



# 2022

## *Annual Report*

### **MEDICAL MUTTS SERVICE DOGS INC.**

As a leading authority in medical alert assistance dogs, Medical Mutts is dedicated to training rescued dogs to be service dogs and to promoting collaboration between dogs and people through science, education, and ethical training.

# A Note from *Leadership*

In another year of challenges for the world and for each one of us, we at Medical Mutts Service Dogs are grateful that we can continue in our mission of helping both people who struggle with a disability and dogs in need of a good home. Over the past 9 years, we have been looking for ways to expand our reach and have continuously grown our programs, even with our limited resources. And 2022 has not spared us from many puzzles to solve, from covid to staff shortages and price increases. From those challenges, we have learned and made some changes so that we can get even better at helping those we serve. Of course, we simply cannot do any of this work without you. Thank you! We are deeply humbled by your support and friendship! Thank you for caring for people with disabilities and for dogs in need.

*Jennifer Cattet*

During 2022, we continued to empower people with disabilities to live with greater independence and provide good homes to dogs in need. Thanks to our incredible staff and support we were able to place 14 service dogs, help train 35 owner dogs, find homes to 26 dogs, and serve 257 active service dog teams. Thanks to your unwavering commitment, we are entering 2023 strong and ready to pursue our goals. We're starting the year with a new and ambitious project: Mutt Mentors. We're launching Mutt Mentors foster program to allow us to help even more teams and ensure Medical Mutts fulfills our mission.

*Kim Coy*



**Jennifer Cattet, PhD**  
Co-Founder and Executive Director



**Kimberly Coy**  
Board Chair

# Mission

**Training rescue dogs as service dogs and promoting collaboration between dogs and people through research, education and ethical training.**

# Services

## **Program Dogs**

We train rescue dogs as service dogs to help with conditions such as diabetes, seizures and psychiatric disorders.

## **Boarding & Training**

We train owner dogs as service dogs to help with a disability. The total time of training is 6-8 months.

## **Private & Group Classes**

We teach owners with disabilities how to train their own dogs as their service dogs. The program takes about a year to complete and is done online.



# At a glance 2022

# 18

graduates

number of rescue  
dogs who became  
service dogs



# 26

adoptions

number of career  
change /release  
dogs



The 18 rescue dogs who became service dogs help  
people with a variety of disabilities.

13 Psychiatric

3 Diabetes

2 Mobility





# 56

*rescued*

number of rescue  
dogs who were  
pulled from  
rescues\*



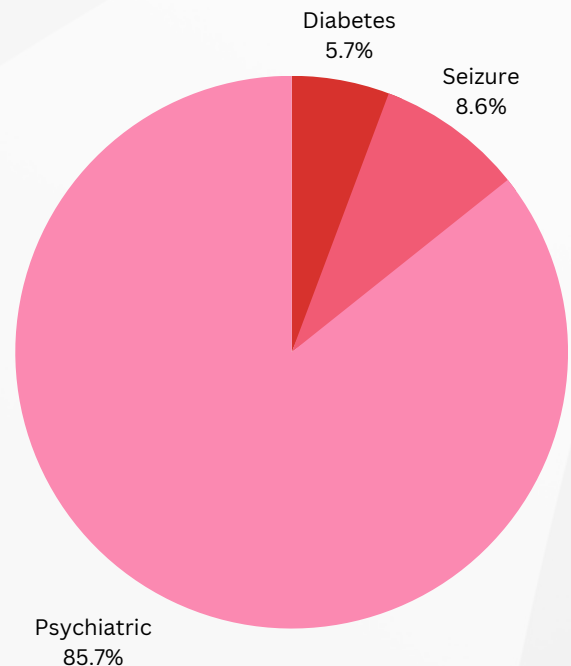
\*Many dogs are returned to the shelters we got them from. This number reflects the number of dogs directly adopted by families from us. Our adoption fee is \$200 and includes 2 private training sessions.

# 35

*owner dogs  
graduated*

number of owner  
dogs gradated as  
service dog

The 35 owner dogs who  
became service dogs  
help people with a variety  
of disabilities.



