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2021 Annual Report

Actively working, Service Dog Association Teodors has completed another year. Even though we are living with Covid-19 restrictions, our work has not stopped for a moment. Of course, it was not possible to organize some hikes, seminars or simple get-togethers – sharing experiences and impressions, yet work with the dogs continued daily. It's hard to predict how long we will have to live with the pandemic. Unfortunately, Latvia cannot brag about the vaccination rate. Among Europe's countries we are nearly in the last place. We thank all the doctors and medical personnel for their untiring and selfless work.



Visiting a children's summer camp in Ķekava

For the Association it means that there were and, in the near future, there will be fewer contacts with the public as there have been up to now. We participated in only a few events, where we were able to tell about service dogs and the Association's work. In the summer, along with our dogs and their friends, therapy dogs, we visited children's summer camps in Ķekava. We participated in a camp "I see! I can! I will!" in which vision-impaired youths from Poland and Latvia participated. In addition we participated in a bike ride day in Ķekava and the Vegetable Festival in Rembate.

Currently the main communication method is social media, where we regularly post news regarding our service dogs. For the International Guide Dog Day on April 28, Gunta Bite prepared a special "Three Series Videostory." Two are already available for viewing in our home page how puppies become guide-dogs and how guide-dogs are trained. The third story is still in the making about guide dogs who have reached retirement age. <https://www.teodors.org/trejseriju-videostasts/>.

New guide dog Panda with its mistress Tamāra

Our service dogs continue to diligently work daily fulfilling their responsible duties. Unfortunately, in the spring we had to part from guide dog Latti, a very sad event for its mistress Nataļja <https://www.teodors.org/paldies-jums/>. As it often happens in life, sad events mingle with happy ones. And so our dog family has gained a new guide dog named Panda.



Turns out she is the first guide dog in Rēzekne. As soon as everyday life returns to normal, an unbiased cynologist from Finland will come to certify the exam. Currently the Association has 12 service dogs: 11 guide dogs and 1 dog-assistant. Our thanks to all donors!



Which of these sweeties will be a gift from CABOT?

Fall came with two great surprises! First, we received wonderful news from “Cabot Corporation Latvia” – they fully financed one guide dog! For several years we have had a friendly relationship with Cabot and now we receive such a large gift! Cabot is the first company that has donated funds for the purchase

of a puppy and guide dog training, which lasts 10-12 months. A great thank you!

The second surprise was a gift from Ieva Knaķe and family – puppy Eddy! Eddy is a 7 months old golden retriever, and Ieva Knaķe writes: “Watching Eddy, we felt that this dog is special and with a mission. It was not an easy decision, but we knew deep within that it was a right one – our puppy Eddy had to join the wonderful Teodors team. Now with joy and pride the whole family follows Eddy’s steps and growth. Eddy is and will remain special!”

Our new golden retriever Eddy

Last November the Association for the Blind and cynologist Zaiga Kļaviņa met with representatives of the Ministry of Welfare to discuss the need for guide dogs in Latvia. For 660 vision-impaired people, there is 1 guide dog. At year end with support from the Ministry of Welfare and the Association for the Blind, Latvia will have 5 new guide dogs! The Association’s dogs welcome their new colleagues!



Future plans are hard to predict. Our service dogs will definitely continue their mission and we will care for them! We will need to select an appropriate CABOT puppy and train it, follow the development of donated Eddy and, of course, evaluate the puppies currently in foster families. Our thanks to all foster families, you are wonderful assistants!

Service Dog Association TEODORS thanks all donors and supporters! With your help the association can work and help more handicapped people. Thanks to donations through *ziedot.lv* our dogs have received quality food and a portion of veterinary services.

Special thanks to our friends in Finland! And, of course, our biggest supporters have been and remain **Zaiga Kļaviņa** and **Juha Herttuainen**, without whom the association wouldn't exist! They donate dogs, their work, time and love.

You can read about our association's major goals and our dogs in our homepage www.teodors.org. We regularly write about our activities in Facebook @servisasunubiedriba and www.draugiem.lv/servisasunubiedriba.lv/.

The association uses donated funds solely for the association's goals, which are written in the articles of the association. You can read about donation use in the association's homepage <http://www.teodors.org/ziedojami/>.

There are several ways to donate to the association, look to our homepage: <https://www.teodors.org/jaunumi/>.

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With sincere greetings and best wishes,
Service Dog Association TEODORS



The Association visited Rembate in Fall, 2021