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Training Your Own Full Potential Service Dog



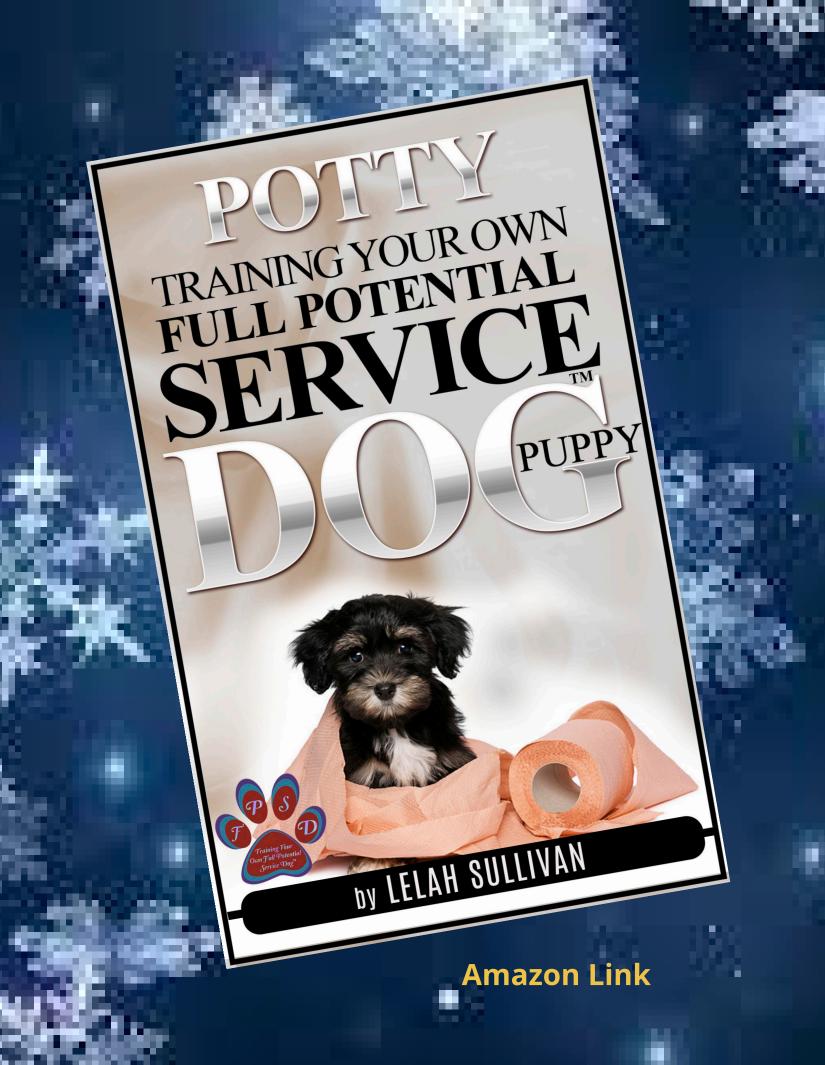
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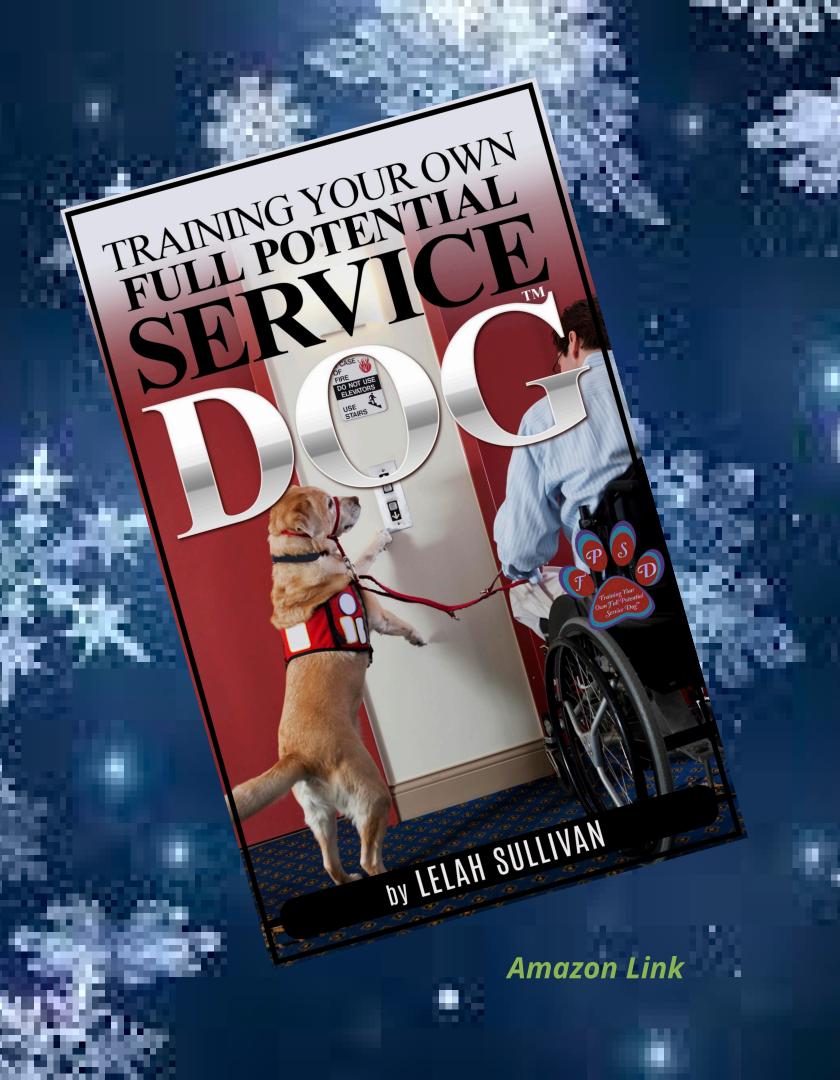
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#### TO THE READER

**By: Your Service Dog Inc** 

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first annual Holiday edition of

"YSDI MAGAZINE - TRAINING YOUR OWN FULL
POTENTIAL SERVICE DOG"

the magazine of Your Service Dog Inc. This issue is full of fun pictures and information on our great programs.



#### INTRODUCTION TO YSDI

#### By: Your Service Dog Inc

*Your Service Dog Inc* is a nonprofit 501c3 dedicated to assisting people with disabilities to acquire their own Service Dogs, and in order to help them in this endeavor, we offer a series of awesome Programs.

Our primary program (*Your Service Dog Inc's Prospect Evaluation and Placement Program*) selects suitable candidate puppies (or sometimes mature dogs) from shelters, rescues, or through donations. During the evaluation period, the dog lives with and is cared for by a YSDI Evaluator as we assess the dog's suitability while s/he is taught the the *Basic Foundation Skills* course at *Your Service Dog School*.

