

Puppies Behind Bars Annual Report 2017

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Mission Statement: Puppies Behind Bars (PBB) trains prison inmates to raise service dogs for wounded war veterans and first responders, as well as explosive-detection canines for law enforcement. As the puppies mature into well-loved, well-behaved dogs, their raisers learn what it means to contribute to society rather than take from it.

History and Recent Accomplishments: PBB was founded in 1997, initially training five puppies as guide dogs for the blind at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, New York State's only maximum-security prison for women. PBB now works in six men's and women's correctional facilities in New York and New Jersey, with approximately 125 inmates raising 70 to 80 puppies at any given time. After 9/11, PBB added the training of explosive detection canines (EDCs) to its program to help meet law enforcement agencies' need for working dogs. In 2006, PBB phased out its guide dog program and began training service dogs. In the same year, we initiated Dog Tags: Service Dogs for Those Who've Served Us, providing prison-trained service dogs, free of charge, to wounded veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, with a focus on those suffering from PTSD or TBI. Over the years, PBB has trained more than 1,000 dogs, including 150 service dogs, 84 guide dogs and 437 explosive detection canines (EDCs).

During 2017, we paired five veterans with dogs through Dog Tags, bringing the total number of Dog Tags recipients to 107 nationwide. We expect to pair 14 dogs with veterans in 2018. Seven EDCs graduated in 2013. These dogs will work protecting the public in partnership with law enforcement officers around the U.S. and abroad. The FBI, CIA, and New York City Bomb Squad are just a few of the agencies who have "hired" our exceptionally well trained dogs in the last year. We whelped 31 puppies at our new Scaife Family Foundation Early Socialization Center in 2017. These dogs show great promise and should help us increase graduation rates in the future. Our dual training of service dogs and EDCs continues to make our program more efficient, and allows us to adapt a dog's training to suit its temperament. Puppies Behind Bars raises extraordinary dogs and allows the love and healing they provide to improve the lives of hundreds of individuals each year. Our dogs bring hope and pride to their raisers and independence and security to those they serve.

Finances: The following is an overview of Puppies Behind Bars' income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017:

Program Expenses:	\$1,994,231	Total Revenue 2017:	\$ 4,298,818
Administrative Expenses:	194,698	Net Assets End of 2016:	11,755,043
Fundraising Expenses:	<u>213,405</u>	Change in Net Assets	1,896,484
Total Expenses 2017:	\$2,402,334	Total Net Assets End of 2017:	\$13,651,527

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