

Paws With A Cause - Summer 2022



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

EXCLUSIVE!

OLIVE says
"Goodbye snow,
hello sun!"

OTTER Believes
in Destiny!

OSCAR's Sneaky
Socks Secret



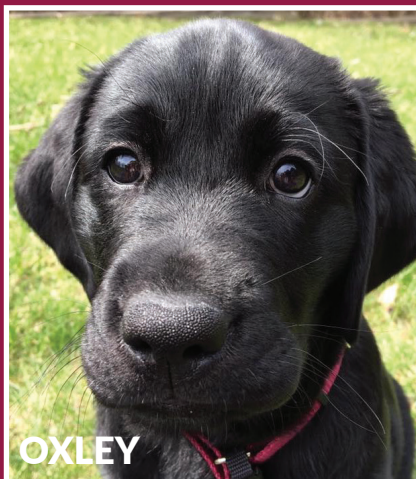
OLIVE



ODIE



OSCAR



OXLEY



OTTER



Third Time Is a Charmer! ▲

OSCAR is Bonnie's third PAWS Dog and he helps her balance while walking so she can go places independently. Bonnie says that it was an easy transition with OSCAR because he was so well trained, though he has his own quirks. "My last two PAWS Dogs were Poodles and they both were not fond of rain or puddles, but OSCAR loves them. It took me a few times of having wet feet to realize it and now I wear boots when it's raining out and we are going to the store!" He's also very proud that he can remove her socks—including her husband's when he falls asleep in the recliner.

Exactly Where He Was Meant to Be! ▼

OTTER changed careers for medical reasons. As his Foster Puppy Raiser and Forever Human, Megan, puts it, "I'm very biased, but I always felt the O Litter was super special! Although I think he would have been an incredible Assistance Dog, I am



beyond grateful that he has stayed with me. OTTER has been my anchor during my first two years of medical school. My study buddy, my sous chef, my shadow, my foot warmer, my running partner, my stress reliever, and my best friend. They really do end up where they're meant to be. When the time comes to raise another PAWS puppy, OTTER is going to be a great mentor!"

"O" The Places They'll Go!

Every PAWS puppy is born brimming with possibilities. OAKLEY, ODIE, OLIVE, OSBORNE, OSCAR, OTTER, and OXLEY, or 2019's "O" Litter, all grew up to have lives united by a common thread—they help people. Even their mama, WIGGLES, is making the world a friendlier place.

Where are they now? Read on to find out!



Doing It Together ▲

The first dog PAWS trained was a Hearing Dog, and OXLEY carries on that tradition! She alerts her client, Christine, to doorbells, fire alarms, police sirens, or people calling her name. "OXLEY is amazing," writes Christine. "My husband passed away unexpectedly in January 2021, I had to put my dog Blue down in March 2021 due to old age, then shortly after that OXLEY came to me! Such a blessing in so many ways. God gave me OXLEY exactly when I needed her most."

"OXLEY gives me confidence to go places on my own and gives me such wonderful companionship! It amazes me and everyone else how quickly she goes from being a goofy 3-year-old to a serious working dog. She has always known what to do, it was me that needed the confidence. OXLEY taught me that we can do this together."



A Model Team! ◀

ODIE is a task master! He opens doors, picks up dropped items, turns on lights, and can trigger an alarm when his partner, Linda, needs help. In addition, he can lift her legs into a therapeutic massage machine by putting his nose under her ankles. It took a lot of practice to master that many skills. In fact, the video to show that the team was ready to be certified was so good, PAWS has asked to share it with Assistance Dogs International as an example of the amazing things PAWS teams can do!

A Legacy of Service ▶

OAKLEY is part of the proud PAWS legacy honoring veterans who have served our country. She and her best friend, Tom, became a PAWS certified team this spring. Tom uses a wheelchair, and OAKLEY loves to be by Tom's side as much as possible, to open doors and pick up dropped items. She's happiest going everywhere with him, even to places with lots of distractions. Tom's wife Judi says, "OAKLEY attended a veterans' gathering of over 100 people and never batted an eye. I am so proud of PAWS and all the volunteers!"

Snuggles in the Sunshine State ▼

OLIVE said goodbye to snowy Michigan and now lives in sunny Orlando! She works full-time for Orlando Health as a certified Animal Assisted Therapy dog. She and her handler are part of an 80-team program that visits six hospitals and clinics around Orlando and makes over 50,000 animal therapy visits a year.



Home Is Where the Heart Is! ◀

OSBORNE is living his best life as a permanent member of his Foster Puppy Raiser's family. When x-rays revealed that OSBORNE had hip dysplasia, a condition that would not allow him to serve as a working dog, he was placed as a pet. PAWS is committed to helping each puppy find the future best suited to them, and part of that commitment is making sure they don't end up in a career that will be too hard on their bodies. For some dogs with tricky hips or elbows, that means they simply live life bringing joy to their puppy raiser families.



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BONUS! Mama's Got a Brand New Career!

Seasoned Breeding Host Home volunteer Maggie loved hosting WIGGLES and her newborn pups, the 2019 "O" Litter. And WIGGLES loved being a mom. "I remember thinking about how much she taught me about whelping puppies. The workload was so easy with WIGGLES doing her job!"

After WIGGLES gave PAWS the gift of future Assistance Dogs she had another destiny waiting for her - to love thousands of kids over the course of her working career. When her litter of puppies went on to their foster homes, WIGGLES moved to the Chicago area. Now she's a Facility Dog (and unofficial mascot) at a high school, where she spends half the day in the counselor's office, half the day visiting classrooms, and all her time spreading lots of motherly love.

Right now, there are 52 future clients waiting for their own PAWS Dog.

Waiting for a dog like OAKLEY, ODIE, OSCAR, or OXLEY to change their life.

Your gift to PAWS today changes their tomorrow.

