified Fire Authority
Utah Task Force 1
Recruited from Golden Gate Lab Retriever Rescue
Recruited by Elise Lalor
Guardians: Joyce and Robert Wire
Sponsors: Patricia Snyder, Carol and John Marengo



RILEY

Years of Service 2009-2019
Handler Eric Gray
Santa Barbara County Fire
California Task Force 2
Donated by Teri and Shawn Draeger
Guardians: Ann Catts, Mary and Jeff Kroll, Cheri and Larry Savage
Sponsors: Dodson Foundation, Marith Levers



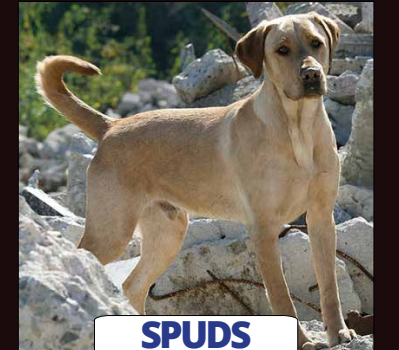
JAGGER

December 19, 2005 – March 30, 2019
Handler Jason Smith
Oklahoma City Fire
Oklahoma Task Force 1
Recruited from Haven Humane Society
Recruited by Laura Rathe



SPLASH

October 19, 2002 – November 6, 2018
Handler Daisy Soto-Spira
City of Miami Fire & Rescue
Florida Task Force 2
Donated by Carolyn Tremier
Prep Home: Sue Andrew
Guardians: Jude Fiebert, Lois Carnahan
Sponsor: Anson Nichols



SPUDS

April 1, 2006 – January 4, 2019
Handler Rick Bartlett
Orange County Fire Authority
California Task Force 5
Recruited from Butte Humane Society
Guardians: Sarah and Jim Berkheimer
Sponsor: Laura Rockenberger



RUGBY

Years of Service 2011-2019
Handler Dennis Clark
Los Angeles County Fire
California Task Force 2
Donated by Penny Woodruff
Guardians: Kari and David Eisenacher
Sponsor: B & B Foundation
Named by B & B Foundation



STELLA

Years of Service 2009-2019
Handler Matthew Kirk
Heartland Fire-Rescue
California Task Force 8
Donated by Kerry Holden
Guardian: Carol Fenbers
Sponsors: Otilia and Emma Diaz, CFWC - Marina District District



TAYLOR

Years of Service 2013-2019
Handler Trevor Lawrence
Unified Fire Authority
Utah Task Force 1
Recruited from Aberdeen Area Humane Society
Recruited by South Dakota Canine Center
Guardian: Karen Fay
Sponsors: Berakah Foundation, Arc Aspicio
Named in memory of Taylor Steele



STELLA

August 9, 2007 – January 26, 2019
Handler Matthew Kirk
Heartland Fire-Rescue
California Task Force 8
Donated by Kerry Holden
Guardian: Carol Fenbers
Sponsors: Otilia and Emma Diaz and CFWC - Marina District



STETSON

June 1, 2008 – July 27, 2019
Handler Andy Olvera
Los Angeles County Fire
California Task Force 2
Recruited from Labradors and Friends Dog Rescue Group
Guardians: Nancy and San Buschmann, Margaret Levy
Sponsors: Janet and Greg Van Huisen, CFWC - Marina District
Named by Jack Teeters



TANK

September 1, 2008 – August 4, 2019
Handler Steve Swaney
Heartland Fire-Rescue
California Task Force 8
Recruited from San Luis Obispo County Animal Shelter
Recruited by Ellen Perryess
Sponsor: Lucy Lindsay



CADILLAC

December 21, 2004 – December 17, 2018
Handler Jasmine Segura
Los Angeles County Fire
California Task Force 2
Recruited from Guide Dogs for the Blind
Puppy Raisers: Mike Bennett and Debbie Combs
Guardians: Nancy Stone and Karen Kamp
Sponsor: Gloria Balcom