Those puppies and Dogs who make it through the Evaluation period of our intensive training Program and are deemed suitable candidates to be placed as Service Dog In Training Prospects are then placed with a carefully selected compatible Human Partner at a cost of \$0.00 to the person with a disability who is receiving the dog.

The puppies or dogs who don't make the grade in our Program are placed as Emotional Support Animals or Companion Dogs.

Our main program seeks to help disabled people everywhere strive to reach their Full Potential by utilizing Canine assistance to mitigate their disabilities. As part of this endeavor, we assist them in in every way we can to train their own Full Potential Service Dog. We also help with Service Dog gear (when funds permit), and the placement of fully trained Service Dogs when available (for those who for various reasons are not able to train their own dog).

We also run a Special Program for Military Veterans called *Your Service Dog Inc's V.E.T.S. Battle Buddies*.

The V.E.T.S. Program is designed to focus on needs that are specific to disabled Military Veterans. Our vision is to increase the quality of life through personal and community encounters, and assist the Veterans to train their own Full Potential Service Dog to help mitigate their disabilities.

Our Military Veterans also benefit from our Prospect Evaluation and Placement program, and we have just recently placed a puppy with a Military Veteran in need of an Service-Dog-in-Training Prospect. We assist Veterans with Service Dog gear (when funds permit) and the placement of fully trained Service Dogs when available (for those who for various reasons are not able to train their own dog).

Our Organization runs another special Program for First Responders called *Your Service Dog Inc's H.E.R.O.E.S. First Responder Program* which helps our H.E.R.O.E.S. to address needs specific to disabled First Responders.

In addition to other services such as helping our First Responders achieve their Full Potential through events, special courses, and activities for First Responders and their Service Dogs, First Responders may also apply to receive benefits from *Your Service Dog Inc's Prospect Placement and Evaluation Program* (when assessed SDiTs are available) and we also help First Responders with Service Dog gear (when funds permit) and the placement of fully trained Service Dogs (when available).

Through our *BookGift Program*, we provide (to people who inform us that they cannot afford the cost of a Training Book) Gifted e-Books which provide instructions and a step-by-step training sequence to follow, to teach people how to train their Service Dog using the Sullivan Method of Training.

Through *Your Service Dog School* we provide courses and one-on-one Trainers who are always ready to help students with any problems they may encounter or questions they may have regarding the course. A sliding scale scholarship is in place to insure that the course is available to all at an affordable cost.

#### INTRODUCTION CONT.

Through our Facebook Support Groups we foster a supportive, warm, friendly, and loving family spirit, and provide a safe place where our on-line community can come together and talk about their day to day experiences of training, living and working with their Service Dogs. The Facebook Support Groups are also a great place to get the latest news about our programs.

We also have a Website, an Instagram account, and Twitter for those who like to tweet.

We like to feel that we are more than just an organization here at YSDI. We place a lot of emphasis on being a family and supporting each other with love and understanding.

We work hard but we also play hard, and each month we hold an online Party for our Volunteers and members. These parties are lots of fun to prepare, and even more fun to attend and are always full of laughter and party cheer. Many deep and lasting friendships in YSDI have found their beginnings at our monthly on-line virtual Parties.

All these programs are dependent upon our Volunteers and the hours and talents they donate to our organization. Volunteers are the lifeblood of YSDI and our wonderful Volunteer Force is what keeps the organization running smoothly.

Each Volunteer - from the person who performs the smallest task in YSDI, to the Executive Director and Board members are all of equal importance, because, like the cogs of a watch, they all need to function together with precision to implement our programs and ensure the continued operation of *Your Service Dog Inc*'s Nonprofit 501c3 Organization.

Each and every Person who supports YSDI is also very dear to the heart of our organization for you are the people whom we serve. Without you we would not be here. You are the reason we have created programs and even molded them to suit your needs. You are the reason our volunteers work so hard assisting you and helping to enable you to Train Your Own Full Potential Service Dog.

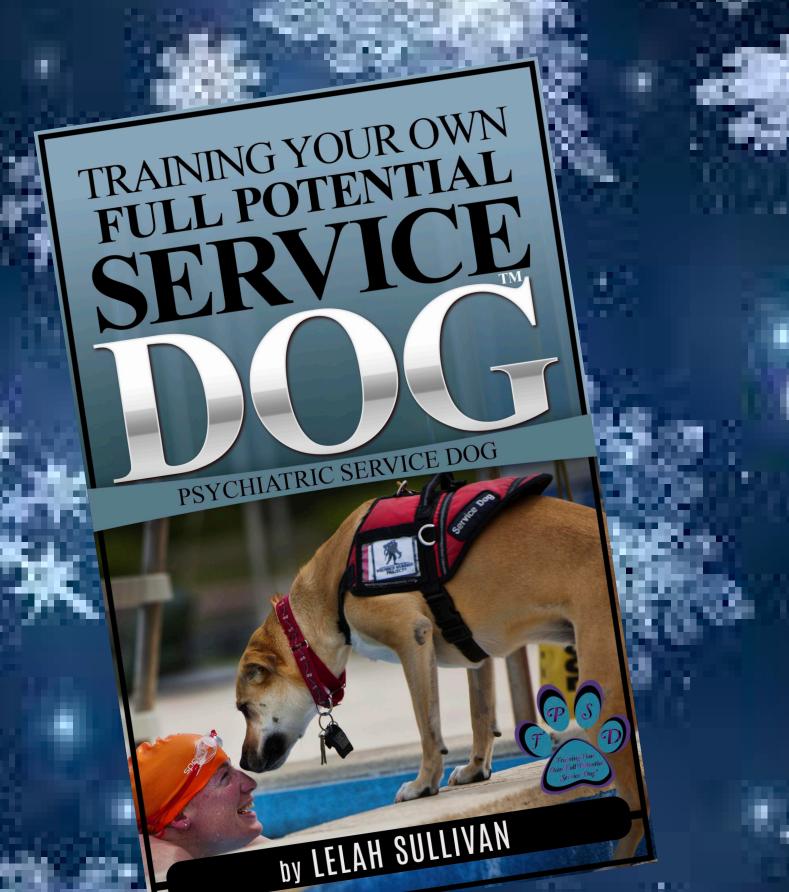
We are also very dependent upon the donations we receive in order to to develop and keep all of our programs running smoothly and efficiently. Lelah herself has even donated all the royalties from her books to YSDI as a way of supporting YSDI and it's programs.

We are waiting with open arms to welcome you as a Volunteer in the *Your Service Dog Inc* Family, where we will work together to assist disabled persons to overcome life's challenges and achieve their own Full Human Potential via the use of a Full Potential Service Dog Canine Partner.

At YSDI, we strive not only to create and distribute Full Potential Service Dogs but also to help each and every person to reach his or her Full Human Potential too.

