



The Companion

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Holiday 2007, issue three: *Coast to Coast Campus Changes, Puppy Raising 101, Freight with a Personality, Giving to CCI, TLC Simplified Their Homes, Holiday Gift Guide*

Live for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Many people with disabilities live independent, fulfilling lives. Then there are those whose lives are, in a word, “incredible.”

Meet Muffy Davis. A 2006 CCI Southwest Regional Training Center Graduate. Muffy inspires even the most cynical with: “A disability doesn’t have to be a negative. It’s just different.”

Muffy Davis began ski-racing at age three. She soon realized she had special talents and wanted some day to ski-race in the Olympics. Then, at age 16, Muffy’s life changed. While skiing she veered off-course and slammed into two trees at 55 mph, crushing her back and almost killing her. In the ensuing months she faced and overcame numerous physical and psychological challenges.

But that little voice inside

kept repeating her goals and before long Muffy was involved in disabled ski-racing winning many awards, including four gold medals. This tenacious lady also participates in water-skiing, wheelchair road racing, weight training, fly fishing — even horseback riding, scuba diving, kayaking and adaptive mountain biking!

In August 2006, Muffy graduated from CCI with Service Dog Leibe, a two-year-old black Labrador. Muffy feels she has more adventures and explores more because of Leibe. One of her favorite pastimes is to picnic on the warm

but slightly damp grass in the sprinkler park. But she couldn’t get back into her wheelchair alone. Now, that has changed as the two play together, with Leibe bracing Muffy so she can get back into her seat.

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Muffy Davis and Service Dog Leibe.
Photo by: Kim Bachman, Right Side Photography

A Word from Ted and Corey



Corey Hudson and Ted Rogahn

Everyday we are fortunate to hear from our graduates about how their lives are enhanced by CCI assistance dogs. We hear comments like, “I can do more things without people always having to help me,” from a skilled companion graduate in Illinois. Or, “Now, people talk to me instead of turning their heads,” from a service graduate in Michigan. As CCI supporters, you should know that you are truly changing people’s lives.

We want you to know that every time a CCI Service Dog turns on a light so someone can see or retrieves a shoe so someone can get dressed independently, you are there. Every time a hospital patient starts a new and often challenging treatment, calmly and with hope because of the soothing presence of a Facility Dog, you are there. Every time a person who is hard of hearing answers a knock at their door because their CCI Hearing Dog alerted them to the sound, you are there. Every time a child with disabilities relates with their peers by playing fetch with their CCI Skilled Companion, you are there.

Inside this issue you’ll see new ways to support CCI with your year end giving — from shopping, online giving to cause related projects. By supporting Canine Companions for Independence you provide independence, confidence and companionship for people with disabilities. Everyday somebody’s life is better than it was the day before, because of you. On behalf of CCI staff, volunteers and graduates, we thank you.

Happy Holidays,

Ted Rogahn, Chair,
CCI National Board

Corey Hudson,
CEO

A Banner Year for LPCCI



For the 2006-2007 fiscal year Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence, LPCCI, exceeded their fundraising goal by almost \$90,000!

Since 1983, LPCCI has helped Lions Club members support Canine Companions for Independence.

“We are extremely pleased with our accomplishments for this past fiscal year and will use these accomplishments to motivate us for the coming year,” shares Lucille Hynes, LPCCI administrator.

Live for Today, Hope for Tomorrow
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“With Leibe I’m able to do more and go farther,” she says. “Before Leibe, the social stigma of being disabled always made me feel that people thought, ‘Oh, poor girl in that wheelchair.’” Now, those alienating barriers are dissolved as instead she hears, “Wow! What a great dog!”

In her own inimitable way, Muffy exemplifies the meaning of life for people everywhere, not only those living with disabilities. “Everyone has struggles,” says Muffy. “No one gets through life without something. You’ve got to pick yourself up and get on with it. Live for today, hope for tomorrow.”

Coast to Coast Campus Changes

From the East

The Northeast Region is entering the final phase of its capital campaign. With 85% of the construction complete on the Hagedorn Guest Center (dorms) and administration offices, the new facility in Medford will be fully operational by Spring 2008.

The day the new Center's doors open will be the first time the Northeast Region's thirteen states have had a fully accessible training center with canine care facilities, large and comfortable training rooms, and dormitories to better serve clients.

Naming opportunities ranging from \$10,000 to \$750,000 are available. You can leave a legacy and help build a state-of-the-art training center by choosing a name for the following:



Welcome Area	\$10,000
Training and Program Offices	\$20,000 to \$50,000
Dorm Rooms Used by Teams During Training (<i>only three left</i>)	\$35,000
Team Training Rooms	\$75,000 to \$200,000

If you would like to help, please contact Rosalba Messina, (631) 694-6938 or email rmessina@cci.org.

