



### *Four working dogs graduate*

Graduation ceremonies were held on Wednesday, April 19, for four working dogs and their new owners at Assistance Dogs of America. The four new pairs are pictured above. From left, Donn Hubbard, from Cincinnati, receives his assistant, Copper, a golden retriever that came to the training center from the Henry County Humane Society. Next is Mary Jane Gracia from Stryker, with her new companion, Shelby, a yellow lab that was donated to the training center from a private pet home. The third pair is Janet Marginelli, from Huntington, Ind., and her companion, Bobbie, a yellow lab. Bobbie was also a pet home dona-

tion. The final pair is Ginger Burba, from Dayton, and Frasier, a golden retriever. Frasier came to the training center from the Huntington, Ind. Humane Society.

The four new companion pairs spent nine days at the center where they became acquainted and learned to work together. On leaving the center, they will be on a 90-day probationary period. During that time, trainers from the center will visit in the individual homes to make sure that all is going well and to resolve any problems that may arise. (Photo by B.J. Lord)