

## **D-BACKS ADD BRENLTY THE THERAPY DOG TO ROSTER AT CHASE FIELD**

*Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation teams up with Gabriel's Angels and Raising Cane's to train Brenly during 2019 season*



PHOENIX – The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation has teamed up with Gabriel's Angels and Raising Cane's to bring adopted dog, Brenly, to Chase Field for a series of training sessions to become a certified therapy dog. As part of his training, Brenly will interact with fans at Chase Field on select game days and as a certified therapy dog through Gabriel's Angels, will inspire, celebrate and support kids in our community.

***Brenly will be available for interviews during his first training session this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Phoenix Children's Hospital Sandlot at Chase Field.***

Brenly will work with Gabriel's Angels to become a certified therapy dog through a series of training sessions at D-backs games throughout the season. The goal of the training sessions will be to teach love, trust, compassion and kindness, that specialized therapy dogs, like Brenly, will learn to connect with children in a positive and meaningful way.

Together, this tail-wagging partnership will raise awareness of the complex issues facing at-risk children and the role that therapy animals can play in the hope and healing process.

Fans can meet Brenly as well as some of Gabriel's Angels active Pet Therapy Teams on select Sunday D-backs games at 12:00 p.m. in the Phoenix Children's Hospital Sandlot. Brenly will also make special visits to the D-backs clubhouse throughout the season. Brenly is a golden retriever adopted by Blake Blackman-Woody from Arizona Lab Friends with the help of the Fetch Foundation (rescue and community partners of Gabriel's Angels). The Blackman-Woody family are big D-backs fans and decided to name the dog Brenly due to their love for watching Bob Brenly on FOX Sports Arizona during every D-backs game.

The Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation and Raising Cane's are committed to raising funds, awareness and promoting the power of love in supporting children facing life's most difficult circumstances. Raising Cane's, who's namesake comes from founder and CEO Todd Graves' late dog Cane, joins the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation's passion to help kids in the community. When the friendly yellow lab and namesake of the restaurant passed away, the family adopted Cane II, a certified therapy dog helping kids at local children's hospitals. With Brenly's help, Gabriel's Angels therapy teams will support more than 15,000 children each year.

For more information, please visit [dbacks.com/puppylove](http://dbacks.com/puppylove).

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### About Gabriel's Angels

Gabriel's Angels is a 501(3)C nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire confidence, compassion, and best behavior in at-risk children through pet therapy. Registered Pet Therapy Teams, comprised of owners and their pets, visit facilities serving abused, neglected and at-risk children in the Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott areas. The therapy visits provide children with unconditional love and teach core social behaviors. For more information about becoming a Therapy Team or volunteer, please call 602-266-0875 or visit

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