



**A New Leash On Life Inc**

## OUR HISTORY: MOVING FORWARD

A New Leash on Life Inc. is about people helping people by utilizing the special abilities of the dogs we train for specific purposes. Our service dog and therapy dog training programs help Oklahomans with a variety of special needs live more independently, develop confidence, and improve their abilities. Our companion dog program benefits the inmates who train them, the people who adopt them, and the dogs themselves, who might otherwise remain unadopted.

Our story began when Barbara Lewis received a simple request from CCA-Davis Correctional Facility in Holdenville, Oklahoma, to set up a dog-training program using inmates as trainers. Similar programs proved that inmates became more patient, tolerant, and cooperative through the close association and bonds formed while training their dogs.



Lewis, an experienced dog trainer and an Oklahoma field agent for a national service dog training agency, gathered a few volunteers, donated equipment and supplies and selected dogs from a rescue group. In December 2004, they began teaching weekly classes to the inmates and dogs.

In June 2005, Lewis left the national service dog training agency where she had served for 16 years. The volunteers and puppy raisers wanted to continue their contribution to the service dog area, so A New Leash On Life, Inc. was expanded to include service dogs. In 2008, the therapy dog program was added under the direction of Michelle Traw.

Today, A New Leash on Life, Inc. continues to grow and enrich the quality of people's lives because of the generous donors and supporters who believe in our mission. Together, we can keep making life better for the many Oklahomans who need our programs and the incredible canines who serve them.

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# Service Dogs

## MEET KARL

In June 2006, the Service Dog program was added to A New Leash on Life. Since then, we have certified over 100 Service Dogs - most of which began their training being raised by our volunteer Puppy Raisers.



Karl Jansky - named after the famous Normanite and founder of radio astronomy - has just begun that journey. As his Puppy Raisers work hard to get him out in public, around loud noises, bus exhaust, elevators, restaurants, movies, and much more, he will be paying close attention and learning to be calm, walk on loose leash, and respond to basic commands. Welcome to the team, Karl!

## TRAINING YOUR OWN SERVICE DOG

### SETTING UP PUPPIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE AS SERVICE DOGS

Lately, it seems more and more people with disabilities are wanting to train their own Service Dog. "My friend's dog has just had a litter of puppies, and they want to donate one for me to train."

We receive calls like this almost weekly. Training a puppy to be a Service Dog is not just about the training. The dog must have natural talents: a strong desire to retrieve, love of people, confidence, and a willingness to take direction. Because a working dog will work for about ten years, it is important to have a good structure



are cute and friendly, but that doesn't

guarantee they will grow up with the talents needed for a good Service Dog. There's no guarantee the puppies we accept for our Service Dog program will have what it takes either, but the best prediction tool we have is to evaluate



the parents. Since the parents usually reproduce themselves, we encourage breeders to have the parents certified for various health conditions. The parents will typically reflect the personality, energy level, and natural

talents we are looking for. As much as we would like to use rescue dogs, it's more efficient to begin with young puppies. The next time you see a Service Dog working, you'll appreciate just how special they are.

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# Therapy Dogs

## KEATON'S K CLUB: A LEGACY OF KINDNESS

A GENEROUS LIFE CONTINUES TO INSPIRE GENEROSITY IN OTHERS

Keaton always put others before himself. That is what inspired him to start the K Club - a group of people committed to living with kindness, courage, compassion, and care for others every single day.

Throughout his nearly six years - from age two and a half to age eight - of chemotherapy, radiation, t-cell therapy and more, Keaton remained positive, agreeable, hilarious, and sweet. He passed away in May of this year after fighting hard and trying every single treatment available.

During his many hospital stays, A New Leash on Life volunteers were honored to visit Keaton's hospital room. Keaton LOVED therapy dogs! He was happy just to have the hospital therapy dogs

lay in his bed next to him, or if he felt really great, he would pet them, talk to them, and ask them to show him their tricks. They were definitely a bright spot during many, many hospital stays.



