



LAB REPORT



Pepper's First Year with Victim Assistance

Dec 2020 - Dec 2021

Pepper joined Victim Assistance at the end of 2020 to provide comfort to crime victims. Expertly trained by Journey Together Service Dog, Inc., she received her nationally recognized certification and many awards. A beautiful Lab with a calm and loving demeanor, Pepper immediately proved herself to be the most popular member of our staff!



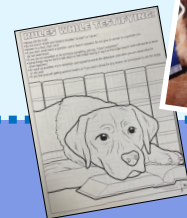
Pepper and friends. To ensure privacy, crime victims are not pictured.

110 Crime Victims Served!

- Pepper has worked with people of all ages, from children as young as 4 to senior adults.
- Pepper accompanied 2 child victims to court during their testimony in a sexual assault trial.
- She accompanied a victim of elder abuse and strangulation during a sentencing hearing and stood at the victim's side while she made her impact statement.
- Pepper has comforted dozens of victims during trial preparation and other meetings in the District Attorney's Office.
- Pepper has provided support to victims of homicide, child and adult sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, domestic abuse, a workplace shooting, and the Waukesha Christmas Parade.

In December, we met with an 8 year old victim of sexual abuse. Her grandparents told us that she was terrified of dogs. After looking at Pepper's activity book, she said she would like to just look at Pepper; pretty soon, she was petting Pepper and declaring her the "most beautiful dog in the world." She could not believe that Pepper stars in her very own coloring book! She told us she wants to see Pepper every time she comes to court or our office, and can't wait to visit her again.

In a different case this year, a teenage victim was so scared of testifying that she had a panic attack; Pepper was there to help that day and the day of testimony. The case specialist felt that the victim would not have been able to testify if it were not for Pepper's emotional support!



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