

PRESS ALERT: ELVIS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING FOR VIOLET AVENUE/CHILDRENS HOME OF POUGHKEEPSIE FACILITY DOG TEAM TRAINING 6/25-29

THIS JUST IN – Elvis, a stunning Black Lab will be one of two ECAD educated canines to be working with teachers and counselors from Violet Avenue Elementary School and the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie. The other will be Milano, a Golden Retriever beauty.

Both dogs have been fully trained in the 80 plus commands it takes to be a certified Service Dog. When they are placed, either at Violet Avenue or CHP, they will join the staff and be known as Facility Dogs.

As Facility Dogs, they will work to help calm traumatized children, offset stress experienced by children, and in general, just make life better – but in controlled animal assisted interventions. This is what the humans attending the Team Training will learn how to maximize from ECAD co-founder, Lu Picard, and her instructors.

Animal Assisted Interventions are being seen as a pre-emptive measure to counteract the bullying that is often the foundation for violence in teen age years.

Also attending the Team Training Session will be Officer Marty Monaco, School Resource Officer with the Town of Hyde Park Police Department. Officer Monaco will be authorized to take the Facility Dog to one of the other schools in the District if needed there.

Attached are photos of Elvis and Milano.

For Further information, contact Patricia Robert, patricia@ecad1.org, 917-664-8092