

# DUO DOGS ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

## ABOUT DUO

Duo Dogs is a national nonprofit organization that trains and connects dogs with people to cultivate positive change in individuals, families, and communities.

Accredited by Assistance Dogs International (ADI) and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Duo Dogs opens the doors to independence by providing Assistance Dogs to individuals with physical and hearing challenges, Facility Dogs to those in need of emotional assurance, PTSD Dogs to Veterans, and Touch Therapy Dogs that provide comfort and encourage interaction. Duo has proudly served the St. Louis community and beyond for over 40 years, changing lives each and every day.

## DUO DOGS MAKING AN IMPACT



# 287,927

NUMBER OF TOUCHES REPORTED BY DUO TOUCH THERAPY TEAMS IN 2024

# 298

Recertified and newly certified Touch Therapy Teams active in the community

# \$50,000

Cost to breed and train one Mobility, Hearing, PTSD or Facility Dog

# 272,702

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS



# 41

Duo Facility Dogs on assignment at hospitals, schools, courtrooms, and child advocacy centers



# 8,571

Total Touch Therapy hours logged

# 77¢

OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED GOES DIRECTLY TO PROGRAM COSTS

# 221

NEW VOLUNTEERS ON-BOARDED

# 86

Duo Assistance Dogs on assignment helping people with Hearing and Mobility challenges, Veterans with PTSD, and Facility Dogs in hospitals, courtrooms, schools, and child advocacy centers.

# 42

Number of Dogs in Program from helping to Advanced Training

## 2024 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL REVENUE

# \$2,509,746

TOTAL EXPENSES

# \$2,087,448

## NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year

# \$6,082,822

End of Year

# \$7,076,875

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Board Chair

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## DEAR DUO FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

What an incredible year! On behalf of the team here at Duo, our Board of Directors and all the clients we serve, thank you for your kindness. Our reputation in philanthropy, Duo Assistance and Touch Therapy programs, continues to grow. We're excited to collaborate with well known brands such as Purina, the St. Louis Blues, and even the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. With your help we exceeded our revenue target and with operational diligence, came in just under plan in expenses. We even revised our mission statement to include "positive mental health and physical well-being". Those are the outcomes we're seeing!

Duo Dogs Inc. is now the largest Assistance Dog International accredited organization in the state of Missouri. Even with our headquarters and only location in St. Louis - clients from all over the country and Canada seek us out. So the pressure is on. Now more than ever we need your financial support to continue this level of progress. Inspiration got us started, commitment will keep us going. Together we can do this!

Most sincerely,

**Dawn Van Houten**  
Chief Executive Officer



## OUR MISSION

Build extraordinary bonds between people and dogs that cultivate positive mental health and physical well-being for individuals, families, and communities.

Gwen and Ringo

## WAYS TO GIVE

Visit us at [www.duodogs.org](http://www.duodogs.org) to learn more about ways to give.

Individual Giving

Planned Giving

Corporate Matching

Amazon Wish List

Corporate Giving and Sponsorships

Volunteer

Contact Sean McCaffrey, Chief Development Officer, at (314) 997-2325 or at [smccaffrey@duodogs.org](mailto:smccaffrey@duodogs.org) with any questions about how to give.

## DUO DOGS TEAM

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**Kayla Hurst**  
Assistance Dog Trainer + Education Specialist

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Touch Therapy + Obedience Training Specialist

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