We live in a fast changing world where technology has made it possible to turn our world (and the YSDI family) into a global village so that wherever you live, and whatever continent you call home, you can help us change the world right here and right now, by joining our volunteer force and filling out our volunteer application form that you can find on our website at yourservicedog.com.

Thank you



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# **Paws for Thought**

By: Pup the Dog

Jingle Bells Arrooouuu

Jingle Bells Arrooouuu

Christmas Eve is almost here

Big bright stars and twinkling lights

Add their magic to the air.....

Well Hello there fellow Mutts,

Are you all looking forward to Christmas? I know I am, and I can't believe that a whole year has flown by since the last time Santa came to visit with all those great gifts.

Santa found me a home last Christmas, and that was the BESTEST Christmas so far, but I think this christmas is goin to be even better.

Yup it sure is!

Ahhh...this time of year sure brings back some memories of my very first Christmas when I was really little.

I remember my first sight and taste of snow.

It sure was something to behold...it was so exciting. I couldn't contain myself. There was a big old white fluffy blanket covering everything as far as the eye could see...it was so big that it was bigger than me, and it swallowed me up when I ran into it.

# Paws for Thought Cont.

This great big white blanket of snow reached for miles, like forever, and as far as I could run, and jump, and play, and it was so soft too, and great fun to dig in...I dug into it with my front paws, then I sprayed it everywhere with my back paws...wheee it was fun!

I never remember us getting a snow as deep as that again, for that was the only time it ever swallowed me up.

It's always nice to get to see a little snow each Christmas season, and dig and play in it, as we wait for Santa and his sleigh full of gifts to come calling.

Not long to go now until we see him, all dressed in red, with Rudolph to guide him in case there is a blizzard.

Come on and sing with me, lets all raise our nose towards the moon and sing and howl our Christmas Song:

Jingle Bells Arrooouuu
Jingle Bells Arrooouuu
Jingle all the way

O what fun it is to ride in Lelah's car today

With clicks and treats to "sit" so good

And not run out the door

I wish 'twas Christmas everyday

So I could eat some more

Lelah brought me to town with Prayer and Marah to see the sights and introduce me to folks.

I just knew she would one day see my potential, and I'd get to ride in the car and go places too.

Wheee! I had a Great Day!

There were lots of things to see on the way to town and lots to bark at too. I would have barked more, but they kept clicking and feeding me treats every time I stopped barking....whoomans just don't make sense sometimes.

We stopped at the gas station along the way, and I guess I must have been a really Good Boy, cos Lelah gave me lots of treats, so many, I didn't have time to bark when a whooman with a long hose attacked our car and started to pump something into the side of it near the trunk. Hmmmm, it smelled funny... but the treats smelled better, so I pretended not to see him. I don't think they noticed that I wasn't guarding them. If they did, they didn't say anything, and kept the treats coming....O boy, it was Great! Hee hee, I'm not so sure I want to guard anyone anymore, getting treats for not guarding is WAY better and WAAAAAY more fun.

I really enjoyed that day in town and even got to meet Santa too.

I did... I did... I really did meet Santa, and he had a bag of toys he gave me to share with Prayer and Marah, I promised him that I would, and I did too, after I took the best ones out of course.

Santa told me I was on his Nice List, if I didn't raid any more trash cans between then and Christmas... I'm trying, I am really trying, but I almost fell off the wagon today when I smelled a lovely juicy bone inside one of those trash cans up the road from me...



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# Paws for Thought Cont.

its yummy alluring scent wafted towards me on the wind and I was hypnotically drawn in its direction against my will. Just then, luckily for me, Trixie the cat came along at that particular time and rammed the trash can, toppling it to the ground, so I grabbed the bone and ran... hee hee, technically I didn't raid the trash can, that's got to count for something.

I got to admit I've been a better Dog since I started playing those Training Games with Lelah, and of course my Little Princess.

I haven't told you guys about her, have I?

She's my Special Person, her name is Connie and she doesn't talk, but she loves me, and I love her, and she does,'t need to talk, cos her and me, we understand each other, without words.

Lelah is teaching us both how to play Clicker Games.

These games are GREAT, they are all about having fun and getting treats. Santa sure did pick the very Best Partner ever when he gave Connie the e-gift card to buy Lelah's book. Yes, I guess she could have waited until Christmas Eve, but I'm glad she didn't, cos we got to play the Clicker Game yesterday, and I am so excited to tell y'all about it, cos it was Pawsomely Awesome!

Today we get to do the Eye Contact Game. Ive seen Lelah do this game with Prayer, so I know it already, but I'm going to pretend I don't know it and let Connie teach me how to give her eye contact using the clicker. Connie is a Great Trainer, and the games are done in silence, so it doesn't matter that she doesn't talk. I love seeing Connie look so pleased after each training session. Every part of me just wants to please her and I wag my tail and wiggle my body with glee. Its like being a puppy all over again.

The day Lelah brought me to town we went to pick Connie up from school and from there we went to visit Santa. Santa adored my little Princess Connie too, and took her on his knee to tell her a story. Then he told us both that he would help Connie and Lelah make a Service Dog of me. Santa gave Connie an Amazon e-gift card so that she could purchase "Training Your Own Full Potential Service Dog" by Lelah Sullivan, from Amazon Kindle.

Well I gotta tell you guys, that was the Bestest Christmas
Present me and Connie ever got, and we have so much fun
playing all those Training Games together, they make everyday
seem like Christmas. They really do Arrrooouuuuu .

So guys, if you are looking for that perfect Christmas Gift for someone, and you just don't know what to buy, then choose Lelah Sullivans e-book on Amazon Kindle,

#### Paws for Thought Cont.

"Training Your Own Full Potential Service Dog" and make your friends and their mutts real Happy, not just for Christmas, but for always, for when you get to the end of the book, you just start it all over again using different criteria, what ever that is?

But the long and the short of it is, that the treats keep coming as long as we hear those clicks and earn them... How about that, old Pup has learned something new, and they say, you can't teach an old dog new tricks, well I learned, cos Connie taught me that click means I have earned me a treat

YUP! Pup has earned himself a treat.

Yup! The Best Christmas Present a Princess and her Mutt ever got.

Well its time for me to go now, and have a training session with my Lovely Princess Connie. Click equals Treat Arrrroooouuuuuuu!

Have a very Happy Yappy Christmas and an Awesome New Year! Don't forget to go to bed early on Christmas Eve, cos Santa and his sleigh may come to your house first, and if you are awake he cant leave all his Gifts, so be sure to get to bed early, and no peeking out from under those covers. I did that one year, and Santa didn't come at all, but he came last year, and he will come this year, he told me he'd come to me and my Princess Connie, and her mom, and dad, and Lelah, and all our friends here abouts.