To the West

Retired CCI service dog Trixie Koontz passed away on June 30, 2007. Trixie was adopted by best-selling author Dean Koontz and his wife, Gerda Koontz, in 1998. Beautiful angel that she was, Trixie instantly made her way into her new parents' hearts.

In celebration of Trixie's joyful life, CCI's Southwest Regional Center was rededicated as the Dean, Gerda and Trixie Koontz Campus on August 18, 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Koontz attended the rededication ceremony that coincided with CCI's third graduation of 2007. The Southwest region is immensely proud to be able to honor the entire Koontz Family on the monument sign at the entrance to our campus.

Longtime supporters of CCI and Honorary National Board Members, Dean and Gerda Koontz have generously contributed more than \$4 million to CCI over the years. Trixie herself designated all royalties from her wildly successful

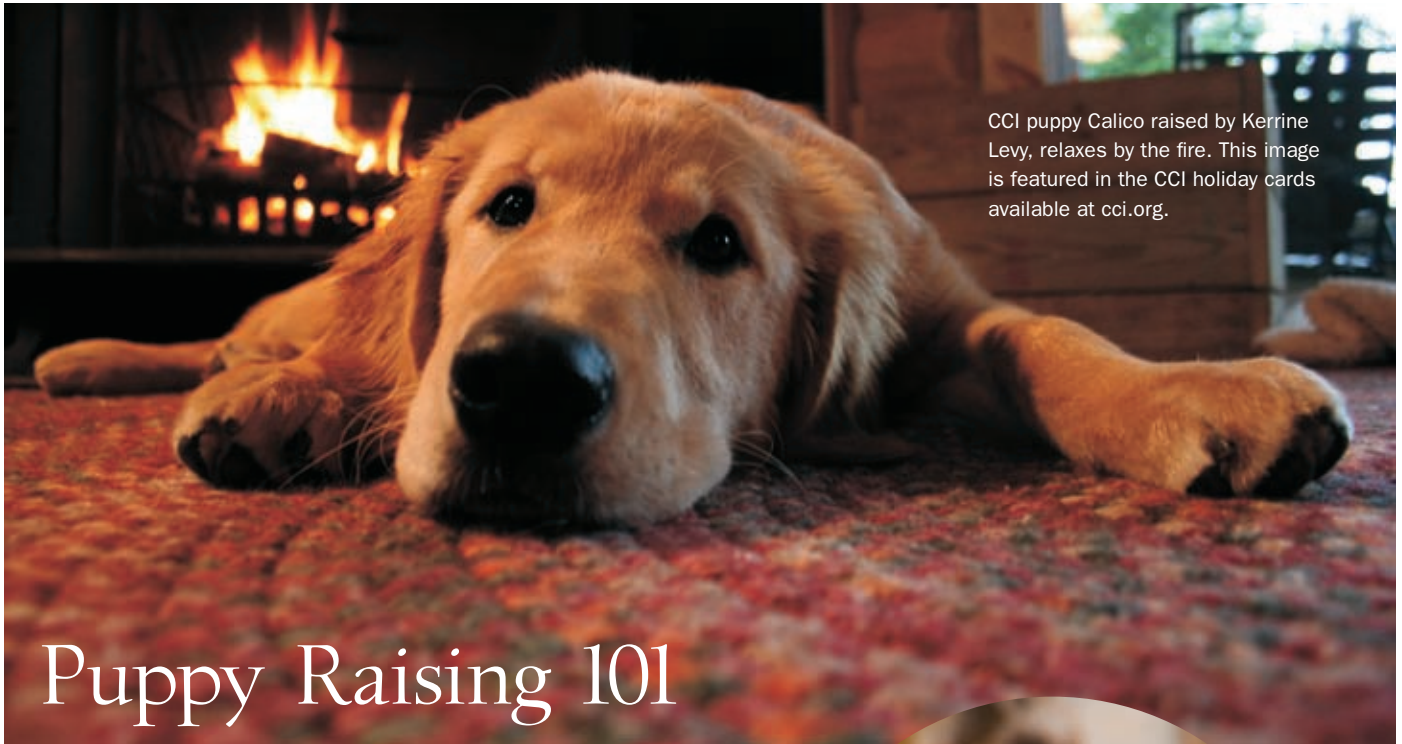
books, *Life is Good!* and *Christmas is Good!* — both edited by Mr. Koontz — to help her fellow canines learn how to become assistance dogs at CCI.