***Our total impact***

program dogs: 109

Owner trained dogs: 148

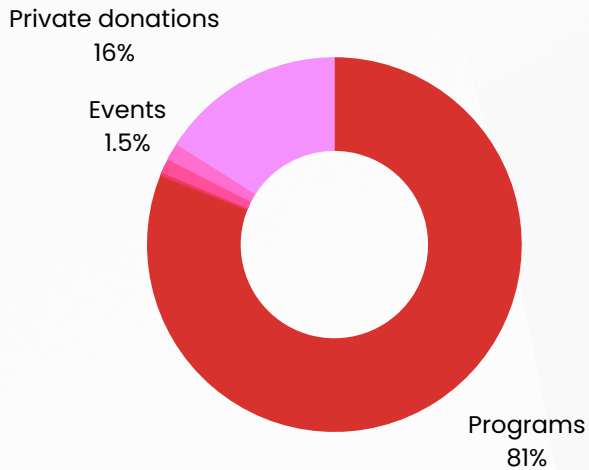
Dogs rescued: 391

# 2022

## Financials

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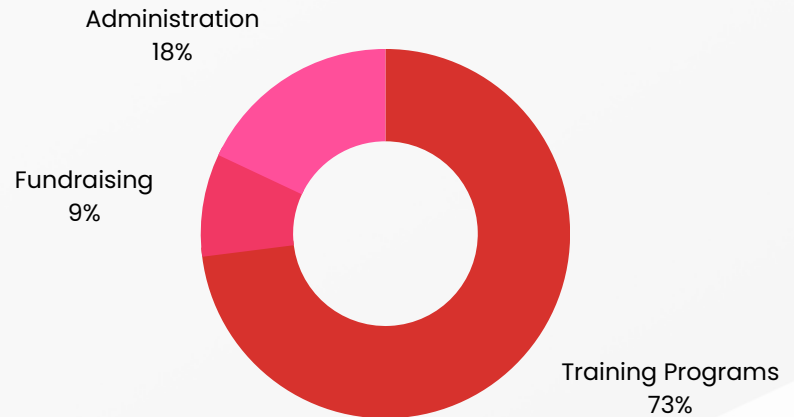
TOTAL REVENUE



Private donations: \$117,173.64  
Corporate: \$2,197.61  
Grants: 8,904.34  
Events: \$10,658.62  
Programs: \$585,008.90

**\$721,075**

TOTAL EXPENSES



Training Program: \$523,972.40  
Fundraising: \$63,797.73  
Administration: \$133,305.27

ASSETS	
Cash	\$92,452
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$290
Property and equipment	\$42,770
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$135,512</b>

LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS	
Accrued and other liabilities	\$29,019
Net assets	\$106,493
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$135,512</b>

# Testimonials

*I looked all over the country for a training. I was so happy to find a stellar organizing right in my backyard and signed up with Medical Mutts. Medical Mutts trainers were very reassuring and patient. My dog, Journey, has been a lifesaver. I will be forever grateful to her and to the professionalism and kindness of Medical Mutts.*

-Mary



For the first time, I feel like I can move forward, both figuratively and literally. Thank you Medical Mutts for giving my life back to me.

-Karla

It felt great that Medical Mutts prioritizes how the dog is feeling and building communication between the dog and the handler. We couldn't have asked for a better experience. Thank you Medical Mutts!

-Maya

The compassion, love, and joy that we experience each training session has made our experience so positive. I am beyond thrilled to continue learning and working with Medical Mutts as we move forward. [Medical Mutts] allowed me to have my freedom back. There are no words at how thankful I am for them and their program.

-Marie



# Our Core Values

We came together to define our organization's core values. Moving forward, these core values will drive our culture and serve as our compass when making recruiting decisions. They articulate the underlying beliefs and purpose that each member of our organization is committed to embodying.



## Kindness

We listen with empathy and compassion, valuing individual experiences and feelings so that we treat all living beings with kindness and dignity.



## Growth

We encourage each other to strive for excellence and to continually learn and evolve so that we can better support those who need our assistance.



## Positivity

We strive to bring positive reinforcement, energy and enthusiasm in all aspects of our work. We promote positive interactions with the people and dogs we interact with.



## Integrity

We collaborate and build community through partnerships founded on integrity, transparency and trust.



## Inclusivity

We believe that every living being deserves the opportunity to live their full potential, and we work every day to make our community more equitable and inclusive.



# Looking To the Future

## 2023 is our 10th Anniversary!

Medical Mutts was founded by Jennifer Cattet Ph.D. and her husband Jack Topham in 2013 as a for-profit dedicated to the training of high-quality Diabetes Alert Dogs, Seizure Dogs, and Psychiatric Service Dogs while providing a new lease on life to shelter dogs. Since 2019, Medical Mutts became a nonprofit organization with a mission to continuously improve our programs and expand how many people with disabilities we can help, and how many dogs we can save.

For many years now, Medical Mutts has been successfully partnering homeless dogs with clients with disabilities. Join us as we celebrate this milestone at our Purse Bingo in May and our Music for Mutts event in September.



## Mutt Mentors Program was Launched

We launched our new Mutt Mentors program at the end of 2022. Many service dog organizations rely on volunteers to raise their puppies for the first 12-18 months. At Medical Mutts, we don't breed dogs. Instead, all of our dogs come from rescues and shelters. They are selected for their potential to become a serviced dog for someone with a disability. Our Mutt Mentors program is a foster and training program where volunteers foster the dogs as they come out of the shelter, help them recover from their recent life changes, and begin their training as service dogs. This program will allow us to double the number of dogs we pull from shelters/rescues.



# Our Board of Directors



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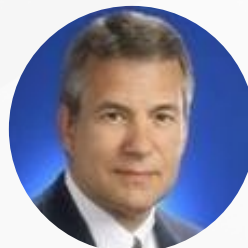
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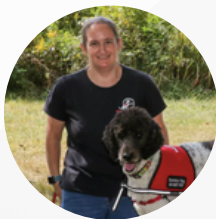


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