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In honor of Keaton's extraordinary life, Keaton's good friend, Luke, chose to support A New Leash on Life with a donation for his birthday. We are privileged to be a part of Keaton's legacy of kindness and to continue to bring the kindness of therapy dogs with every visit we make.

### UPCOMING THERAPY CLASSES & CEUS

#### ELEVATING OUR TEAMS

Sunday, October 21 @ 2-4pm

Share interests & give visit reports. Workshops on loose leash walking, communicating with your dog, & tricks training.

#### EDUCATING OUR TEAMS

Saturday, December 8 @ 2-3pm

Seminar on zoonotic diseases by a local vet.

#### ESTABLISHING NEW TEAMS

New Therapy Dog classes begin Sunday, October 28 @ 3pm

Initial training classes are 3 weeks followed by a facility visit.

RSVP up for any of the sessions above by emailing [Therapy@NewLeashInc.org](mailto:Therapy@NewLeashInc.org)



# Prison Training

## GRADUATION

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### GRADUATING CLASS AUG 2018

Inmates at the Davis Correctional Facility successfully trained another group of dogs – preparing them for their forever homes.

#### THE NEXT CLASS GRADUATES WED, OCT 24



If you are considering adopting, contact our rescue partners for information on a dog from the most recent class:

P.A.W.S. in Ada  
AdoptPaws.org · (405) 332-5233

Seminole Animal Shelter  
SeminoleHumaneSociety.com  
(405) 382-5913

S.O.A.R. in Madill  
Soar4Dogs.com · (580) 229-5151

Helping Paws in Lindsay  
HelpingPawsOK.com · (405)830-7220

## PEN PALS PRISON PROGRAM

### PREPARING SHELTER DOGS FOR ADOPTION WITH BASIC MANNERS

The Pen Pals Prison Program teaches inmates at CoreCivic-Davis Correctional Facility in Holdenville, Oklahoma, to train shelter dogs into well-mannered companion dogs who are then adopted by people in the community. Research shows the inmates benefit as much as the dogs and their new owners. The inmates become more patient and tolerant, learn a skill, and value community service. Their increased confidence, empathy, and ability to share emotions with the dogs open new ways of thinking and relating to others, making a significant difference in their lives, and the lives of their families, staff, and other inmates.



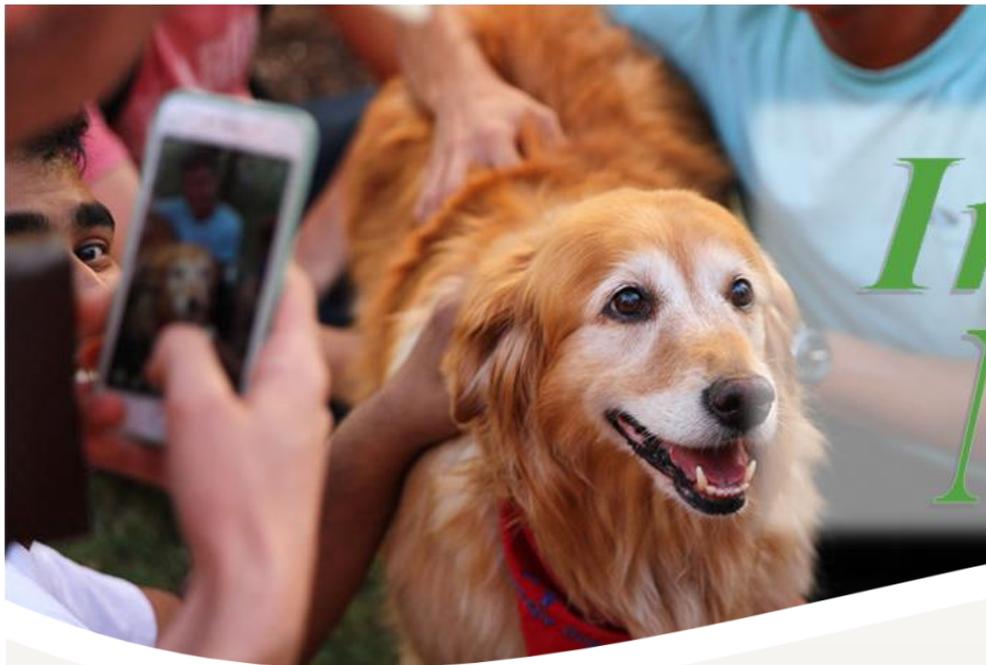
with two inmates who share training responsibilities for the 10-week program. They are responsible for house training, obedience training, and correcting any behavioral problems like barking or jumping up. They make a well-mannered, more adoptable dog out of one that might have ended up euthanized.