Merry Christmas Everyone and Happy 2020 to one and all! I will see all you fellow Mutts in the new Year.

Jingle Bells Arrrooouuu
Jingle Bells Arroooouu
Clicker Treating all the way
O what Fun it is to Play
A Training Game Today
ARROOOUUUUUU!
Jingle Bells Arrooouuu
Jingle Bells Arrooouuu

**Seasons Greetings to you all** 

Gotta go and play a game ....

Its time!

Good Bye ...Arrrooouuu!

YSDI's Very Own Pup ... (Written by my very own







#### Your Service Dog Inc's H.E.R.O.E.S. First Responders

#### H.E.R.O.E.S.

First Responders. In addition to other services, the program also helps with Service Dog gear, dependent on need and availability of funds.

**Engagement** with local First Responders communities, precincts, and organizations to support the vision of YSDI by enhancing the lives of first responders with disabilities.

Raising and training Full Potential Canines, canine training, and training materials to meet the needs of our First Responders with disabilities.

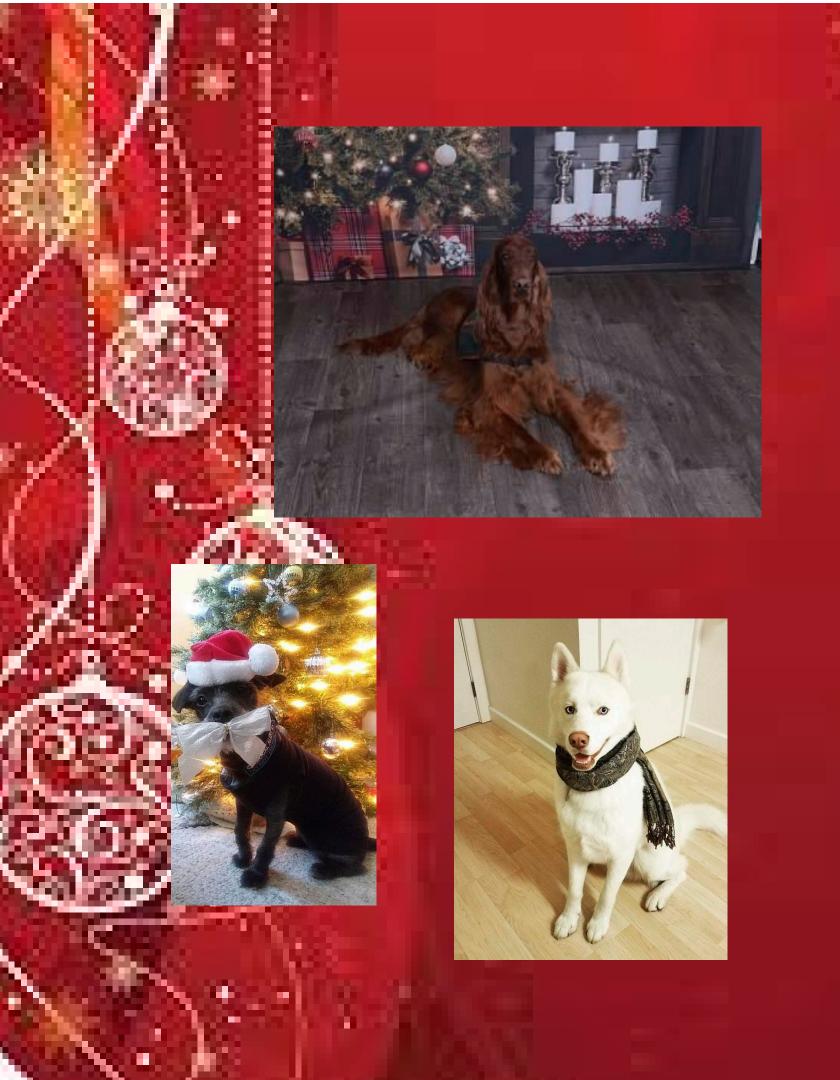
One-For-All (and All For One!) Our Heroes were here for us, and we are here for them.

**Encouraging** Disabled First Responders by helping them achieve their Full Potential through events, special courses, and activities for First Responder Handlers and their Service Dogs.

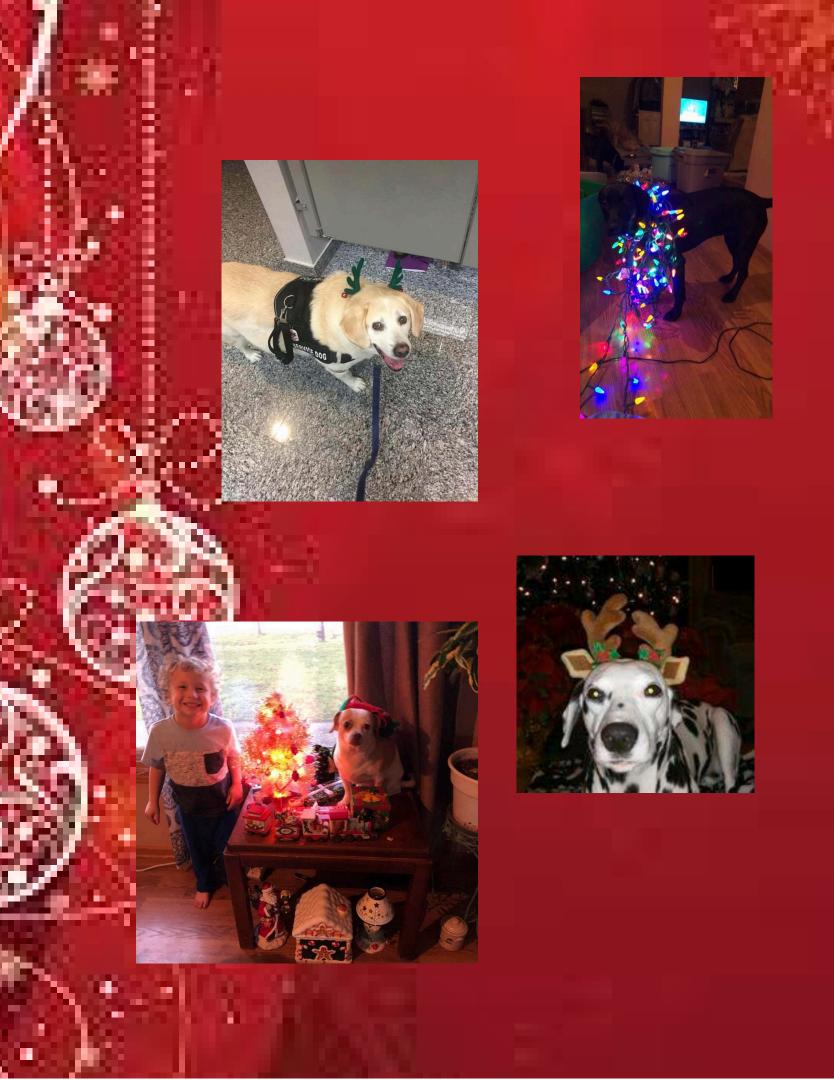
**Support** and improve the quality of life for First Responders by sharing information, stories, and testimonials to gain insight on the benefits a service dog can have for a First Responders with disabilities. We provide and foster a warm and friendly environment that is a safe space to have open discussion about having a Service Dog as a First Responder with training tips and advice to help both handler and canine.















