

Hope Through the Spirit of the Dog



Hello and thank you for taking time to learn about the Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN).

Just like people, no two dogs are alike. Each uniquely created with a certain spirit that penetrates our heart and makes us feel whole. When a dog is steadfast by our side, proper order is restored; and all is well.

The mission of ICAN is to train and place working dogs – service dogs - with children and adults living with a disability, while providing life and job skills to inmates who train them inside Indiana correctional facilities. The spirit of unconditional love and undying devotion of our dogs make this possible!

You can make a difference as well.

Currently, ICAN has a 2 ½ - 3 year wait for individuals in need of a service dog. With your support we can train additional dogs to reduce the wait time, and bring independence to people living with a disability sooner.

Get involved today to bring hope on both sides of the leash.

Truly,

Jillian Ashton
Executive Director

ICAN brings together three diverse groups to **empower people to live more enriched and independent lives.**



Children and adults with disabilities and their families find they can live more independent and productive lives with the help of a service dog.

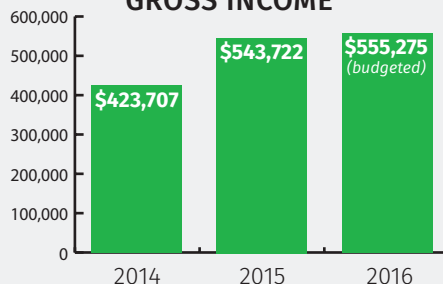


Carefully screened incarcerated adults train these dogs, and have the full time responsibility to care for and teach their dogs the skills needed to become successful service dogs. Inmates gain professional and life skills to successfully re-enter to our communities.



By working with a dog's innate temperament and eagerness to be with people, ICAN is able to provide service dogs with work they enjoy.

GROSS INCOME



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RAISED FROM:

Grants/Contributions: 71%

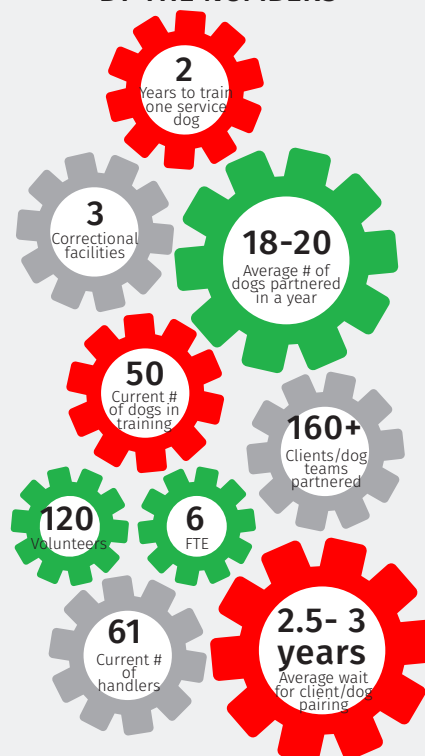
Special Events: 22%

Client Fees*: 7%

*Average cost of two years of training for service dog is \$26,000. ICAN charges clients \$1,600 for dog and follow-up services for lifetime of the dog.



BY THE NUMBERS



WHO ICAN SERVES

Service dogs are placed into relationship with children, adults and veterans living with physical and developmental disabilities.

- Our dogs are trained specifically to serve our clients' needs in their day-to-day activities
- ICAN serves clients within a 250-mile radius of Indianapolis
- ICAN service dogs also impact individuals and inspire communities in facility settings

1. Schools
2. Hospitals
3. Court houses
4. Rehabilitation centers
5. Retirement/Nursing Homes

ACCREDITATION

ICAN is 1 of 100 accredited service dog training organizations internationally and the only accredited service dog training program in Indiana. Accredited by Assistance Dogs International (ADI).

CERTIFICATIONS

Department of Labor, Apprenticeship for Animal Trainer for handlers/ inmates who complete program requirements.

BREEDING

ICAN has their own breeding program. Health and temperament of the dog is critical for placement success. ICAN is also a part of a co-op with other service dogs internationally. The sharing of stud dogs, and puppies happens through this network. ICAN also received puppies through the generosity of breeders desiring to donate to a nonprofit. Facilitating a breeding program has allowed ICAN to experience an increase in the overall percentage of successful placements.

SERVICE DOG INDUSTRY TRENDS

Fake service dogs is a concern and the monitoring has been inconsistent and non-existent at the state and federal level.

Education needed on the terms companion dog, emotional support animal, therapy animal and service animal. American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to dogs only http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

Service dogs for military personnel with PTSD is being discussed more and more. Financial support from the government is currently limited for our veterans.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP BRING HOPE TO OTHERS



Honor a beloved pet, family member, co-worker or special event with a financial donation



Ask your company to match your gift



Sponsor a service dog in training



Host a Tails to Tell in your home or at your place of work



Volunteer time to furlough a service dog in training



Tell three people about ICAN today



Visit www.icandog.org to learn more!

ICAN GRADUATION CEREMONY

After ten days of team training, where the handler teaches the clients skills to work with their dog, we celebrate the new partnership with a Graduation Ceremony. Our graduations take place at the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP). We include a light reception to allow time to meet the handlers, dogs and clients, followed by a one hour graduation ceremony. It is an evening filled with celebration and one with tears, as both of our components come together one last time before taking the dogs to their forever home. Upcoming graduation ceremonies December 8, 2016, June 15 and December 7, 2017, all at 7pm. To register, contact Dino at dino@icandog.org or visit icandog.org.

PUPPY LOVE VALENTINES

Puppy Love Valentines is a special fundraiser held each February to support ICAN's mission. Last year our puppies and dogs in training delivered nearly 600 Valentine gifts to individuals at work, school, retirement and nursing homes, hospitals, etc. throughout the greater Indianapolis area. Last year, our deliveries filled up quickly, so don't delay in ordering! For more info, contact Dino at dino@icandog.org or visit icandog.org.

PUPPY LOVE YEAR ROUND DELIVERY

Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, retirement, baby or wedding shower, a holiday, get well, employee client appreciation, or even a marriage proposal (yes, really!...our dogs can deliver that ring for you!), our dogs in training are now delivering gifts and sloppy wet kisses all year round! Your delivery can be arranged to include a gift box designed by us, an item that is personally from you, or we can customize a delivery to fit your special occasion! To learn more, visit icandog.org.

ICAN'S WINE & WAGS – JOIN US IN 2017 FOR OUR 15TH ANNIVERSARY!

Wine & Wags provides individuals and businesses an opportunity to learn more about ICAN and the work we are doing with inmates. The evening is inspirational and filled with stories by clients, released handlers and families. In 2017 we will have a special Wine & Wags to celebrate ICAN's 15th Anniversary! Date and location to be announced so make sure you are on our email list to stay informed. If you do not receive our emails and updates please contact joan@icandog.org to be added to the list.

IF THESE DOGS COULD TALK

ICAN hosts a 1 1/2 hour presentation at the Indiana Women's Prison once a month. Attendees can meet the ICAN dogs in training and the handlers who train them. These sessions are an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of the impact the ICAN program has made on the inmate handler and to see the dogs in training at work. You MUST register no later than two weeks prior to the date you wish to attend. For further info or to register, please contact Joan at joan@icandog.org.

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