Mr. Koontz had this to say about their beloved dog: "[Trixie] changed our

lives and made us better people than we otherwise would have been. She was a magical creature... We will continue to work with Canine Companions for Independence and others to make good things happen in Trixie's name."



CCI puppy Gerda II enjoys Trixie's wisdom.



CCI puppy Calico raised by Kerrine Levy, relaxes by the fire. This image is featured in the CCI holiday cards available at cci.org.

Puppy Raising 101

Most furry, playful puppies don't get the chance to attend college classes or lounge around the campus of a four year college. But in 2001, college freshman and CCI puppy raiser Kerinne Levy and her third CCI puppy Raj were an inseparable pair on campus. Raj was welcomed on the premises because he was no mere pet, but a CCI puppy in training to become a CCI assistance dog.

Kerinne started raising CCI puppies in 1998 and has since graduated from high school and college, and is now a research assistant at CCI. She has used these diverse environments as opportunities for puppy training. In college, for instance, she incorporated the puppies into various aspects of her busy life, depending on the pup's age. "I raised 5 pups in college-all attended classes, special events and long nights studying in the library," says Kerinne. "Puppy raising has become a part of my life."

Kerinne is now raising her twelfth puppy, Rider, and looks forward to more opportunities to "raise a miracle" over the years ahead. "The adventure of taking an eight-week-old bundle of fur, watching them mature into a fully trained assistance dog that's ready to give a person with a disability the independence and companionship they have longed for is such a wonderful experience," says Kerinne.



Raise a Puppy, Change a Life

Volunteers are needed nationwide to help raise a CCI puppy. A volunteer puppy raiser provides early socialization and basic obedience, both of which are essential in preparing a puppy for life as an assistance dog. Request a puppy raiser application today by calling 1-800-572-BARK.

American Girl Puppy Naming

On June 29th CCI joined American Girl® as they celebrated volunteerism at their flagship stores in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles. As a part of the fun, participants entered a “Name a CCI Puppy” raffle.

We are excited to announce the winners!

The New York City Store	Amanda Namendort with her entry	“Monty”
The Chicago Store	Ally Woodard with her entry	“Evona”
The Los Angeles Store	Natalie Doering with her entry	“Kiony”

The chosen names will be assigned to puppies born in 2008. Thanks Amanda, Ally, Natalie and all the girls who entered!

