

A&M student serves as puppy walker to help visually impaired

By Amy Lee
THE BATTALION

When Jesse Czelusta got his first puppy as a child, it wasn't for the holidays and his parents didn't even want a puppy.

It all began with a wish to have a dog; and for a good reason.

Czelusta is a member of the Southwest Guide Dog Foundation in San Antonio, an organization that raises and trains puppies to help the visually impaired.

When Czelusta was 12 years old, he found out about the Foundation in his 4-H club's newsletter. He went to his dad with the idea.

"I said, 'Hey, it's community service,'" Czelusta said. "My dad said 'OK and maybe it will help you get into Texas A&M.'"

Czelusta, a sophomore pre-veterinary student, was the Foundation's first puppy walker.

A puppy walker gets a puppy when it is around 12 weeks old. The person then raises the dog until the puppy is about one and a half years

old. A puppy walker is responsible for the dog's food and grooming.

Another responsibility that comes with the job is socializing the animal. The puppy walker puts the dog through real life situations that blind people face such as restaurants, the grocery store, the mall, and out in public.

"It was a great experience for me," Czelusta said. "Not many people get to take their pet to Dillard's and shop with their dog."

Debra Baker, vice president and co-founder of the Foundation, said she thinks Czelusta was a good choice for the Foundation's first puppy walker.

"A lot of times we have people who would like to have a dog around, but not for the next ten years," Baker said. "It is also a real hands-on type of community service. Those are the two

reasons why people raise puppies."

Czelusta went to Oregon recently to see Bubba, the last puppy he raised, graduate from the Northwestern Guiding Eyes school.

"The Southwest Guide Foundation didn't have a trainer," Czelusta said. "And the Northwestern Guiding Eyes didn't have any puppies, so Bubba went to school there."

Until the Southwest Guide Dog Foundation has a trainer, they will give their dogs to other schools. At the schools, the dogs are trained formally for six months. There the dogs learn to watch for overhead obstructions and traffic, to help their visually impaired owners.

Baker said that after the dogs are socialized with the puppy walker, they then receive formal training. During the training, the dogs' character-

istics are noticed so that the school can match with a visually impaired person.

The school gives the dogs to active people, like students and business people, said.

Czelusta said he is now a volunteer with the Foundation, doing odd jobs in the Bryan Station area.

He said there are many roles for students at the Foundation. Volunteers can work in presentations or work for the Off campus students and community can also become puppy walkers, he said.

Baker said the Southwest Guide Dog Foundation is always looking for puppy walkers. The Foundation is trying to expand in the Bryan Station area. They expect to have in January.

"We're real happy with the support from Bryan-College Station area," Baker said. "We've had excellent dogs from that area. A lot of community support there, and that that community stays involved."

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Breast Cancer

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"It's really not that big of a deal," Jessup said. "First of all, only five to ten percent of women with breast cancer have a family history. Also, if you find out you carry the gene, what are you going to do about it? You can't change anything."

Jessup said she is pleased that the gene isolation may lead to clues about prevention, however.

"It may eventually help with gene manipulation in order to prevent the development of breast cancer," she said. "I'm glad it's going that direction, but it's only one brick."

Transfers

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on their reasons for being in college.

"Coming here is not a guess," he said. "Students have an advanced notice of how difficult college can be."

Southerland said the University benefits greatly from the broader perspective that transfer students bring.

Transfers experience the services and different environments of other universities and can share their likes and dislikes with A&M and its stu-

dent leaders, he said.

Over the last two years, it has become increasingly difficult to transfer to A&M. Due to enrollment management and fixed resources, the University can only accept a certain percentage of qualified transfer students.

"How conducive to learning is sitting on the floor?" Goodman said.

The hard work and added difficulty to get to A&M makes transfer students more committed, she said.

Laura Terry, a transfer student and biomedical science major, said A&M provided a high respect for traditions and

the best standard of curriculum for her major.

"I wanted a home, not just a place to go to school," Terry said.

A&M offers opportunities for transfer students to get introduced and involved in the University.

In 1987, a group of students decided to organize a way to recognize transfer students. This became the first T-Camp and to program continues to flourish.

"T-Camp is very important in giving you background information to start at A&M, and you make several good friends," Terry said.

Carter blasts Haitian pol

WASHINGTON (AP) — If he didn't learn the lesson in North Korea, President Clinton knows now that Jimmy Carter's help comes with a price.

Hours after closing a deal to avert a military invasion of Haiti, the former president broadsided Clinton with criticism of his Haiti policy and launched a publicity campaign from the Lincoln bedroom.

Carter opposed an invasion. He opposed an embargo. He opposed driving fallen dictators from Haiti. He opposed nearly every aspect of the president's

work in Haiti, a senior aide said.

The former president talks with Clinton by deploying an embargo while negotiations were under way. "What we had on to accomplish was a come apart," Carter told Clinton's foreign policy adviser.

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