



MISS MOLLY'S BLOG

IN THE NEWS

From time-to-time, this blog will carry news that is relevant to US Veterans and their family caregivers. The following are summaries of important articles or events and the link for the publication that carries the article or document.

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Source: KUSA-TV

Service dog is returned to owner after the trainer refused to send the dog back to an 11-year old girl with Type I diabetes

An Arkansas family sent their daughter's service dog to a trainer in Colorado for additional training. The trainer refused to return the dog, claiming it had been beaten with a belt. The Sheriff from the town where the 11-year old girl lived was able to obtain an arrest warrant for the trainer, resulting in the trainer's arrest and ultimately to the dog being returned. The Sheriff stated publically and emphatically that the dog had not been abused nor had the dog been beaten with a belt. To read more, visit:

<http://m.9news.com/topstory/article?a=13369849&f=1272>.

Just this past week, William and I (Molly's human parents) met a young female veteran, who had her service dog taken from her when she was hospitalized for an extended time. The dog was turned over to a family, who refused to return him to the veteran after she was released from the hospital. We shared with her that the service dog's value amounts to grand theft and she needed to contact the police department. As we left the VA clinic, she assured us that she was on her way to the police department.

Our service dogs are invaluable. Know your rights and assert those rights, as the service dog is indispensable to our veterans.