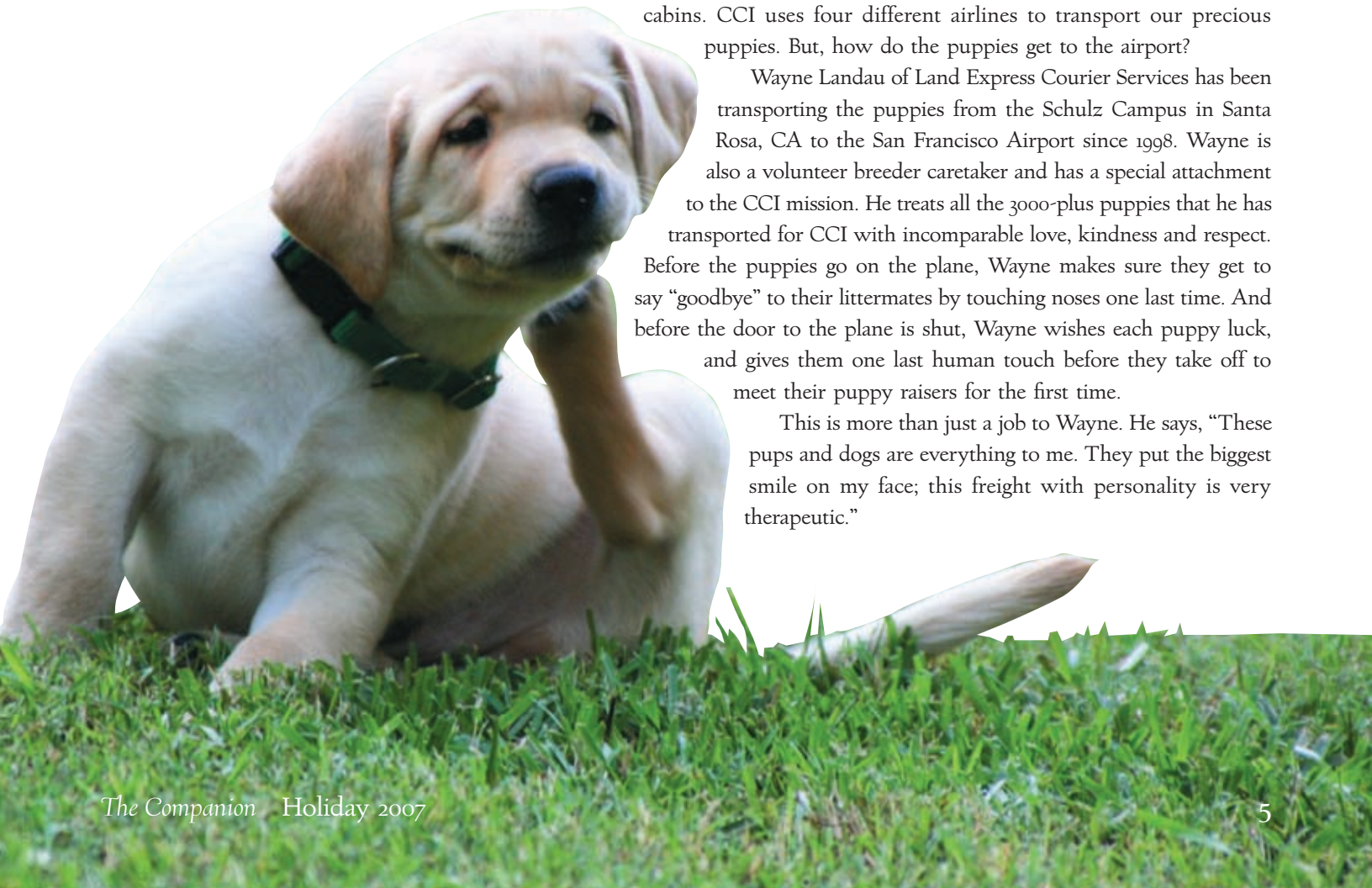
Freight With a Personality

Ever wonder how a CCI puppy gets to their volunteer puppy raiser in Arizona, Michigan, Georgia or New Hampshire? The puppies fly.

No, not with wings, but in safe, temperature-controlled airplane cargo cabins. CCI uses four different airlines to transport our precious puppies. But, how do the puppies get to the airport?

Wayne Landau of Land Express Courier Services has been transporting the puppies from the Schulz Campus in Santa Rosa, CA to the San Francisco Airport since 1998. Wayne is also a volunteer breeder caretaker and has a special attachment to the CCI mission. He treats all the 3000-plus puppies that he has transported for CCI with incomparable love, kindness and respect. Before the puppies go on the plane, Wayne makes sure they get to say “goodbye” to their littermates by touching noses one last time. And before the door to the plane is shut, Wayne wishes each puppy luck, and gives them one last human touch before they take off to meet their puppy raisers for the first time.

This is more than just a job to Wayne. He says, “These pups and dogs are everything to me. They put the biggest smile on my face; this freight with personality is very therapeutic.”



Giving to CCI

Special End of Year Giving Opportunities

Consider funding one of these special programs to support CCI. There are many ways to help provide exceptional dogs for exceptional people — use your IRA, complete a stock transfer or make a cash donation to name a few. Contact Bob Bunger at 707-577-1790 or bbunger@cci.org for more information.

Sponsor a graduate team	starting at \$10,000
Sign language translators at a 2-week Hearing Team Training	\$10,000
Sponsor a puppy workshop	\$ 2,500 – 5,000
Sponsor instructor home follow-up visits	\$ 2,000

Any gift is welcome! Here are more CCI activities you make possible with your generous support:

Neonatal health screening for a litter of CCI puppies	\$1,000
Transporting puppies to puppy raisers across the country	\$ 500
Healthy puppy costs for a pups' annual check up	\$ 200
Cover the cost of health screening for a dog entering training	\$ 150
Provide dog equipment for new graduates (leash, collar, etc.)	\$ 100

2007 Could Be Your Last Chance to Take Advantage of New Tax Laws

Individuals 70½ years of age and older can make current gifts from their IRA up to \$100,000 in 2007. These gifts can qualify as your required minimum distribution and you will not have to declare the gift as income. Your gift can fund key CCI programs such as:

- Northeast Regional Center capital campaign
- Graduation ceremonies
- A portion of a two-week Team Training session

- Interpreters for our Hearing Dog classes
- A graduate team.

There are only a few weeks left to take advantage of the IRA rollover. The deadline to complete the rollover is December 31, 2007. Remember to always consult your advisors for legal and tax advice.

Recently, one of our donors from New Jersey took advantage of this new

law. He shared, "I thought that giving my IRA distribution to Canine Companions was financially savvy and a kind hearted way to use the money rather than being taxed on it. I chose Canine Companions because it is such a worthy cause."