CALLIE

November 10, 2004 – August 11, 2019
Handler Scott Zins
Los Angeles Fire
California Task Force 1
Recruited from Juniperridge Labrador Retrievers
Prep Home: Sonja Donaldson
Guardians: Mary and Joel Deweese, Janice Hong
Sponsors: Sue and Richard Masson



BAXTER

September 1, 2004 – June 15, 2019
Handler Gary Durian
Los Angeles County Fire
California Task Force 2
Recruited from Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue & Sanctuary, Inc.
Prep Homes: Jessica Drew, Rachel Hutchings
Guardians: Jeffrey Pepper, Mary Parker
Sponsors: Stella & Arthur Pepper Foundation, Linda Heizer Seaman

OUR LIFETIME CARE PROMISE:

ONCE RESCUED, THESE DOGS WILL NEVER NEED TO BE RESCUED AGAIN

Since our founding, SDF has promised every dog in our program a purpose and a place, even if they cannot complete training. Each dog in the SDF family will successfully live a life they love and never return to the shelter, no matter what.

Throughout their time with us, we see these dogs transform from disconnected, wary strays into engaged, confident companions with a renewed purpose in life and restored faith in humanity. For some, a different calling may emerge during training, and we vow to help them find their way, wherever that may lead—whether as working dogs in another career or as beloved pets in the right home.



VOLUNTEERS: RAISING THEIR PAWS TO HELP



This list recognizes active volunteers during the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

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| Lucinda Anderson | Vita Franco | Pam Nothwang |
| Sharon Bacon | Dean Franco | Boris Palencia |
| Roger Baden | Michael Grebro | Brenden Patrick |
| Janita Balcom | Anna Gilchrist | Kurt Pinelli |
| Elaine Battany | Lisa Hammond | Diego Roberto |
| Susan Bollinger | Chase Herman | Brandon Ridley |
| Annie Brown | Jay Jacobs | Steven Rose |
| Kabir Cardenas | Naomi Jost | Linda Roslansky |
| Talulah Cardenas | Heather Kern | Tays Salazar |
| Joshua Cerf | Mary Anne Kendall | Don Schadt |
| Janet Chamberlain | Rich Kendall | Luz Schaible |
| Jeffrey Chavez | Sofia Lindee | Trampus Scott |
| Lauren Chin | Noah Lindee | Brady Shoemate |
| Sharon Cromartie | Mary Looby | Kayann Stables |
| Hernan Cruz | Nancy Lovekamp | Janelle Timmons |
| Amy Davis | Heidi Lundgren | Jack Timmons |
| Shirley Denny | Nathan Madlin | Karla Timpani |
| Kate Devlin | Michael Mamigonian | Aubrey Trigo |
| Daniel Dwyer | Shannon Mauck | Tim Turpin |
| Pam Elliott | Travis Mauck | Carol Wan |
| Leah Evert-Burks | Mariana Mendoza | Leslie Wellington |
| Virginia Feyh | Sean Moran | Kirk Wellington |
| Kenny Feyh | June Morency | Sarah Weigel |
| Joan Field | Linda Munday | Dianne Williams |
| George Foulsham | Dan Munday | Karen Zuber |

"I still get excited every time I drive through the gate! It's absolutely incredible to see these dogs transform from unsure and sometimes stressed when they first arrive to confident search dogs by the end of their training. Getting to photograph these amazing canines throughout that process is such a pleasure and allows me to contribute by sharing my skills to benefit the foundation and all the first responders."

-Susan Bollinger

MEANT TO BE: MINNIE AND MAVIS

Ann and Mavis were together for 43 years after they met on the softball field many years ago. When they were ready to adopt another four-legged family member in 2015, Ann insisted they meet SDF Lifetime Care dog Minnie, a Husky/Staffordshire Terrier/Retriever mix.

The three of them found themselves in the perfect situation—a successful, loving “fur-ever” family of Minnie’s own and a well-behaved, well-trained, smart dog that Ann and Mavis could share their lives with. The three enjoyed every moment together.

