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📄 Volunteer Spotlight – Danielle and Nick Spahle

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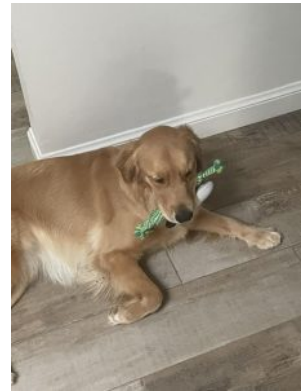
THE SPAHLE'S FRENCH
BULLDOG COUNT CHOCULA
WITH POWER PAWS PUPPY
LINDSEY

The volunteers at Power Paws play an essential role in every aspect of our programming. From puppy sitting and training to bringing dogs on visits and supporting community events. Volunteers are present at every stage to ensure our service dogs are fully prepared to assist those in need.

Joining to Give Back

Danielle Spahle has been involved with Power Paws since she joined the organization's board in 2021. Upon joining, Danielle was able to get a better understanding of what Power Paws offered and how she could help beyond just being on the board.

Danielle, Program Director at the Scottsdale Artists' School and her husband Nick, a former firefighter, have owned several dogs over the years. "I have always loved animals and, growing up, I often wanted to adopt every animal I could – much to my parents' dismay" Danielle jokes.



THE SPAHLE'S ALSO
HAD THE CHANCE TO
LOOK AFTER POWER
PAWS' AMBASSADOR
CHLOE

Welcoming New Pups

After joining the board, Danielle wanted to help the organization with its mission but didn't know if they could take on anymore dogs until she learned about Power Paws' short-term puppy sitter program.

"At first, I thought it would be difficult to welcome these dogs into our home and then say goodbye," says Danielle of the puppy sitter program. Knowing that they're helping the dogs on their

journey to become service

animals – and making a meaningful difference in the process – makes it worthwhile. Danielle adds that their favorite part has been getting to know the different service dogs in training and learning about the many ways they can support those who truly need them.

Success in Sitting

To Danielle, success in puppy sitting means following the training requirements and keeping the puppies healthy and safe while in the sitter's care. "It's also rewarding to hear the puppies are doing well and continuing to thrive as they move through the program."



DANIELLE WITH AZULA, A
POWER PAWS DOG THEY
ADOPTED



SWIMMING IS A FAVORITE
ACTIVITY FOR ALL DOGS AT
THE SPAHLE HOUSEHOLD



POWER PAWS DOG
BRUNO (LEFT) WITH
AZULA

Danielle believes whether you become a puppy raiser or sitter, the experience will be a rewarding one. She adds that even though it can be hard to return the puppies after building an attachment, it is worth knowing you're making a difference in the lives of people who will benefit from having a service dog in their lives.