A New Leash pays for all the expenses of the program, including food, veterinary care, professional trainers, training treats, and supplies.

Every ten weeks during graduation, the inmate handlers, sometimes tearfully, hand the leash of their dog over to its new owner. Then, they take the leash of another dog from the shelter to begin again.

A New Leash on Life trainers go to the correctional facility every week to conduct dog training classes for inmates and their dogs. Each dog lives in the cell



# In The News

## PUPS IN TRAINING: ADOPTABLE OCTOBER 24

INSIGHT FROM OUR INMATE TRAINERS ON THEIR CURRENT TRAINEES

### ADDY FROM ADA

Has a beautiful "hound" head with long ears and appears to be a black lab/hound mix. She loves to be petted, is energetic, loves smells, and would be a great hunting dog.



### OREO FROM LINDSAY

Affectionate, full of energy, loves to chase and play with other dogs. He enjoys exploring new things and trains easily. He bonds closely with his people and loves to have his belly rubbed.



### JENNY FROM ADA

Independent, full of love towards people, and would be great with kids. Her attitude toward other dogs is selective, so she needs to be in a single dog home.



### FRISKER FROM SEMINOLE

A bird dox mix. He has a lot of energy, is concerned when meeting new people. He enjoys learning new things and bonds closely with his owner.



### TWINKIE FROM ADA

Loves people and other dogs but not as interested in playing with toys. She would love to be with a family that has other dogs, or someone that can spend time with her.



### ANGEL FROM GEARY

A lab/border collie mix. She is a high-energy dog that loves to chase and chew toys. Would be good with older children, appears to love to learn and gets along well with other dogs.



*If you are interested in adopting any of these wonderful dogs, please contact the rescues on page 4.*

## CELEBRATING A LIFE OF SERVICE

As National Service Dog month comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to remember all of the incredible working dogs - Service Dogs and Therapy Dogs - who have passed on this year and the people they served so faithfully. Each of them made a tremendous impact and will be greatly missed by the entire New Leash on Life team.

**SD Beson · SD Hanson · SD Flynn · SD Cooper  
TD Boone · TD Jack · TD Molly · TD Willie**

## ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

### EAT

Johnnie's Charcoal (any location)  
Thursday, October 18  
Thursday, November 15  
Thursday, December 20  
& mention "A New Leash on Life"

### SHOP

At Smile.Amazon.com select "A New Leash on Life" Blanchard, OK, & a percentage of your purchases will be donated to our program

or

Purchase "A New Leash on Life" branded apparel at our own Queensboro Store at [NewLeash.QBStores.com](http://NewLeash.QBStores.com) & New Leash receives 10%

### WALK

Improve your health, and your relationship with your dog, while raising money by walking. Sign up at [WoofTrax.com/Shelters](http://WoofTrax.com/Shelters)

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### **A NEW LEASH ON LIFE, INC.**

A New Leash on Life, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization that trains Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs, and shelter dogs that will enhance people's lives.

TAX I.D. #30-0365904

#### **CFC Campaign Reminder**

A New Leash on Life, Inc. #47007



### **TRAINING CLASSES**

Puppy Class : Sundays @ 2pm

Therapy Dog : starts Sun, Oct 28 @ 3pm

Basic Manners : starts Sun, Oct 14 @ 4pm

Service Dogs : contact us for training times  
*no classes · Oct 7 · Nov 11 · Nov 25*

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB**

Club President (405) 570-0078

Rally : Tuesdays @ 6pm

Conformation : Tuesdays @ 7pm

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