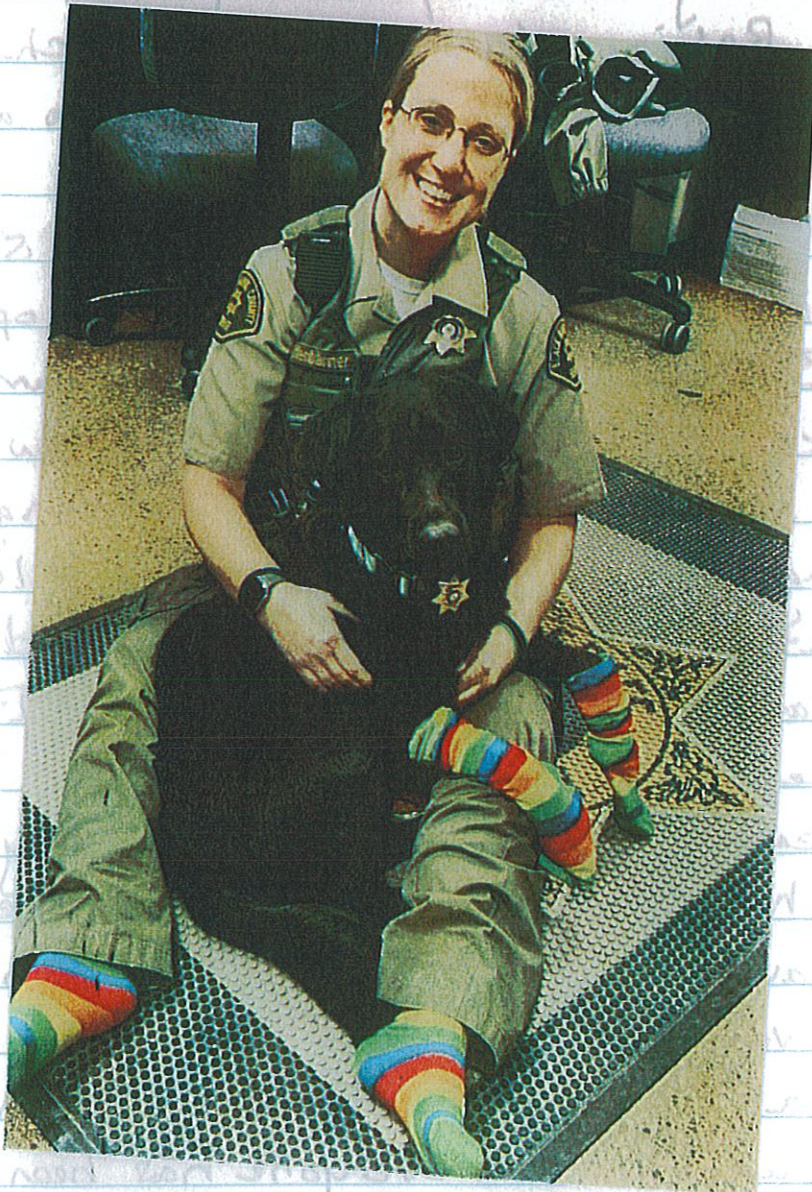




"Karla & Mary"

Letter from Deputy Karla Altenbaumer to  
Mary's puppy-raiser, Vivian  
March 30, 2024



Vivian,

3/30/24

I wanted to send you some pictures and a little note to tell you how well Mary is doing! Upon our return to home, she immediately got along with my other pups. Her and my Golden Retriever love to play and chase each other! We had a few days off from work to adjust and it went well.

On our first day to work together, she was immediately loved and welcomed with open arms. ~~It~~ She is given free reign to roam and she checks in with everyone to see how they are doing. People are constantly coming to my office looking for her. My coworkers love giving her attention, love playing fetch down the hallways, and love playing tug. It's amazing to see the smiles on their faces and the excitement in their voice when they say "Mary!"

We have done several community events together and have done multiple interviews with the media. We even made the front page of our newspaper with a big picture of us and a long article. The support from everyone has been amazing!

For her second birthday, we had a big party at work with cake and cookies. Then she got another party at home with her siblings. 😊

I wanted to tell you a couple amazing stories that have happened just by Mary being there. The first one was a 10 year old

girl had to testify against her dad in a court case. Mary was able to be there for before and after she testified. Despite it being very scary, the little girl did great. I have no doubt that Mary helped with this situation.

The second one was a woman who had to testify in front of her husband who she was very scared of. She was crying hysterically and did not want to testify. As soon as she saw us, she yelled "Mary!" Her eyes lit up and Mary stood right beside her while she just hugged her and cried into her fur. It took several minutes but the woman had gained the courage to testify.

These are just two of the stories of the amazing things Mary has already done in two short months. She truly is an angel on Earth. Not only has she helped me but she has helped so many other people as well.

I want to thank you again for all your hard work you did with Mary. You created an amazing pup who is and will continue to do amazing things. You and Jasmine were so helpful and so patient with me. It was so wonderful to know that all of you truly wanted me to succeed with Mary. You should be very proud of yourself! I hope you enjoy the pictures!

Sincerely,  
Karla & Mary