### Prayer's Hory

Hello,

Let me introduce myself to any of you who may not know me.

My name is Prayer and I am Lelah Sullivan's Service Dog – well, actually I'm her retired Service Dog. My wife Marah is now her official Service Dog, although I still help out where I can.

Lelah and I have had many adventures together over the years. Some of them have been pretty scary, but I was always able to calm the situation and I was, and still am, good at my Service Dog job.

I remember one dark and stormy night when Lelah had to go out in search of a goat that had gotten out. Even though it was wet and cold, Lelah insisted on going out after that goat!

As we made our way through the woods, looking here and there, we could hear a bear growl nearby. The bear had cubs and was hungry, so it was important to find our goat and get her home. Bears are, on occasion, partial to eating goat, so the goat would not be safe until we found her, and Lelah knew it.

### Prayer's Story Cont

Of course, I also know the need of protecting our goats, because they provide an important ingredient to our diets, that being the milk they give.

Lelah insists upon feeding us dogs only the best organic foods, and she cooks our meals herself. Our diet includes kefir, yogurt, and cheese, which Lelah also makes herself out of the fresh goat milk. Indeed, I did know how important it was to get Faith home safely!

We went along, this way and that, and the Bear continued to stay awfully close.

Eventually, Lelah shone her light into two shining eyes that reflected it back. It was our Goat, Faith, and she was glad to see us. She started to follow us home after a little gentle persuasion from me.

The night was cold and dark, and though that bear had stopped growling, we knew she was mighty close, and probably hungry too, with thoughts of Goat meat for supper. At one point I had to chase the bear away because she got too close for comfort. Lelah patted me gently on the head and said, "Good Job Prayer!"

Although chasing bears is not exactly Service Dog work, I see it as part of my job to keep the bears away from our Goats (and away from Lelah too, of course).

We went on for quite a while, since we had come a long ways from home. We'd walked maybe a mile or two searching for the goat, and it had taken much time to find her, which meant the battery in Lelah's flashlight was dying.

The flashlight dimmed and then was finally gone. There was nothing but pitch black night and a mile or more between us and home.

As Lelah made her way through the dark, dodging branches and turning her head to avoid the force of the wind and rain beating into her face, she must have gotten confused as to which direction was home, because she was headed the wrong way. I came up close to her and nudged her.

I think Lelah realized that she needed help, because she said, "Prayer, take us home. Please take us home!"

I started for home immediately with Lelah holding on to me. Slowly, surely, and carefully, I guided her steps through the darkness. I also watched to make sure that the goat stayed close to us too, but my main priority was getting my Lelah home safely.

### Prayer's Story Cont

The path was not without hazards, and I could smell that bear still close - too close for comfort at times. I knew I had to get Lelah and the goat home as soon as possible.

I took a short cut, and in the dark it was hard for Lelah to walk, but she trusted me and followed where I led. I navigated a path for her feet though trees, stumps, large rocks, and planks, so that she would not fall or bruise her toes, and eventually I stopped, and just stood still. Lelah kept saying, "Prayer, Go Home!" but I stood still and did not move.

Close by, the bear growled. I still did not move. I knew where we were, but one important lesson I have learned from Lelah's books is to wait and allow my person to think and problem solve, just like she does with me, so I waited.

Lelah eventually started to feel her way around in the dark, and her hand fell upon the handle of her own front door. I had led both Lelah and the goat safely home.

Of course Lelah (after grabbing a fresh flashlight) insisted on making sure the goat was back in the barn and fed before going inside our house to get warm and dry. Naturally, I stayed with Lelah and helped her get the goat settled in. Finally, we were able to snuggle up at home all dry and cosy, Lelah drinking a cup of warm tea and me curled on the rug by her feet as we rested a while before bed, after our adventures in the woods.

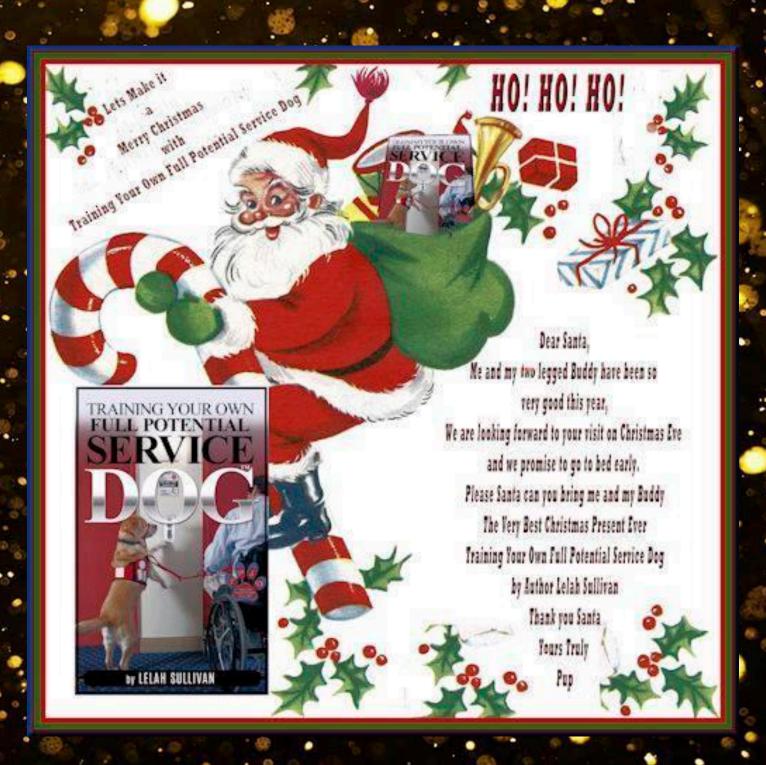
That night I dreamed of chasing bears in my sleep and I guess Lelah dreamed about similar things, because she woke up frightened in the middle of the night.

I switched on the light for Lelah (that's one of my Service Dog Tasks) and then I drew close to her and pressed myself against her to calm her for the rest of the night.

In the morning when Lelah and I woke up we could see the path to our door littered with all kinds of debris from the storm. There were bits of branches, planks, and other items all strewn about, with just barely enough room for a human foot in between them. Lelah marvelled about how I had led her safely through all this without her stumbling even once.

