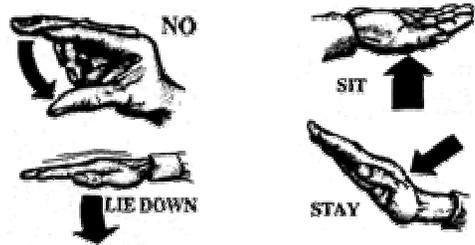


The mission of the **Deaf Dog Education Action Fund** is to provide education and funding for the purpose of improving and/or saving the lives of deaf dogs around the world.

To accomplish this, we are committed to do the following:

- To provide educational and training materials to combat the myths and misinformation that surround deaf dogs.
- To provide a central organization where the owners and supporters of deaf dogs can create a unified voice to increase people's understanding about deaf dogs.
- To gather and share facts and figures about canine deafness and deaf dog behaviors. By collecting data from those with firsthand experience, we hope to document the realities of living with deaf dogs.
- To lobby kennel clubs and other sanctioning bodies to accept deaf dogs into obedience, agility, and other skill competitions under the same conditions as other competitors.
- To provide a network between those seeking to place a deaf dog into a good home and those interested in bringing a deaf dog into their lives.
- To establish and maintain a travel fund to assist in the transportation of deaf dogs to their new homes and owners.
- To work toward ending the euthanization practices of the many breed clubs and breeders who treat deafness as a death sentence for the dogs.
- To promote spaying and neutering of all pets and encourage responsible breeding practices to reduce the pet overpopulation problem.



From Susan Cope Becker's "Living With A Deaf Dog"



Every year
thousands
of dogs
are killed
simply
because
they are
deaf!

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The facts about canine deafness are startling...

There are over 80 breeds where congenital deafness is considered common. The highest incidence of this is in breeds such as Australian Cattle Dogs, Australian Shepherds, Bull Terriers, Dalmatians, English Cocker Spaniels, and English Setters. Of these, the Dalmatian breed has the highest incidence of deafness.

In recent studies, over 8 percent of all Dalmatians born are deaf in both ears and up to 22 percent are deaf in one ear.



Thousands of deaf dogs are born each year. Many more become deaf as a result of age, illness, trauma, or chemical (drug) reactions. All over the world, deaf dogs are routinely destroyed because they are rumored to be brain damaged, aggressive, and untrainable – or because their quality of life is believed to be diminished.

These myths are perpetuated by many breeders, their parent clubs and registries, veterinarians, trainers and other so-called experts. The vast majority of these people have never allowed a deaf dog to live long enough to actually discover if their beliefs have any real merit.

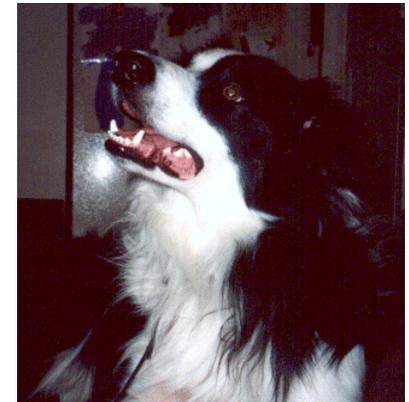


In 1996, Deaf Dog Mailing List members rallied twice to fly two deaf dogs to loving homes and away from certain death. This inspired the list members to form an organization to *“speak on behalf of and to assist in the betterment of life for deaf dogs everywhere.”* The Deaf Dog Education Action Fund is the result of an idea that was long past due.

The Deaf Dog Education Action Fund (DDEAF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in 1997, is working to counter these misconceptions. Our membership includes caring individuals from around the world.

Over the years, thousands of people have found free advice, companionship, and support by joining our e-mail list or by visiting our website. Today the Deaf Dog Mailing List is comprised of people from 6 continents who no longer feel stigmatized because they have given their hearts to a deaf dog.

They have discovered that there are a lot of regular people living with deaf dogs. They know that very few of them have problems other than the typical dog problems that all dog owners face, like housebreaking, chewing or digging. They have learned firsthand the truth about sharing a life with these wonderful companions.



DDEAF is continuing to work to stop the prejudice against these dogs. Contact us for membership or training info and...

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