Call CCI at 1-866-224-3647 and ask for Bob Bunger to request an IRA transfer form.



Skilled Companion Corkie opens the door for Megan and her mom Rita.

Planned Giving Information

Please send more information on the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax-free IRA gifts | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable gift annuities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estate planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock transfers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We have included Canine Companions in our estate plans; please send information about the Heritage Society | |

Name/s _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

- Please call us regarding the above.

Please use the enclosed, pre-addressed envelope, or mail to:
 Canine Companions for Independence, P.O. Box 446, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.
 Questions? Call us toll-free at 1-866-224-3647 and ask for Bob Bunger.
 Or visit www.cci.org and click "How you can help."

Photo By: Charles Jernigan, Jr.

Canine Companions for Independence



CCI Simplified Their Lives; TLC Simplified Their Homes

In February 2007 9-year-old Gracie, challenged with cerebral palsy, and her mom Kathleen, graduated from the North Central Regional Training Center with Skilled Companion Giselle. Giselle makes Gracie's life simpler by assisting her with tasks such as picking up dropped items.

"Grace and Giselle are inseparable. Following and assisting her wherever she goes, Giselle is constantly by Grace's side," shares Kathleen.

Now, The Learning Channel, TLC, has made Gracie and her family's lives simpler by featuring them on their show "Home Made Simple." Filming took place at their suburban Chicago home and was an incredible experience. Gracie and Giselle certainly made an impression on the crew!

Many comment such as, "Wow, Giselle really turned off the light for Grace," were heard throughout the day.

Grace and Giselle's episode is currently scheduled to air in November on TLC. To find out more about "Home Made Simple" check out www.tlc.com. To learn how you can help children like Gracie visit www.cci.org.

New Partnerships Just In Time For Holiday Parties

To Toast



CRU VIN DOGS Wine Group is donating 10% from the sale of their 2006 "Labrador" Sauvignon Blanc to CCI. A great option to serve at upcoming holiday parties!

Next year, two exciting new releases will benefit CCI: a 2006 "Golden Retriever" Chardonnay and a 2006 "Lucky" Cabernet/Merlot, featuring CCI Service Dog Lucky on the label. Toast the Holidays and CCI!

To Give



Mascot, a dogwear company based in the Boston area, has created the Mascot Companion Charm, and will donate proceeds from the sale of each charm to CCI.

The Mascot Companion Charm is a charm for your dog and a keychain for you, attached together by magnets to celebrate the special connection between humans and animals.

To Be Merry



DogSmarts™ question and answer game is a fun card game that makes learning about dogs easy and fun. Edited by CCI's own Paul Mundell, director of canine

programs, proceeds will benefit Canine Companions for Independence.

For more information on these great gift ideas, visit cci.org/giftshop.

Regional Round Up

Northwest Region



Dr. Ruth Daniels and Bill Reinking, CCI supporter extraordinaire.

Celebrity Chef — a Huge Success

More than 300 people turned out to honor our very own Dr. Ruth Daniels, National Breeding Program Veterinarian, at the 22nd annual Celebrity Chef fundraiser, August 4th in Santa Rosa. CCI would like to thank all attendees, volunteers, sponsors and donors for making this year's event such a success and raising more than \$90,000! And don't forget to mark your calendars for September 21, 2008 when the 23rd annual Celebrity Chef — "Cooking for the Canines" — comes to the Schulz campus. If you need a good reason to visit Santa Rosa, this will be it.

Dawgs in the Ruff — a Hole in One

Golfers turned out in record numbers to support CCI — and have some fun at the "Dawgs in the Ruff" golf tournament presented by the Bank of the West and the Gold Rush Champions Chapter. Paws up to the dedicated group of volunteers who work hard throughout the year to make this event happen. More than 30 CCI graduate teams to date have been sponsored as a result of proceeds from this golf tournament!

The Seattle Mariners 2007-2008 Calendar

Hit a homerun for CCI when you purchase the Seattle Mariners 2007-2008 Calendar featuring your favorite Seattle Mariners' baseball players with CCI dogs! Order online via the CCI gift shop — www.cci.org.

Southeast Region



On your mark, get set, go!

Georgia Volunteers Host Their Fifth Annual Athens Run for the Dogs

Congratulations to everyone who helped to make the fifth Athens Run for the Dogs fundraising event, held on September 22nd a great success! Under the leadership of event coordinators Monica Grimes, Jim Mohs and Donna Kelley, this year's event raised over \$11,000 to benefit Canine Companions for Independence! Special thanks to all the wonderful supporters and sponsors who helped make this event such a great success. To see pictures from this year's event, please visit the athensrunforthedogs.org website.

