

# A Special Dog Arrives For Christmas

## News Release

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Arkansas — Santa arrived a little early this year for Lynn Powell of the Search Dog Alliance of Arkansas. A very special dog from up north made a 10 hour journey to her new home.

Lady, a border collie mix, was at the Des Moines, Iowa Animal Rescue League where she was evaluated by members of the Paws of Life Foundation and found to have what it takes to be a search dog. Through their K9 Placement program, aimed at placing working dogs with search dog handlers, they placed Lady up for adoption. Powell contacted Paws of Life and was approved as a K9 handler. Thanks to some special people, Lady then made the 10 hour trip from Des Moines Iowa to right outside of Little Rock Arkansas.

"Lady rode great in the front of the truck. We got home and she came in the house and hasn't run out of energy yet! She seems very smart," said Powell. Powell is planning on training her in area search and is looking forward to their first training as a team. "She sure is a bundle of energy!" Powell exclaimed after their first night together.

Lady and Powell will train for approximately 18 months to become a search and rescue dog team. This type of team is deployed by local law enforcement and emergency management agencies to assist in the location of lost and missing persons.

Lady just might become the paws of life that will save someone's life.

The **Search Dog Alliance of Arkansas** was formed in 2007 and operates under common laws and certification guidelines that meet national standards. SDAOA responds free of charge to law enforcement agencies. For more information go to <http://www.sdaoar.com>.

The **Paws of Life Foundation** is a registered non profit that is dedicated to the education of search and rescue (SAR) dogs and their handlers. PoL works with responders at the local levels to assist with dog placement and training to become a reliable and valuable resource for law enforcement and public safety agencies in the case of lost or missing persons. When someone you care about goes missing, these are the people your local sheriff, police chief or fire department calls to assist in the search. For more information go to <http://www.pawsoflife.org>.



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