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If you are concerned that a gift being sent through the mail will not be received on time to use as a deduction on your tax return, you may physically deliver the gift to the charity. You can deliver it to the charity or, if you are a business or organization, you can donate the gift to a charity in your name.

If you are concerned that the gift will be received for the wrong year, you can make a gift to a charity and you can claim a deduction for the gift on your tax return for the year of the gift. You can provide the charity with a gift receipt to confirm that the gift was received.

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A Message From Our President & CEO

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Puppy Camden, who was raised at the NBC affiliate station WUSA-TV in Baltimore, was placed with a disabled veteran, also from the Baltimore area. WUSA had signed on to raise another puppy on air. Brooks made his debut Friday, November 15.

The New York Islanders have once again signed on for a puppy with a purpose. Tori, named for legendary general manager and national Hockey Hall of Famer Bill Torrey, made her debut at an Islanders home game.

The Washington Capitals also joined our puppy program with a purpose program and drafted Captain, who will be a member of the team for the next 14 to 18 months. A local area puppy raiser will co-raise Captain with Capitals’ staff members to succor to him in many new situations and work on his basic training.

In the coming year, we plan to continue to grow our capacity to serve veterans and first responders with disabilities, increase our reputation for providing the highest-quality guide and service dogs.

I wish you and those close to you a happy holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous new year 2020, and I hope we can count on your continued support.

Thank you for standing with us to help people with disabilities live without boundaries.

John Miller
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Should you make a contribution by mailing a check through our website or over the phone, and your donation is charged to your credit card before the cutoff date, it will count for 2019. This is true even if your credit card bill isn’t due until January 2020.

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Meet the 2019 Puppies With a Purpose

Washington Capitals | Captain

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WBAI-TV | Brooks

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Foundation giving grew by 7.3 percent, while donations from bequests rose slower than the rate of inflation. Large gifts and contributions from foundations and trusts provide the majority of our revenue. America’s VetDogs also gained financial support from corporations through its local area puppy raiser programs, which are growing as more companies step up their charitable giving by matching employee donations (down from 70 percent), while corporate and individual giving slightly decreased to 68 percent of charitable donations.

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The VetDogs PX is your best destination. When you shop at the America’s VetDogs online store – the VetDogs PX – you’re not only helping veterans with disabilities. Every purchase you make helps veterans with disabilities. Whether you’re looking for plush toys, cards, clothes, or other accessories, the VetDogs PX is your best destination.
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