To all of our Georgia volunteers, you did an outstanding job and we are very proud of the work that you did and continue to do on behalf of Canine Companions for Independence!

November Graduation

The November Team Training class will be held from November 5th-16th with a graduation ceremony on November 17th at 11:00 a.m. at the Radiant Life Assembly of God Church in Orlando, Florida (located directly across the street from our Anheuser-Busch SeaWorld Campus). A reception will be held in the John K. Bastien Training Building immediately following the graduation ceremony.

Northeast Region



Graduate Shea and Skilled Companion Mercer at FAO Schwarz.

"Marvelous Mercer" a Hit

CCI Graduate Shea Megale and her Skilled Companion Mercer were recently in New York City to promote her new book "Marvelous Mercer". The team, including Shea's mother Megan, were featured on the Today Show, the New York Post and USA Today. On Saturday, September 29th, the dynamic duo paid a visit to FAO Schwarz for a special reading (led by Shea) and a book signing. Within two hours, the store sold close to 300 copies. Congratulations Shea!

Kyle Orent raises money for CCI on eBay

Nine-year-old Kyle Orent has continued his fundraising efforts for the Northeast's capital campaign in a most creative way! Kyle created an online auction on eBay's charity site in August and has raised approximately \$10,000 for CCI. Items up for auction include signed dog collars, autographed by stars including George Clooney, Billy Joel, Peyton Manning and Sheena Easton. To date, the youngster has raised more than \$33,000 for the capital campaign. Kyle's story was recently featured in *Time For Kids Magazine!* Thank you to Kyle for continuing to support Canine Companions for Independence. You're never too small to make a difference!

Southwest Region

Dogs Days of Summer a Sizzling Success

Valley of the Suns Champions Chapter in Phoenix, Arizona hosted their fourth annual Dog Days of Summer Golf Tournament on September 21st. The 18 hole four-person scramble tournament was held at the beautiful Ocotillo Golf Course in Chandler, Arizona under balmy desert skies. It was a sold out event thanks to the incredible hard work of Tournament Chairperson Pat Lawson and the volunteer committee.

The Tournament broke all previous fundraising records netting over \$58,000. The Valley of the Suns Chapter under the leadership of Cathy Peterson, President, and the Golf Committee did one fantastic job and scored an ace for CCI and its future graduates!



Journey to Independence in the Vail Valley

On August 13th, Joan and Bob (CCI National Board Member) Solon, chaired Colorado's Journey to Independence, a most successful fundraising event benefiting CCI with the support of CCI National Board Member Anne Roberts and an incredible committee that raised a record \$170,000 for CCI.

225 people attended the event in Vail, including several CCI graduate teams and puppy raisers. One of the highlights of the evening was a speech by CCI Graduate Travis Stout, who brought tears to everyone's eyes with his heart-warming story of how his CCI canines (first Kosmic and now Cortez) have impacted his life.



Anne & John Rainey with General Jack Chain (Ret.) and Bob Solon.

Another big highlight was the presentation of an award to John and Anne Rainey by General Jack Chain (Ret.) on behalf of CCI. General Chain put it well when he said, "I like warriors, I like winners, and I like people who give back to our great country. I'm proud to be associated with CCI because they are those types of people."

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

CCI will be the featured charity at the internationally renowned dog event held in Long Beach, California, December 1 and 2. The dog show will be broadcast on Animal Planet February 2.

North Central Region



Ambulatory Skilled Companion graduates.

A Unique Team Training

This past June, the North Central Regional Training Center played host to a trial ambulatory Skilled Companion Team Training class. This class was designed to focus on the unique needs of families of children with autism, developmental delays and Down syndrome.

The graduates of the June ambulatory Skilled Companion class were honored June 22, during a private graduation ceremony.

Canine Companions to Benefit from a North Central Region Rivalry

November 16 marks the eve of a powerful rivalry in the North Central region—the Ohio State Buckeyes vs. the University of Michigan Wolverines—but no matter which team is victorious, Canine Companions for Independence wins.

CCI has been chosen as the beneficiary of the "2007 Earle Bruce's Beat Michigan Tailgate" party which takes place Friday, November 16 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Ohio State University French Field House.

Tickets are \$75 each, with table sponsorships ranging from \$750-\$10,000. In addition, the tailgate will feature a raffle offering chances to win a trip to this year's bowl game, tickets to the OSU/Michigan game and a television. Raffle tickets are \$20, or 6 for \$100. For more information on the Earle Bruce Tailgate, to volunteer or attend, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jean Henry at 740-548-4447 or jhenry@cci.org.

