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Assistance dogs ready to meet needs of Hawaii residents

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Courthouse dog Faith will be among those graduating from Assistance Dogs of Hawaii today at ADH's main campus in Makawao during a private event. The teams attended Assistance Dogs of Hawaii's Team Training Camp on Maui and were recently matched with their new partners after completing training and passing rigorous health and temperament screenings.

Here are the graduating teams:

* The Hawaii Prosecutor's Office is matched with Faith, a 2-year-old black Labrador, who works full time assisting Mitch Roth and the Hawaii Prosecutor's Office. She provides courage and comfort to children who are victims of crime and helps them to find their voice through the difficult legal process. Next year, Hawaii will become the first state in the country to have a courthouse dog in every jurisdiction.

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Stephanie Lomeli and Scout are new friends. Scout, a 3-y...

* Stephanie Lomeli of Makawao and her social therapy dog, Scout, are new friends. Scout is a 3-year-old Labrador retriever who brings love and laughter to Lomeli every day. Scout helps Lomeli with social interactions and tasks around the house. On weekends, they both enjoy paddling with Kihei Canoe Club.

* Maui Homeless Resource Center therapy dog Emmitt is a 1-year-old golden retriever who brings fun and friendship to children of

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families living at the resource center in Wailuku. Many of the children had to leave family pets behind and appreciate their regular visits with Emmitt. Emmitt is a gentle and fun-loving dog who enjoys cuddling and playing fetch.

* Medical Scent Detection Dogs Abe, Aka and Angel - The "A Team," are 2-year-old Labrador littermates who are participating in a groundbreaking research study at the Rehab Hospital of the Pacific in Honolulu. They have been taught to provide early detection of certain life-threatening conditions with extremely high accuracy rates. The results of the research will soon be published in a medical journal, according to a news release.

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