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St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) Hosts Southeastern Guide Dogs Puppies in Training – November 12th

Southeastern Guide Dogs’ five chapters of Pinellas County puppy raiser groups will be meeting at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 pm. The airport is partnering with Allegiant Air to host approximately 30 service puppies-in-training and their handlers to experience what it’s like to travel— from checking in and TSA Screening, to boarding an aircraft.

It is important for all puppies-in-training to be exposed to as many real-life situations as possible before they take on the incredible responsibility of being a guide. By allowing them to experience these tasks as puppies, they grow to be confident, unflappable guide dogs. Guide dogs allow the visually impaired to experience life to the fullest by providing independence and mobility.

“Making travel accessible to everyone is in Allegiant’s DNA, and these puppies will one day be essential travel partners, as guide dogs for their human companions,” said Hilarie Grey, managing director of corporate communications for Allegiant. “We are proud to co-host this training with our partners at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport as a unique educational experience, and to recognize the extraordinary training these special dogs receive to be able to travel so seamlessly.”

Media is invited to attend the tour which will begin in Bag Claim at 6:00 PM and conclude at approximately 7:30 PM. To attend, contact:

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About Southeastern Guide Dogs
Southeastern Guide Dogs transforms lives by creating and nurturing extraordinary partnerships between people and dogs. Our organization operates the most advanced training facilities of any service dog organization in the world. Our experts create and train working dogs—including guide dogs, service dogs, and skilled companion dogs—and provide life-changing services for people with vision loss, veterans with disabilities, and children with significant challenges such as vision loss or the loss of a parent in the military. Pursuing our mission since 1982, Southeastern Guide Dogs now has over 1,100 dogs under our auspices.

All of our services—which include selective breeding and expert dog training; comprehensive on-campus student instruction; and lifetime alumni support—are provided at no cost to recipients. We rely 100% on private donations and receive no government funding. Southeastern Guide Dogs has the distinction of being dually accredited by the two premier, global accreditation bodies: The International Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs International. Learn more at www.GuideDogs.org.
About Allegiant
Las Vegas-based Allegiant (NASDAQ: ALGT) is an integrated travel company with an airline at its heart, focused on connecting customers with premier leisure experiences - from vacations to hometown family entertainment. Since 1999, Allegiant Air has linked travelers in small-to-medium cities to world-class vacation destinations with all-nonstop flights and industry-low average fares. Today, Allegiant serves more than 450 routes across the country, with base airfares less than half the cost of the average domestic roundtrip ticket. Allegiant’s Sunseeker Resorts subsidiary is currently under construction with its inaugural resort property, Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor in Southwest Florida - a unique waterside integrated resort like no other. And a growing group of Allegiant Nonstop family entertainment centers offer state-of-the art indoor games and attractions to thrill seekers of all ages. For more information, visit us at Allegiant.com. Media information, including photos, is available at http://gofly.us/iIfa303wrtF

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