

Ambassador Kidd-Barker is the Canine Ambassador of Barker Dog Foundation®

Ambassador Kidd-Barker is the dog that was named three-years before he was born. As Sherry was searching for a successor dog for Doc-Barker long before he was to retire from Service. However her search for the perfect dog was extremely delayed, but worth the wait. Kidd-Barker was born at Woodcrest Labradors in Riverside, CA on Dec 17, 2017. Sherry held Kidd-Barker in her arms for the first time when he was only 49-days old, the connection was instantaneous. She brought him home on Feb 13th and his life as a Service Dog In-Training began. With Ambassador Doc-Barker as his mentor, Kidd-Barker quickly perfected potty training, he excelled in his core-training and later with Public Access. During this time Kidd-Barker also bonded with the house cats and Breve thought little Kidd was her own baby. Doc-Barker and Breve the cat were typically there to supervise Kidd's training and offered their own insight at any given moment. With Doc-Barker's tutoring Kidd soon mastered obedience, public access and traveling. Kidd proudly showed off his accomplishments to anyone watching.

Kidd's determination and his mastering of the skill-set almost grew as quickly as he did and he soon learned to pull a wheelchair, grocery cart, assist with balance (brace), carry items and he even would carry in the grocery bags for Sherry! At 19-months of age with almost four thousand hours of Public Access Training, Sherry and Kidd-Barker passed their initial Public Access Test (PAT) with 100% score. Kidd is now a Certified Mobility Service Dog for Sherry and her constant companion. He earned his wings as a service dog during his first flight from California to Wyoming. Now airborne and comfortable, Kidd-Barker fell asleep during the long flight. Demonstrating once again that he was as reliable as any veteran service dog. Sherry attributes Kidd's flight success to their weekly drive-thru car washes (the dryer sound simulates the sound and pressure of an aircraft).

With Kidd now a solid Service Dog, Sherry methodically began the slow transition of cross-training him for therapy work. He has a Service vest, leash and collar and now a different color Therapy vest, leash and collar, allowing Kidd-Barker to see/feel the difference and understand which role (tasks) he would be performing based on how he was dressed. Sherry had done this before with Barker and Doc-Barker with much ease and success. Kidd adapted to visiting with others while wearing his therapy vest, but quickly transformed back into a mobility service dog for Sherry when wearing his service vest, Kidd's got this! Sherry, her husband Rhein and Kidd-Barker took their Therapy Animal Team evaluations with Pet Partners®, through Paws-4-Healing Orange County and received PASSING scores with a Complex Rating on their initial evaluations as well as follow up re-evaluations.

Kidd-Barker is an active Certified Mobility Service Dog for Sherry and a Registered Therapy Animal with both Sherry and her husband Rhein as handlers. He is also a canine ambassador and represents Make-A-Wish® at select events, just like his predecessors Barker and Doc-Barker. However, it's not all work and no play for this working dog, Kidd enjoys AKC Rally Obedience, likes to retrieve, squeaky toys, play hide & seek, water of course (as you can't take a shower without a brown dog joining you), sun baths & naps with his cats Breve or Tiger Lilly and he enjoys his special ice cream treats too!

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