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Dear Beverly,

I want to express my deep appreciation to you for your work with Labradoodles. I was the recipient of a service dog, Odi, through Hawaii Fi-do Service Dogs, a son of Rex, whom you donated to them. I am a Registered Nurse that was forced into premature retirement after multiple back surgeries and a bout with Lyme disease. With the aid of Odi, I was able to return to work as a Cardiac Rehabilitation Nurse. My patients were inspired by my ability to move about (he wears a harness and I utilize him instead of a walker) and loved his cheerful disposition. In fact, two of my elderly patients went out and got dogs after realizing how much they could benefit from the loyal love of a dog.

Odi, besides being my service dog, is the BEST dog ever bred. He braces to help me up when I fall, fetches a phone or friend when asked, and adores my family. He is in perfect health, and we could not ask for a better disposition. When I was at work one day, he acted strange and would not leave one of my patients, even when I asked nicely. Then, the patient's blood pressure fell and he almost passed out. I did not have help available, so got medication and fluids going through an intravenous line and left Odi in charge as I quickly checked on my other patients. When I admitted what I had done to the physician, instead of reprimanding me, he reminded me to always trust Odi's instincts.

I only met one person that Odi did not welcome warmly. Odi was not aggressive, but barked loudly when that patient arrived. How did the dog know he was a felon convicted of heinous crimes? We only found out when we looked closely at him due to Odi's reaction. This man had scheduled children from the grade school to tour his business, even though he was a convicted sex offender. We notified the proper authorities and halted his plan.

Odi has enabled me to fly ALONE!!; to remain a Girl Scout Leader, Church Secretary, and mentor at the elementary school. He has helped my family to not worry when I am alone, as he is with me. Their hovering was driving me nuts.

In fact, my husband and I have placed our home in rural Northern California on the market and moved to Hawaii to assist Hawaii-Fido Service Dogs as we know first hand how life changing these wonderful dogs can be. Their dogs from you are quite impressive.

Thank you very much for breeding and providing such great animals to the world. I hope you are able to continue your efforts forever.

Sincerely,
Marie Wachsmuth (and Odi)