



# Empire Servicedog Program

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## Empire Servicedog's go to college

Every semester the College of St Rose sponsors a stress free zone. This is done during the week leading up to final exams. As anyone who has ever had to take a test can attest— exams can be scary and stressful. To help students



Dali outside of The College of St Rose

relax The College of St Rose recruits therapy dogs. Our own ESP Dali was one of the dogs who provided a real service to these students. The therapy dogs are a popular and much needed diversion as these students are studying for finals. The dogs provide a chance to sit and relax. They will listen to you as you tell them your worries or just chat. They lower your blood pressure as you pet them, and just provide a break from the rigors of study.

Therapy dog work—all in a day's work for



## ESP out in the community

Empire Servicedog Program has been quite busy over the late summer and fall. We have attended a number of community events exposing the dogs to lots of experiences. This is an important part of their training. As a service dog they need to be well behaved in any situation and should be able to go anywhere with their owner.

You may have seen us at Jumping Jack's in Scotia, at the Empire Plaza training outside, or maybe at one of the farmer's markets around the county. They were at Washington Park Playhouse—who say's dogs can't experience culture. They enjoy concerts and plays as much as we do. Our puppy raisers take to dogs to as many places as they can to expose to them to a myriad of different events.