Sadly, Ann became increasingly ill with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Minnie stayed by her side—snuggling at the foot of her chair, sleeping next to her, and eventually even visiting her when she had to enter assisted living facilities. Minnie was there every step of the way, dedicated to her family.

When Ann passed in September 2018, Minnie’s job became getting Mavis through her grief to carry on. It was especially hard in the beginning, but Mavis was as dedicated to her canine companion as her canine companion was to her. She had to care for Minnie—she had to let Minnie

out and she had to feed Minnie. To this day, Minnie is still the brightest part of Mavis’s day... the part that keeps her going.

Minnie now curls up at the bottom of Mavis’s chair, sometimes on her feet, and climbs all the way up into her lap for a snuggle when invited. Minnie even helps Mavis stand up by offering her a shoulder to lean on.

Mavis is now in her 80’s and has started to think about “succession” planning—should she be unable to care for Minnie. As dog years and human years pass by concurrently, often times it’s humans left wondering what to do with life once their dog passes. For Lifetime Care dog Minnie and her family, she has a different journey.

Mavis is thankful and secure in knowing that SDF will always be here for her and Minnie. No matter what, Minnie will never end up in a shelter ever again.



HELP EVERY SDF DOG SUCCEED

If you are interested in joining our Lifetime Care Community, visit www.SearchDogFoundation.org/Lifetime-Care-Program to learn more. By joining the Lifetime Care Community, you help SDF fulfill our lifetime commitment to dogs who do not complete our training program but will go on to change lives as working canines or loving pets.

IN MEMORIAM: FOUNGING VOLUNTEER ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER

On January 17, 2020, SDF lost an important part of our family when our very first volunteer, Rosemary Schumacher, passed away in the Ojai Valley she called home for much of her life.

Rosemary led the charge alongside SDF Founder Wilma Melville, handwriting “thank you” letters, processing donations, and maintaining SDF’s offices when we outgrew Wilma’s coffee table!

Rosemary also helped raise Search Dog Ranger and frequently cared for Search Dog Abby when SDF staff member and Handler Debra Tosch, now our Director of Finance, was out of town. Rosemary was also the proud guardian of Search Dog Baron.

And when SDF search dogs were featured on the national news in the aftermath of 9/11, Rosemary manned the phones and called upon friends to gather at the SDF office to help with the influx of interest. She was the perfect ambassador, representing our nation’s search dogs to all who contacted SDF, and helped ensure SDF grew into the organization we are today.

Thank you, Rosemary, for paving the way for so many amazing volunteers to follow in your footsteps. You are missed by all in your two- and four-legged SDF family, but your contribution to further the search will never be forgotten.



If you are interested in joining our **WOOF PACK**, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Debi Mauck at (805) 317-8910 or Debi@SearchDogFoundation.org to learn more.

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WAYS TO GIVE

By making a gift to the Search Dog Foundation, you help ensure we can continue to rescue shelter dogs and transform them into rescuers, helping to save lives in the wake of disasters.

You can make a credit card or check donation quickly and easily:



- CLICK** SearchDogFoundation.org/donate
- MAIL** 6800 Wheeler Canyon Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060
- SCAN** QR code at left

For more information, please contact Rhett Mauck, Director of Development, at Rhett@SearchDogFoundation.org or (805) 229-0075.

Here are other ways to support the search!

- Make a recurring monthly gift to support search dogs all year long
- Celebrate a loved one or a special occasion by making a donation in honor of your favorite human or animal
- Remember a beloved friend by making a donation in their memory
- Give the gift of stock or other securities
- Designate the Search Dog Foundation as beneficiary of your IRA
- Participate in your company matching program
- Create a fundraiser to encourage your friends, family and coworkers to join the search
- Donate your vehicle for use in disaster props or for operational funds
- Leave a legacy to support future search dogs by making a planned gift to SDF
- Volunteer

