



# AHEPA PAW PATROL

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## Special Edition of the Paw Patrol Newsletter

As announced in the recent Paw Patrol there is a graduation for 2 of AHEPA Service Dogs. Below is the information to attend the graduation and how to view it live by clicking or copy and paste the following:

Florida: <https://bit.ly/Jan23GraduationFL>

Texas: <https://bit.ly/Jan23GraduationTX>

Hotel and contact Information for the Florida campus for Warrior Steven, and Patrick AHEPA  
The hotels recommend are as follows:

- Hilton Garden Inn at Sawgrass Village
- Sawgrass Marriott
- Renaissance Hotel in World Golf Village
- Hampton Inn & Suites Jacksonville South - Bartram Park
- Holiday Inn Express Jacksonville South Bartram Park, an IHG Hotel

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### More Updates

Scotty AHEPA, Zois AHEPA, and Delphi AHEPA have been in training in Phoenix but are being transported to San Antonio, TX where they will finish up training and be paired with their Warrior.

### Zois AHEPA

Hi friends! Learning is hard work but I have done a lot of it since we last spoke. Ms. Alex has been working with me on building my duration with my sits and downs. She says that I need to be able to maintain these positions in public when I am working with my Warrior. Being so young still, I get distracted sometimes when people walk past me, but I have made a ton of progress this past week. Ms. Alex has been introducing me to more and more friends. She says that it's important for me to be comfortable with all dogs in case my future Warrior has some at home. I like making new friends, but I can be a little timid at first! I'm still a baby after all. I have been working towards taking my Week 10 Assessment with Ms. Alex. Week 10 is a lot harder than Week 5 but with Ms. Alex's encouraging words, I am confident that I can pass it with flying colors! I have to learn to stand still in one position for a whole minute!! That's super tough for a young pup to do but I have been getting a

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lot of yummy treats when I hold it for that long. My confidence level is getting higher!! I have not been as scared when cars pass by me or when trucks toot their horn. Ms. Alex says that she is super proud of me for that!! What about you? Are you proud of me for that? Ms. Alex says that I am going on a trip to Texas next week. I'm not sure where Texas is but it sure does sound like a lot of fun. I hope all the people there have yummy snacks and love to give belly rubs... those are my favorites. Ms. Alex says that my Arizona friends are going to provide them with all the information on me that they can so that I will have consistency with my new friends. I will check in with you all next week!

## **Pericles AHEPA**

Hi there! So far I have kept to my resolution and have met SO MANY more friends for play groups and more people who want to pet me (but only when I sit first)! This past week I went to the mall and walked around; I worked on leash walking (of course) and some skills like brace and stand and I even held the position while a person walked behind us!!!! My trainer said I am doing amazing, and I even got to run laps with her outside after for doing such a good job!!! I am getting a lot better with focusing on my handler and staying with her even when I am excited. Hopefully we get to do more cool things like the mall soon, I cannot wait to see what is next.

## **Ricey AHEPA**

Hey Hey! So far, I've been sticking to my New Year's resolution of being the best boy for my handler and I really proved to everyone how committed I am to it! Since my trainer was out last week, I made a new best friend and oh boy did I make a good impression on them. They took me to coffee shops, bookstores, and the movies. I'm sure my trainer's phone was blowing up with messages of how amazing I did, because let's face it, I was a rockstar out there. At the end of the day, I just want to be the best for my Warrior. That's my end goal! The day's almost approaching, so I need to get out there and fine tune some things. Talk soon!

## **Molly AHEPA**

Hi from K9s! Since our last update I went to the mall. This time it was a little more crowded than usual, so I really appreciated the extra time to settle in at the mall when it got hectic. This trip I was able to recover a lot quicker, the bully stick my handler gave me helped. Once I was comfortable with the foot traffic, we went to settle outside and I even got the chance to sunbathe, which was a nice time to relax. Next time we'll extend my duration in the chaos, but it takes time to work our way up to that! Until next time, have a tail waggin Friday!

## **Lucky AHEPA**

Hello again! This went I got to go on an excursion to downtown St. Augustine. This was quite the experience! I impressed my trainer with my loose leash walking down a busy tourist street. She praised me with what I love the most – tactile head scratches and ear rubs. We settled in a quiet

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park area, and I got to watch all the action using my “under” skill. I was having so much fun taking in all the new sights and smells that I didn’t want to get back into the van to leave! With some encouragement and a lot of treats, off we went. Back at Camp K9, I am making new doggie friends. They are teaching me different kinds of play and I am really coming out of my shell. Looking forward to more adventures next week. Until then, Lucky AHEPA

**Tommy AHEPA**

Hello, Tommy AHEPA here! This week has been so much fun. I got to work with some of my favorite caretakers to continue to work on my transferability. My transferability is going very well, and I am excited to continue to work on it with my trainer and caretakers. It might seem like I am working on transferability a lot, but for me it is very important. I must understand it is okay to build relationships with other people other than just my trainer. This is important when transferring to a Warrior in the future. While working on my transferability I am also continuing to do public access. My trainer Syd is so proud of my progress and loves seeing me work through transferability and continuing to stay focused out in public access! Syd tells me that all my hard work will pay off in the end! Can’t wait to update you guys soon!

**Delphi AHEPA**

Hi Friends!! I have been learning so much this past week. I went on another trip to the mall and I am still not super sure I am a fan. The mall has so much going on that it’s hard to focus on my trainer sometimes. My trainer has been taking a chew stick for me to chew on while we just sit in the mall and that has been helping my confidence so much!! My trainer is super awesome, you all should meet him sometime. I also went to a store for the first time called Hobby Lobby. It was interesting to find flowers that did not have a smell to them. My trainer said it’s because they are fake flowers but what does that even mean? I think he sometimes talks to me like I am a human and understand all things human but it’s okay, I just look at him with loving eyes and it works for him! I had to take my Week 10 Assessment this week and guess what... I passed it with flying colors!! That’s right, your boy is one smart cookie! My trainer was super proud of me and said that he was so grateful that I tried my very best to impress the boss lady. The boss lady, that’s my trainer’s boss, said that she was super proud of me and how far I have come in the last 4 months. My trainer told me that I am going on a trip to Florida next week to be one step closer to meeting my Warrior. I am a little nervous to meet new people but excited to show them all the things that I know. Do you think they will love me as much as my Arizona family does? Well, I am going to go and learn new stuff. Talk with you later, friends!

**Wait List Changes**

Beacon	ANGEL WARRIORS	#2 on waitlist
Uncle Buck	AHEPA DISTRICT #4	#4 on waitlist

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