
CLUB NEWS

Alamo Heights Pet Sitting Club



Silly Gabby Girl

Not available

Sept 8-13 going to
Charleston

Nov 11 (pm)-13 - squishy
has tennis tourney

Dec 10-11- squishy has
tennis tourney



Travis

(It must be a golden thing)

I'm On the World Wide Web

It's finally here. We have a website!

www.alamoheightspetclub.com It's been a work in progress that I am truly proud of. I hope you enjoy it. Please visit and tell me what you think. I will be putting our monthly newsletter on the site along with the latest dates I will be unavailable. Also, on the website you will see the fee of services have increased slightly. This will go into affect October 1st 2016.

Saw this great article and I wanted to share! Did you know we have a therapy dog in our Club? Yup, good boy Sampson! He has an impressive job and I am so honored to know him. Here is a link about our beloved Sampson. <https://www.facebook.com/WagsAcrossTexas/posts/1009383289124256>

This is what he does which is pretty amazing!



Dogs Are Now Helping Tiny Humans Testify Against Bad People



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about a year ago

Dogs are well known for their abilities to [assist police](#), [search and rescue](#) teams, and [those with disabilities](#). Their loving demeanor and eager-to-please personalities make them the perfect candidates to lend a paw in almost any situation. The overachieving canines are even making moves towards becoming a staple in the legal system.



Source: [Courthouse Dogs](#)

[The Washington Post](#) recently covered the story about a dog named Caber. The adoring Labrador Retriever assisted a 10-year old girl during her sexual assault trial in British Columbia. The trial marks the first time a dog has been used in a British Columbia courtroom.



During trial, Caber lay at the young girl's feet, comforting her as she testified. Caber's handler, Delta Police Victim Services coordinator Kim Gramlich, said the girl held Caber's leash during her lengthy testimony and bent down to pet him several times. At one point, the girl even lay down to cuddle and play with Caber a bit.

Caeber is one of Canada's six accredited victim assistance dogs, introduced to the court system through a pilot program run by the Delta Police Victim Services and Surrey Crown Counsel Office (try and say that in one bark).



Source: [Innovating Justice](#)

Although it's a first for British Columbia, dogs have provided support to victims elsewhere in the past. [The New York Times](#) reported a Golden Retriever named Rosie nuzzled a 15-year old girl as she testified that her father had sexually assaulted her.



Source: [The New York Times](#)

The [American Bar Association](#) documented a Maryland child abuse case in which an 11-month-old Black Labrador/Newfoundland mix named Buddy assisted a four-year-old child.



Source: Seattle Dog Show

Currently there are 78 dogs offering support in courthouses across 28 states according to the nonprofit [Courthouse Dogs Foundation](#) and that number continues to grow.

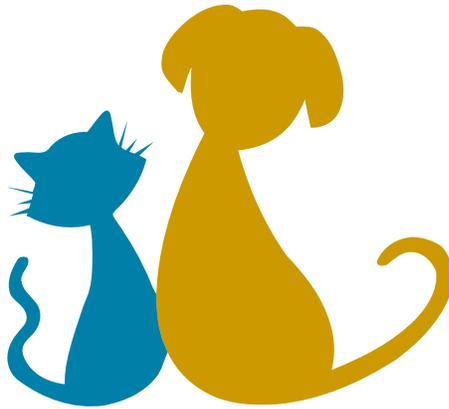


Source: The Week

So what exactly are courthouse dogs? How are they trained and what do they do?

Courthouse dogs are professionally trained facility dogs that have graduated from an accredited service dog organization. They assist

crime victims and witnesses during criminal investigations and trials. While they do provide support, facility dogs are not service dogs. They do not assist people with disabilities or have public access. Instead, they assist professionals by enhancing the quality of their work. A courthouse dog's handler is a working professional in the criminal field.



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