

We started off our life with Echo by knowing nothing of training a deaf dog. The internet saved us! www.deafdogs.org is a wealth of information! training Echo was very easy...we were surprised. She is a very intelligent dog with a strong desire to please. She is a *velcro* dog: she wants to know where you are at every moment. Since she cannot hear you if you are taking a shower (for example), she will lay either on the bathmat or in the hallway so she can keep an eye on you.

She goes to work with me three times a week where she is a greeter..patients love her. She has kisses for everyone! On days that she is not here, patients always ask where she is. Echo and her sister go to doggie day care two days a week. It is good doggie-socialization and a great way to play and get rid of excess energy!. Echo is also an athlete! She loves to go running in the foothills with me (**always on-leash**). She can easily run for 10-12 miles at my pace and is not even winded when we finish.

We cannot imagine our lives without Echo. She is a wonderful dog and has learned sign language so easily and quickly most people that meet her never even know she is deaf unless we tell them. If anyone is considering getting a deaf dog, I would tell them not to hesitate in the least!! With the amount of knowledge and information available to the public regarding the training and care of deaf dogs there is no reason not to give a deafie the chance for a good loving home!