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DOVE MOUNTAIN

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## **ANNOUNCING AINSLEY THE YELLOW LAB: CRITTER-IN-CHIEF FOR THE RITZ-CARLTON, DOVE MOUNTAIN**

**TUCSON, Ariz.** (Sept. 5, 2019) – The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain is pleased to announce the arrival of Ranger Ainsley, a people-loving Labrador retriever who has become its official guest ambassador. A member of the resort's Ritz Kids Rangers team, the two-year-old pup is on the job as of this week, welcoming guest arrivals and accepting hugs from visitors of all ages.

Ranger Ainsley was adopted from a service dog training academy where he was rejected because he "loved food too much." Since his adoption by the Forbes Five Star Ritz-Carlton north of Tucson, he has joined a team of desert critters who call the resort home. Ranging from a beloved desert tortoise to gentle reptiles and fuzzy crawlers, the gentle critters are nurtured in their own special habitat at the property and are introduced to resort guests daily during each afternoon's Meet Our Desert Friends gathering.

Ainsley has undergone mandatory Ritz-Carlton orientation and, like all members of the team, has learned about where he can and can't go (no kitchens, dining areas or swimming pools) -- and about resort offerings such as In-Room Dining and a popular In-Room Camping tent experience just for kids.

Available for photo ops and serving as an official taste tester for the pet-friendly resort's specially curated canine menu, Ainsley also will participate in Ritz Kids reading sessions. Additionally, he

will be a key part of the resort team's Community Footprints program, which provides support to community non-profits with a focus on assisting at-risk children and families. He will also provide gifts to dogs staying at the resort and will actively participate in the property's welcome activities, guest engagement programs and holiday events. He is the perfect antidote for young travelers needing a special friend -- and for guests of all ages missing their pets at home. To follow Ainsley as he settles into his new job, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ritzcarltondovemountain> or <https://www.instagram.com/ritzcarltondovemountain/>.