Holiday Gift Guide

cci.org/giftshop

Life. Unleashed. Apparel

Fashionable shirts, hats and bracelets show style, comfort and support of CCI. Prices range from \$8.00 to \$22.00.



Note Cards

Perfect for any occasion, CCI note card packs include 12 cards with a mix of four different puppy designs, and 13 envelopes. Blank inside. \$13.00

Christmas is Good Book

By Trixie Koontz, Dog; Edited by Dean Koontz.

Sit! Stay! Eat! Celebrate! CHRISTMAS IS GOOD! Is an irresistible stocking stuffer full of furry tidbits to maximize yuletide fun — including caroling with cats (if necessary!), baking tasty sausage-peanut butter Christmas biscuits, and making yourself fluffier for all the holiday parties. \$9.95



Holiday Music CD

Black Tie and Blue Jean Christmas

Award-winning songstress and CCI National Board Member Anne Roberts produced *Black Tie and Blue Jean Christmas*, a holiday music CD, and will donate her profits from the project to CCI. Curl up beside a cozy fire or sing along in the car on the way to Grandma's house, and enjoy Anne's fresh contemporary style, while contributing to CCI. \$14.00





Calendar

The 2008 Calendar demonstrates our idea of "Life. Unleashed." with fabulous pictures and inspirational stories of CCI assistance dogs working in partnership with people across the country.

This full-color wall calendar features 12-months of Canine Companions, and a bonus pull-out poster. \$12.50



2007 Holiday Cards

Say "Season's Greetings!" with the CCI holiday card variety pack. Card packs include 10 cards, with a mix of three different designs, and 11 envelopes. Message inside: Season's Greetings! \$15.00

Order Form for Calendar & Holiday Cards

(for other gifts visit www.cci.org/giftshop)

All gift items can be purchased online at cci.org/giftshop.
Only calendars and holiday cards can be ordered via fax or mail.

Sold to:

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone

Ship to:

Name (same as above:)

Address

City

State

Zip

Quantity	Item	Price Each	Total
	2008 Calendar	\$12.50	
	Holiday Cards: Season's Greetings	\$15.00	
	Merchandise Subtotal		_____
	Sales Tax (CA residents add 8.0%)		_____
	Shipping & Handling Charge		\$3.50
	Optional Donation		_____
	Total		_____

Check enclosed or Credit Card: MasterCard VISA American Express

Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature

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P.O. Box 446, Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0446

Phone Orders: 1-866-224-3647, 8 AM to 5 PM PST, Monday-Friday

Fax Orders: 1-707-577-1712, 24 Hours

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We trust that you will be pleased with your purchase. If for any reason you are not completely satisfied with any item you purchase from us, we will gladly exchange or substitute the item, or give you a refund, without reservation.

2007 TEAM TRAINING YEARBOOK

Northwest Region — June Graduates



Rufus Blair
Hearing Dog Nolina
San Jose, CA
Leslie and Alison Hennessy
Colorado Springs, CO



Amber West
Hearing Dog Bryka
Concord, CA
Jo Ann Niebur
Aspen, CO

Northwest Region — July Graduates



Stacy Clemmons
Hearing Dog Eleanor III
Rockford, IL
Cindy and Jenny McGinty
Sammamish, WA



Yvonne Good
Hearing Dog Paige III
Seymour, TN
Susie Mayer-Smith
Santa Rosa, CA



Shannon Harrigan
Hearing Dog Harmon
Malvern, PA
Kerry Kelly and Paul McIntyre
Chico, CA

Northwest Region — July Graduates



Loretta Loeffler
Hearing Dog Nalanie
Redwood City, CA
Katie Heffelfinger and Paula Dunn
Sacramento, CA



Jim Young
Hearing Dog Ellea
Divide, CO
Sharon Kuroki Beckman and David Beckman
Santa Rosa, CA

Northwest Region — August Graduates



Melbourne "Jerry" Alexander
Skilled Companion Nyja
Jan Alexander, Bodega Bay, CA
Coffee Creek Correctional Facility
Wilsonville, OR



Mathew Arensdorf
Skilled Companion Adela
Sharilyn and Patrick Arensdorf
Palo Alto, CA
Rebecca Burwell
Sebastopol, CA



Christian Gulbransen
Skilled Companion Aliki
Morgan Price
Paradise, CA
Lindsey and Nathan Barnes
Littleton, CO

Northwest Region — August Graduates



Leah Hall
Service Dog Kioshi
Vancouver, WA
Lisa Galbreath and Elle & Gus
McGlocklin
Edmonds, WA