Lelah gave me an extra pat and baked some home-made dog biscuits for breakfast for us to have with our Kefir.

Before breakfast, as we do every morning, we had our Training Game to play, because Lelah always plays Training Games with us before we eat, and as we played, I could hear that bear close by playing growling games with her babies. I guess they were looking for breakfast too.





Your Service Dog Inc 501c3



### Prayer's Story Cont

Did you know that Kefir is very nutritious and good for you? It has even more probiotics than yogurt and helps the body in so many ways.

The dog biscuits Lelah bakes for us are also full of nutrition, and they taste great too. I love the kefir and dog biscuits that we have for breakfast!

I love that Lelah cooks ALL of my meals, and Marah's and the pup's meals too, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

I especially enjoyed breakfast that morning, after our adventure of the previous evening. It was nice to relax in front of the stove with a full belly and listen to the sound of Lelah busy about her chores, and also to the song of the wind as it blew outside.

I guess the bear must have found something for breakfast too, and was lying down somewhere with her cubs to digest their food, for she was now

silent and there was only the sound of the wind as it whistled its lonely tune, whirling round outside our house.

Lelah and I do lots of fun things together every day and have lots and lots of Adventures. I have shared just one of our many adventures with you and I hope you enjoyed reading it!

They say, around here, that I am a little vocal and that I enjoy telling stories, and I admit it – I am and I do. Some say I talk too much, but I tell it as I see, hear, and smell it, because a Service Dog can see and hear and smell so much more than their human Partners do.

I have a good life here with Lelah, my wife Marah, and our children!

Speaking of the children (which I love to do – speak about the children, that is!) on the Eve of Father's Day this year, Marah presented me with my very first sons and daughters. I was, and still am, so very proud of all of them.

Some of the pups have moved on to become Service Dogs in Training for other disabled people, and some of them have chosen to stay home and be trained by Lelah.

It has been an awesome experience for me as a dad, to watch them grow and mature. They are almost 6 months old this Christmas and full of the joys of youth, and they are already showing great aptitude for the family business (Service Dog Work). How time flies! It seems like no time at all since they were newly born.

#### Prayer's Story Cont

All of the pups love the Training Games in Lelah's Book, Training Your Own Full Potential Service Dog.

I hope all of you YSDI MAGAZINE readers enjoyed my story.

I love telling stories, especially when I have an interested listening audience, and I would also love to hear about all YOUR adventures too!

Maybe in the next edition of the YSDI MAGAZINE, you might be the Service Dog to tell me and the other readers all about YOUR Adventure Story and about your Human Partner, and the situations you find yourselves in, for I love hearing other Service Dog Stories too.

We Service Dogs always have the most interesting stories to tell and the Best Adventures to relate. Life is good, life is good!

It is the Christmas Season, and we are busy preparing for Christmas at our house. We are helping the children write their letters to Santa.

Marah and I already have our own letters written. We are asking for games and Treats and chew toys from Santa this year. I am especially hoping to find a new "Kong" under the Christmas tree!

If you haven't written your letter to Santa yet, you had better sit down and write it now, because Christmas is almost here! If you ask Santa to get something from Amazon for you, don't forget to choose Your Service Dog Inc as your favorite listed Charity for SMILE on Amazon. May your homes be filled with laughter, happiness, and peace this Christmas and throughout the New Year of 2020, and through all the Years to follow. Merry Christmas one and all! Sincerely, Prayer **Retired Service Dog** 





#### Training Your Own Full Potential Service Dog™

With Lelah Sullivan

"YSDI Trainers are backed with a combined 85 years experience!

Your Service Dog School

Your Service Dog Inc

- Online courses It doesn't matter where you live.
- A Certificate of Completion from YSDI.
- Lelah and her Trainers will be available to each of you, offering feedback to the training videos you upload.
- Tuition includes e-textbook and workbook.
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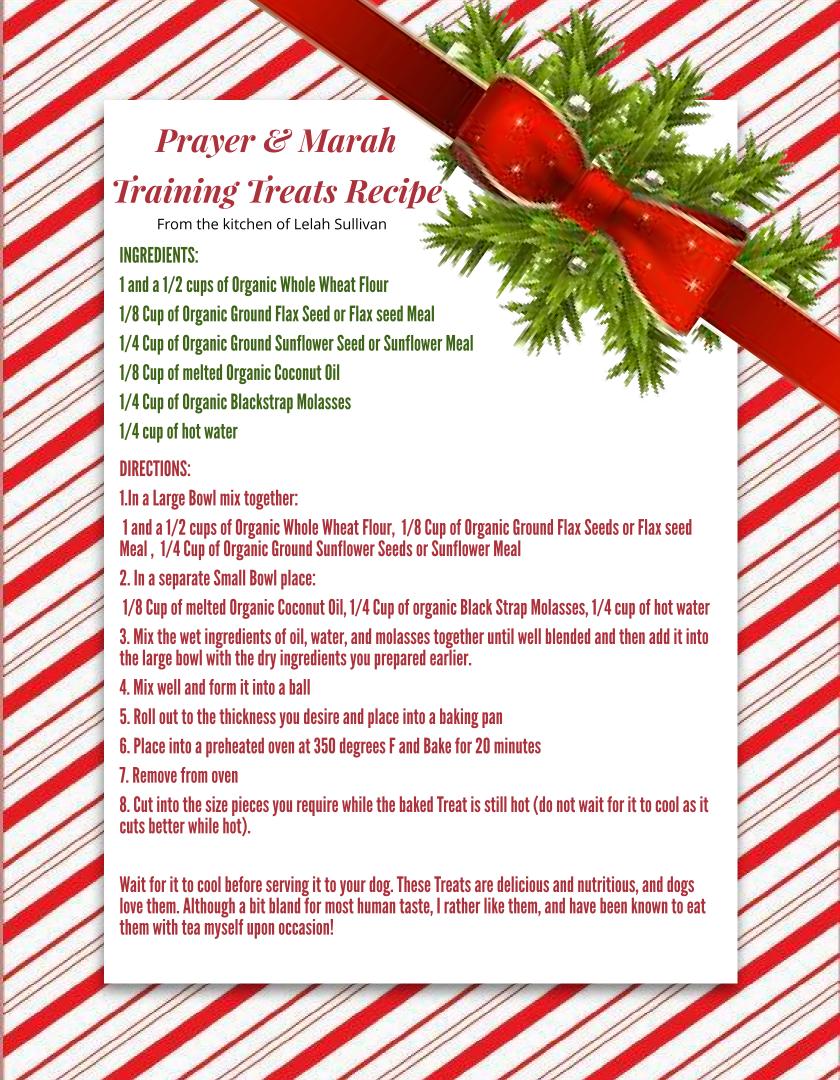
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Whether you need to apply for a financial scholarship, need to talk to us about payments, or can pay in full, it's a GO!