Thank you for being *Part of the Search!*



VMLY&R: A NEW LOOK FOR AN ENDURING PARTNERSHIP

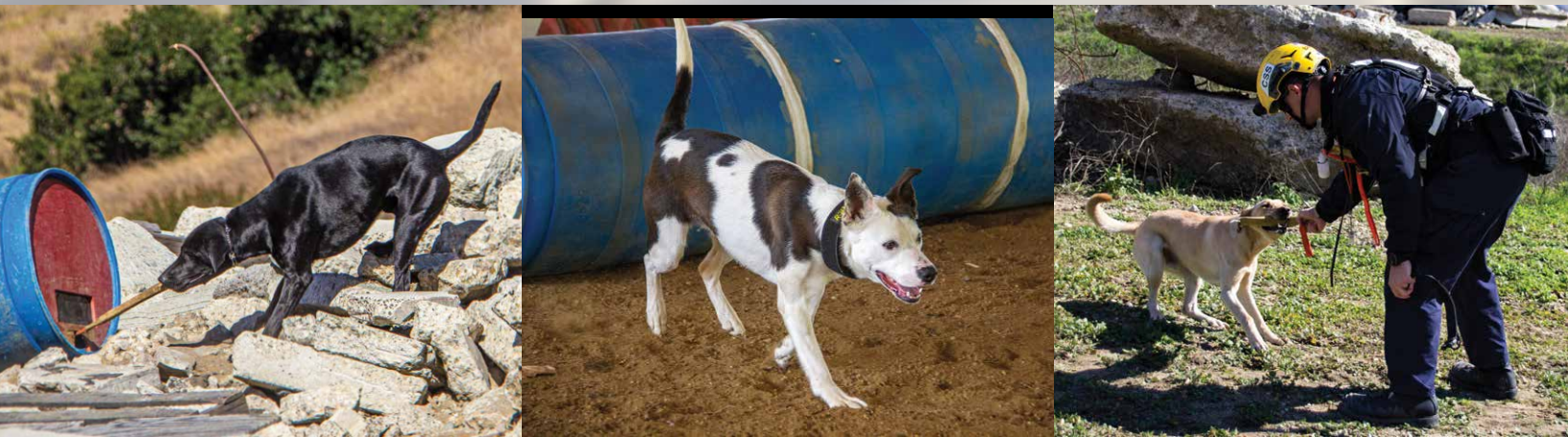
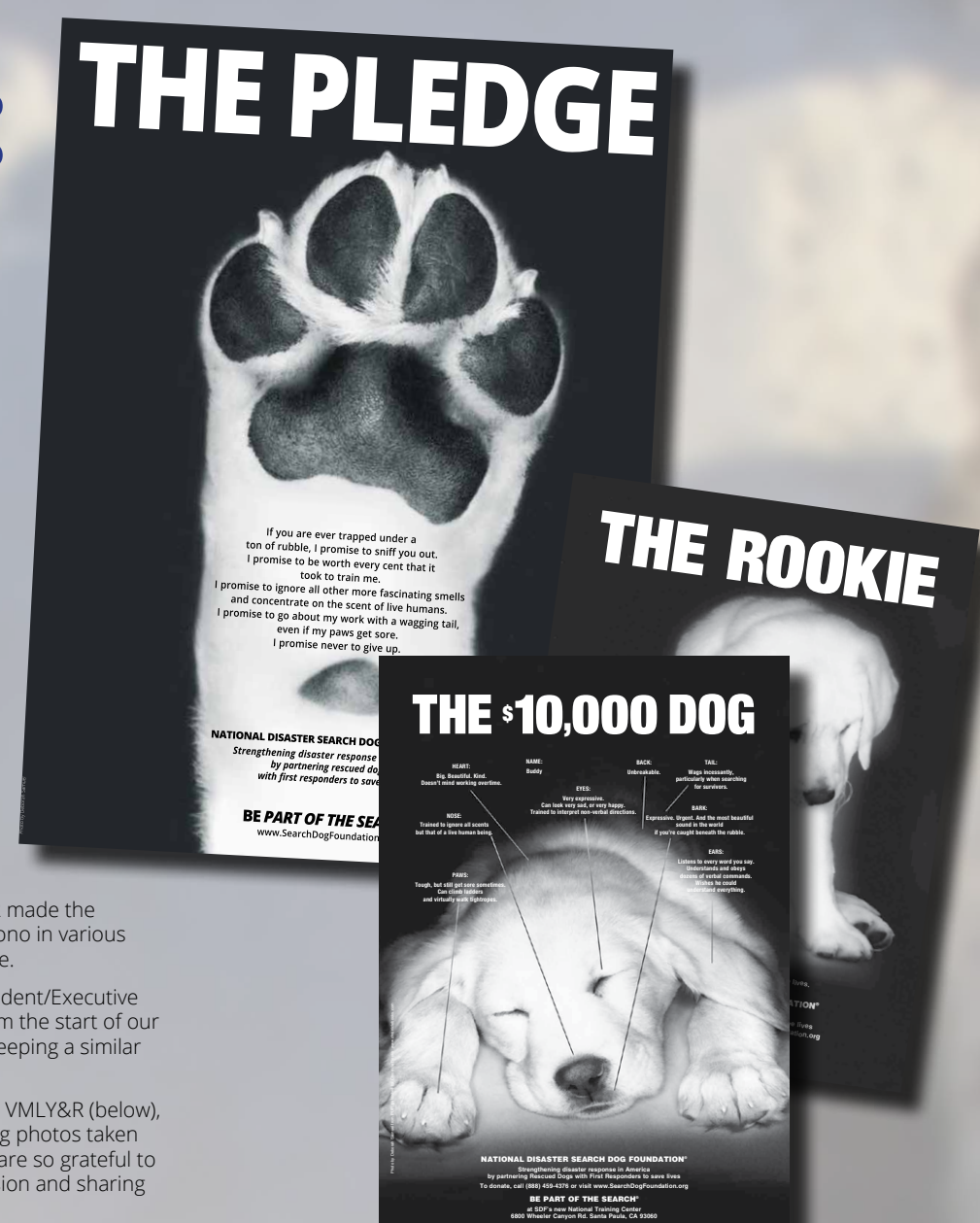
After learning about SDF and reaching out in the aftermath of the 2001 World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks, world-renowned advertising firm Young & Rubicam (now VMLY&R) helped change the course of SDF's history by launching a National Awareness Campaign in 2002.