Jason Henderson
Skilled Companion Ramesh
Laura Henderson
Folsom, CA
Georgia Brown and Cody Eng
Elk Grove, CA



Scott Johnson
Service Dog Lennox II
Carmichael, CA
Edward and Carol Humphrey
Granite Bay, CA



Bari Schlesinger
Service Dog Axel III
Sacramento, CA
Julia and Mary Defriel
Bellevue, WA



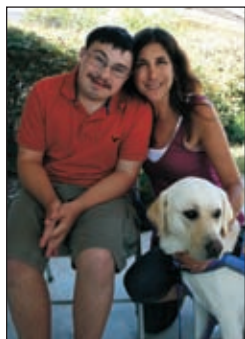
Ryan Skelton
Service Dog Gulara II
Portland, OR
Jim and Joan Buntin
Orangevale, CA

2007 TEAM TRAINING YEARBOOK

Northwest Region — August Graduates



Thomas Zahner
 Skilled Companion Keldon
 Kim Dowling and Mark Zahner
 Fair Oaks, CA
 Doug Dietz
 San Jose, CA



Dylan Zeitlan
 Skilled Companion Mary IV
 Liz Zeitlan
 Eugene, OR
 Suzanne Wharton
 Newcastle, CA

Southwest Region — August Graduates



Wyatt Due
 Skilled Companion Karis
 Joanna Due
 Broken Arrow, OK
 Megan Maloney & Gary Baty
 Orange, CA



Rachel Hagen
 Skilled Companion Gerda II
 Michelle Hagen
 Salt Lake City, UT
 Bonnie Sposato
 Scottsdale, AZ



Ashley Longo
 Skilled Companion Hamlin
 Cathy Longo
 Pacific Palisades, CA
 Jill Winckler
 Littleton, CO

Southwest Region — August Graduates



Raeanna Piller
 Skilled Companion Gladys II
 Donna Piller
 Denver, CO
 Karen & Stan Reaves
 El Toro, CA



Maureen Quinn
 Facility Dog Boulder
 San Marcos, CA
 Sean & Stacy Napoles
 Plano, TX



Courtney Smith
 Skilled Companion Michaela II
 Christina Smith
 San Clemente, CA
 Robert Melikian & Julia Files
 Scottsdale, AZ



Virginia Ward
 Skilled Companion Elsey
 George Enter
 Chula Vista, CA
 Lynn & Fred Chavez
 Alpine, CA

North Central Region — August Graduates



Jennifer Franey
 Skilled Companion Cash
 Cathy Franey
 Owensboro, KY
 Linda and Jeff Saunders
 Indianapolis, IN



Jon Hood
 Facility Dog Glazier
 Maryland Elementary School
 Bexley, OH
 Ross Correctional Institution
 Chillicothe, OH



Zakkary Johnson
 Skilled Companion Buckley
 Jeri Johnson, Plymouth, MN
 Katherine, Jeannine
 & Diane Schulz
 Antioch, IL



Jim Perkaus
 Service Dog Cola
 Boca Raton, FL
 Ross Correctional Institution
 Chillicothe, OH



Brad Rowe
 Service Dog Steed
 Antioch, TN
 May Beth Kopenchek
 Blacklick, OH

2007 TEAM TRAINING YEARBOOK

North Central Region — August Graduates



Pauline Siegel
Service Dog Kazu
Powell, OH
Ross Correctional Institution
Chillicothe, OH



Barb Stieg
Facility Dog Rosa IV
Grizzell Middle School
Dublin, OH
Jeanette and Terra Jurens
Onawa, IA



Amanda Stover
Service Dog Soren
Columbus, OH
Fran and Peter Vlasses
Glen Ellyn, IL



Cindy Thompson
Facility Dog
Pawnee III
Hospice of Knox County
Mount Vernon, OH
Carole Gillham, Huntley, IL



Carolyn Yett
Service Dog Rigo
Dayton, OH
Laurie and Kenzie Danis
Columbus, OH

Northeast Region — August Graduates



Taylor Benton
Skilled Companion Bodie
Kimberly Benton
Chesapeake, VA
Adam Gregerman
New Haven, CT



Melanie Koroghlian
Service Dog Craigie
New York, NY
Catherine Meenan & Conor Mascetti
New Hyde Park, NY



Janette Marina Ray
Service Dog Dexter
Alexandria, VA
Michelle & Jeff Kauffman
Clarksville, MD



Sean McCarthy
Facility Dog Pete II
West Orange, NJ
Mike, Michele & Austin Hartsky
Herndon, VA



HanaSophea McNeil Keirstead
Skilled Companion Bardot
Carol & Cassandra Keirstead
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