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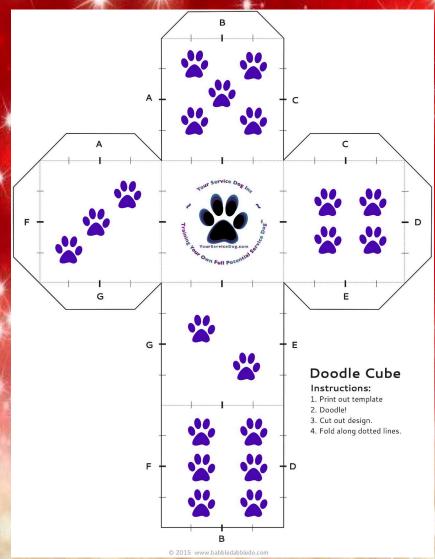
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# Prayer's Adventure Game

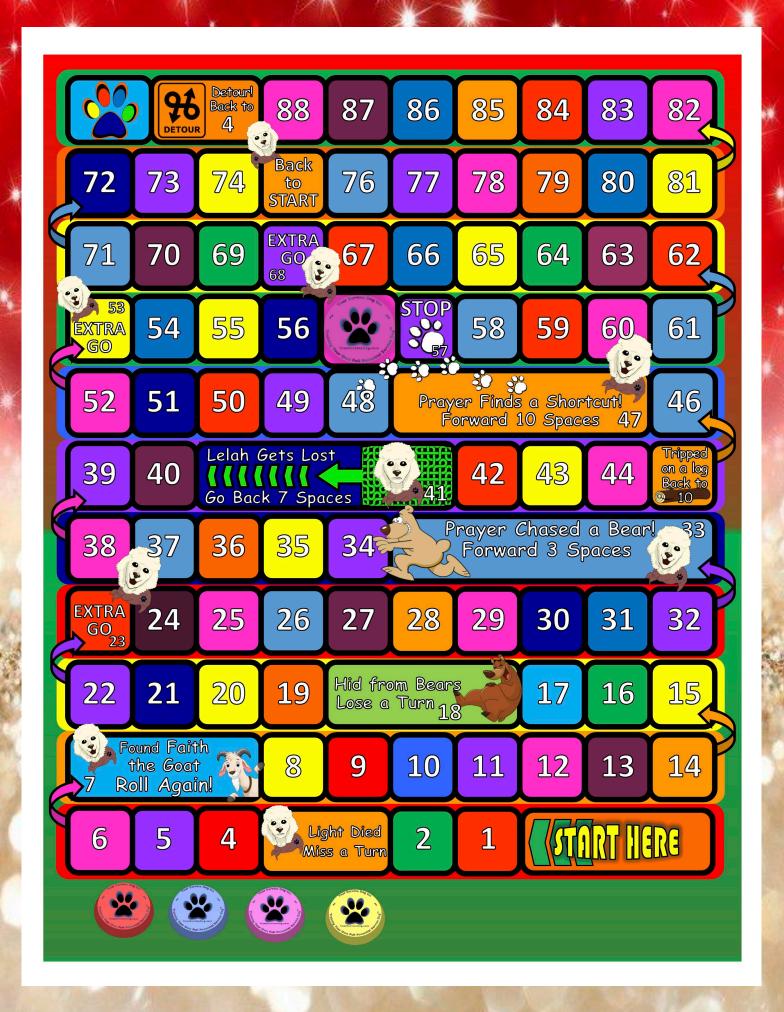
#### **Instructions**

This is a game that can be played by two or more players. For added enjoyment, be sure to read our Cover Story about Prayer, Faith and the Bears!

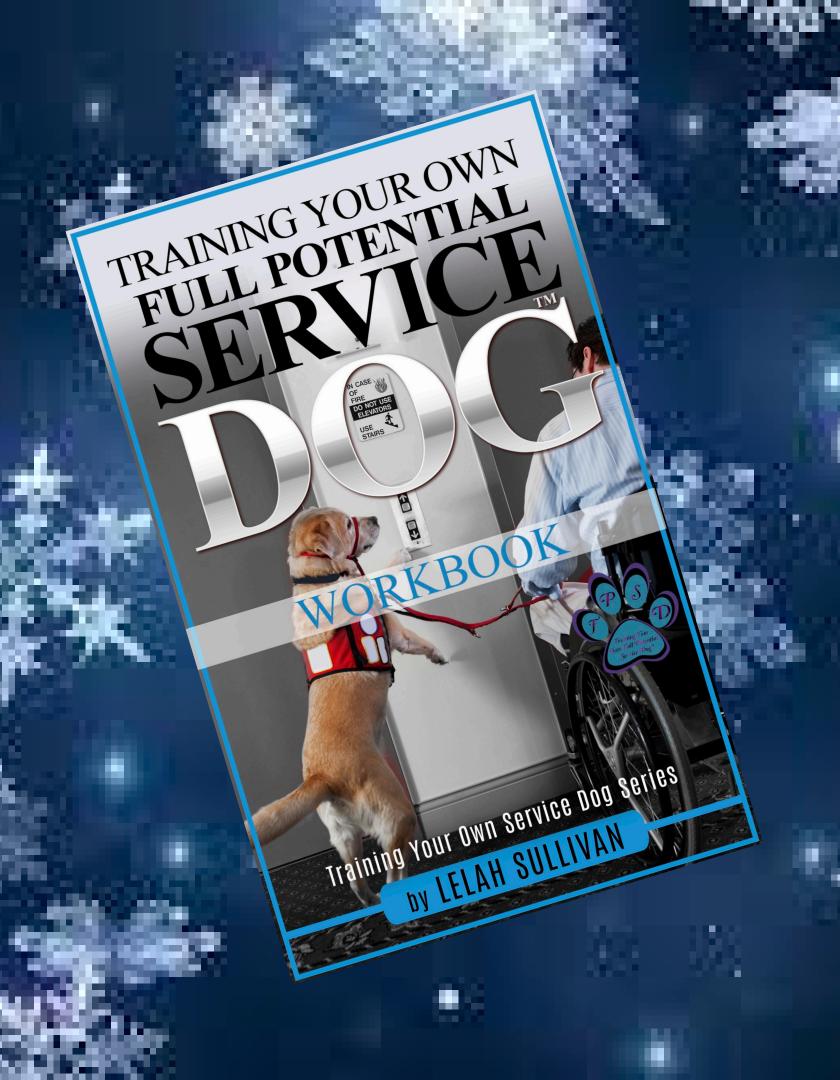


- 1. Begin by having each player choose a marker. If there is dispute over the color of marker a player wants, toss the dice to determine choice of markers. The person with the highest score gets to choose a marker and to go first. If there are more than two playing the game, continue to toss the dice until each player has chosen a marker.
- 2. Construct the dice provided, or you can use dice which you may already have if you prefer.
- 3. Order of play goes to the left of the person who has the first turn.
- 4. Stop means that the player who lands on Stop must remain on Stop until they roll a 6. Getting a six does not mean that the player moves on 6 places, instead it means that they may roll the dice again to determine how many places they can now move.
- 5. If a player's marker lands on the YSDI Logo then that Lucky Player gets to send one player back to Start.
- 6. Extra Go is an extra roll of the dice during your turn.
- 7. The first player to reach home wins the game

**ENJOY THE GAME** 









Once upon a time, I was a person struggling to "make due", depending on the assistance of my husband in the role of my "Service Companion".