With the now iconic black-and-white imagery of the original "Pledge" ads placed in publications like the Wall Street Journal, TIME magazine, and others—all free-of-charge—VMLY&R helped keep SDF at the forefront of people's minds and garnered much-needed attention to our life-saving work. Through the years, as our partnership with VMLY&R continued to grow, SDF would receive thousands of messages about how much people love the Pledge, Rookie and \$10,000 Dog.

Because of the beloved ads' popularity, SDF and VMLY&R made the decision to keep the originals in circulation, placed pro bono in various newspapers and magazines as ad space became available.

In 2018, the team, including VMLY&R Executive Vice President/Executive Creative Director Richard Butt, who had been with us from the start of our partnership, determined it was time to refresh the ads, keeping a similar look and feel, with an updated narrative.

SDF is proud to share the new ad series by our friends at VMLY&R (below), which features SDF candidates and search dogs in striking photos taken by prominent animal photographer Shaina Fishman. We are so grateful to the team at VMLY&R for continuing to believe in our mission and sharing our work with the world these last 18 years.



GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE

SDF is proud to have been recognized by several charity watch groups for our commitment to transparency, fiscal integrity, and program management. SDF received the highest possible ranking from the following organizations:



If you see one of our new ads in a publication, please share it with us! Because many of the placements are last minute, pro bono spots, we don't know when they will run. Snap a photo and email it to us at Rescue@SearchDogFoundation.org with the publication name and date so we can see it too!



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We're in this
TOGETHER

Despite the uncertainty in the world, this last year serves as another inspiring reminder of the dedication, commitment and perseverance of our search dogs, handlers, and you, our supporters.

Disasters don't stop, and neither will the SDF family as we continue to prepare our search teams and support our communities for whatever the future has in store.

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