

The PADs Scentinel



*News from the program that trains Parkinson's Alert Dogs
for the detection of Parkinson's Disease.*



Get rrrready. This is Shugga and Mia here giving you a nosey nudge to mark your calendar for August 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. These are the dates that you can easily double your efforts to help us and our 14 furry friends at PADs to keep sniffing for Parkinson's Disease. During those dates, an organization that the humans call the San Juan Island Community Foundation is providing a matching fund that will match up to \$1000 dollars donated to the PADs Program. That's a lot of turkey! On the 18th, we will send you the "donate" link for you to retrieve. So if you have opposable thumbs, please mark your calendar now. And to you, we wag. ♥ , Shugga and Mia 🐾 🐾





Let them eat cake! Hudson, Quil, Shugga and Rudi celebrate a birthday in PADs! Please join me in wishing all four of our expert and experienced Parkinson's Alert Dogs a very happy belated birthday! Many wags to each and all! And yes, they have done a lot of super-sniffing work for Parkinson's.



Hudson

Happy 6th birthday to Hudson as of May 22. Hudson has attended 399 training session days, and has 1679 exposures to 143 unique PD donor samples under his harness.



Quil

Happy 5th Birthday to Quil as of June 6. Quil has attended 363 training session days, and has 1550 exposures to 144 unique PD donor samples under her harness.



Shugga

Happy 10th birthday to Shugga as of June 13. Shugga has attended 219 training session days, and has 1387 exposures to 135 unique PD donor samples under her tutu.



Rudi

And, happy 11th birthday to Rudi as of June 15. Rudi has attended 368 training session days, and has 1387 exposures to 104 unique PD donor samples.

Covid-19 Couldn't Keep the 16 Noses of PADs from Working



In 2020, PADs was closed for training for three months under a stay-at-home order, but once the order was lifted in June of 2020, PADs was able to reopen with minor adjustments for social-distancing, disinfecting and masking. As you read this, all 16 Parkinson's Alert Dogs are putting their noses to work as many as four times a week to help a science team locate the source of PD odor. By finding the source, it then becomes possible to develop methods of slowing, or even stopping, the progression of this debilitating disease. At PADs, science is being led by the nose.

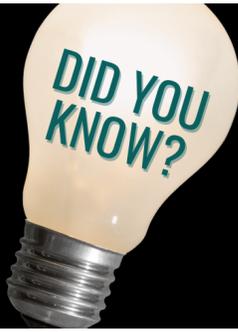


PADs Receives a Big Wad of Sweaty Bucks

A big wag to the Rock Steady Boxers of Covington and Puyallup, Washington, who donated more than 350 sweaty dollars to the dogs of PADs!

For anyone not familiar with Rock Steady Boxing, it is a nationwide boxing organization for people with Parkinson's. The activity of boxing helps to slow the progression of PD and, besides that, it is a lot of fun for these dedicated boxers. PADs plans to use each Sweaty Buck to help knock Parkinson's right out of the ring.





For a Dog, Sniffing Works a Bit Like a Revolving Door

Unlike humans, dogs can inhale and exhale odor at the same time. It's very much like a revolving door, where odor can enter and exit at the same time. And, even more amazing, dogs can do this at the rate of 6 inhales and exhales a second. It's no wonder that the Parkinson's Alert Dogs are dog-tired after their day at PADs.