From what I had learned in the world, usually only people with visual disability or extreme mobility issues had Service Dogs. I wasn't blind or wheelchair bound.

Then a friend I had known for a few years, whose disability was neither of those issues, got a service dog. The change in the quality of her life was measurable. I learned that Service Dogs could be more than Guide Dogs and Mobility Dogs.

Once I learned how having a Service Dog in my life could help to mitigate my disability, there were other obstacles to overcome.

My friend's mother-in-law had gifted the \$22,000 to have her dog trained. She had to go to a resident facility for weeks. That could never happen for me. Obtaining a Service Dog seemed impossible.

I couldn't even *Think* about trying to afford the \$20,000 to \$40,000 that it might take to bring an ADA Task Compliant Service dog into my life. Then, by researching the American Disabilities Act, regarding Service Dogs, I learned that "People with disabilities have the right to train the dog themselves and are not required to use a professional service dog training program". *But I had no idea how to do that.* 



More research and enter Lelah Sullivan's HOW TO TRAIN YOUR OWN FULL POTENTIAL SERVICE DOG BOOKS and <u>EVERY THING</u> in the quality of my life changed for the better!

Using Lelah's Book One, and then Book Two, I began to use easy, effective games to help my pup learn how to think for herself, how to respond to my needs. I learned how to teach her to become MY Service Dog, reaching her Full Potential.

Lelah's book(s) present easy-to-follow teaching and learning methods, all using fun game play for the dog. So simple!...Day One do this....Day Two, do this and this....Day Three, do this. Day Seven, Pop corn fun! Every skill is incremental, building upon the ones before it.

We proceeded at our own pace, zipping through certain skills and then having to slow down, repeating others until we worked it through together.

The foundation was firmly built and by the end of Book One, Holly was able to easily retrieve a medication bag from anywhere in the house and bring it to me: Her first Official Task! From there we worked Book Two and her abilities to perform necessary tasks to mitigate my disabilities grew!

For the cost of Two Books on Kindle at \$9.99 each, our dedication to FOLLOWING LELAH'S METHODS, even when I didn't necessarily want to or understand why I should, Holly became my ADA COMPLIANT TASK PERFORMING SERVICE DOG.



The more she learned, the more she *could* learn, ON HER OWN, with free thinking having been absorbed and encouraged through the Full Potential Game Playing Activities.

There is no way I could have been successful in having an Owner Trained Service Dog, without the formula proven and provided by Leah Sullivan's Books.

Thanks to the education which Holly and I received my husband no longer has to be my Service Companion. I have freedom that I haven't had in years, and so does he!

Holly and I can go out alone. I began driving again alone. I know that she is trained to do as I need and I am no longer afraid of my disabilities. I have a partner in them.

The quality of my life is phenomenally different. Using Lelah's *TRAINING YOUR OWN FULL POTENTIAL SERVICE DOG* BOOKS was a pivotal change in my life. With them I was easily able to train Holly to take specific actions to assist when needed, without cues. Added were the Facebook Support groups and knowing that Lelah and the volunteers were available if assistance were needed.

Quite Simply, being able to train Holly, using the Lelah Sullivan System gave me Quality Of My Life.

Bettie-Jeanne Rivard-Darby Handler of The Angel Holly Hope, who has been Task Performing ADA Task Compliant since 2016



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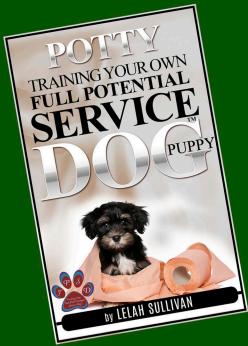
Vision to increase the quality of life for Military Veterans through personal and community encounters with Veterans, assisting them to train their own Full Potential Service Dogs to Mitigate their disabilities.

**Engagement** with local Veteran communities, chapters, and organizations to support the vision of YSDI by enhancing the lives of Military Veterans with disabilities.

**Training** provides Full Potential Canines, canine training, and training materials to meet varying needs of our Military Veterans with disabilities.

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Training Your Own Service Dog Series

Lelah Sullivan is an experienced Dog Trainer and certified Life Coach.

She trained dogs for a variety of purposes for over 50 years, but then began to specialize in Service Dogs, and her mission has since been coaching owners on how train their own Service Dogs

and to bring their canine Service Dog Partners to a higher standard of excellence.

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#### **NOTES FROM LELAH**

Dear Readers, Volunteers, and Clients of Your Service Dog Inc,

I hope you have enjoyed this year as much as I have, watching Your Service Dog Inc grow from strength to strength because of the time and hard work we have all invested in the organization. Thank you!

We have achieved a lot this past year, and we currently have a footprint on the ground in several U.S. States, with our online presence continuing to reach not just the USA but Canada, Mexico, Ireland, the UK, Nigeria, and Australia, to mention but a few.

Our School is showing success story after success story, and has opened several new courses this year.

Our other Programs have expanded during the course of the year too, and we are very pleased with the way in which our Coordinators are running all of their departments.

We are a Global Family, and the Holiday Season is family time time to gather together and celebrate the joys of being a family. Yes, Your Service Dog Inc, although it is a nonprofit 501c3 Business, is also a family, and it is in that family spirit of love and laughter that we help each other through the ups and downs of everyday life.

#### NOTES FROM LELAH CONT.

This, I feel, has been the greatest Gift of Your Service Dog Inc - that we are all here for each other, helping each other to reach our own Full Potential while training our Dogs to their Full Potential, whether they be Service Dogs, Emotional Support Dogs, or Companion Pet Awesome Dogs. We all help each other grow.

That is the gift which I share with all of you, and ask all of you to share with each other and the world, this Holiday Season and New Year and always!

I hope you enjoy our Holiday edition of the YSDI Magazine. My heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed images and stories to make this the Awesome Magazine it is, and my special thanks goes to our Editor, Cassandra Woodard, who compiles and edits our YSDI Magazine and also Bridget Foust who created the Fabulous Board Game contained within this issue.

Happy Holidays, Everyone. May your hearts and your homes and your families be Blessed with Peace this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely, Lelah Sullivan



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