



The Companion

the National Newsletter of Canine Companions for Independence



Winter 2007 issue: Philanthropist Awards, The Puppy Name Game, Color-Coded Pups, Pups in the Park Corporate Partnership, ADI Update, American Girl, Nothing Like a Puppy

The Chemistry of a CCI Team

Lisa Ellis, mom to Olivia, wants the same things for Olivia that every parent wants; a happy and fulfilling life. But there were things Olivia needed that Lisa could not give to Olivia on her own, such as increased independence and a way to connect with peers. So, she picked up the phone and called Canine Companions for Independence (CCI).

In May of 2002, Lisa and Olivia graduated from CCI Team Training

with Skilled Companion Simla. Olivia and Lisa treasured Simla for the assistance and companionship that she gave Olivia. Unpredictably and sadly, just prior to Olivia undergoing major surgery, Simla passed away. Lisa was overwhelmed with anxiety — how would Olivia cope with the surgery and recovery process without an assistance dog? So, again, she picked up the phone and called CCI.

“CCI was so great,” says Lisa. “They helped us with Simla’s passing and provided Skilled Companion Kya for Olivia. The instructors and Olivia were in agreement with placing Kya. I didn’t see it at first, but now I know

that there is magic in the chemistry between CCI dogs and their recipients. There is certainly magic between Olivia and Kya.”

Kya’s desire to work for Olivia was apparent from day one, especially through Olivia’s surgery and hospital stay. Kya disregarded the unfamiliar noises, smells, streaming change of doctors and nurses, and just focused on Olivia as she practically led the way from the hospital elevator to Olivia’s hospital room. Kya stayed with Olivia everyday either in the chair next to Olivia’s bed or in the bed with her. “Kya was amazing. She just stepped in and went right to work,” stated Lisa.

Lisa wanted to give another individual with disabilities the assistance, companionship, and independence that she witnessed and treasured between

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Olivia receives a “shake” from Skilled Companion Kya.



A Word from Ted and Corey

We've just completed our first round of graduations for 2007. It's inspiring to see how our graduates dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to complete the training to receive a Canine Companion. In just two weeks, graduates absorb professional level dog handling skills, and go home with an assistance dog, but without their instructors... but they are only a phone call away. This is CCI's commitment to our graduate teams — personal follow-up.

Our professional instructors are available to help graduates "troubleshoot" with their Canine Companions via telephone and email. Instructors travel to conduct workshops to resolve specific training and behavioral issues; and may even travel to a graduate's hometown to see the team in their home and work environments. Through correspondence and in-person trainings, the graduate follow-up program ensures that each graduate team enjoys all the benefits of their partnership.

Maintaining this contact with our graduates helps us improve our understanding of what an assistance dog really needs to do once they are out in the world working and assisting their human partners. We want our new graduates to feel comfortable and welcome to CCI, while building trust that we are here to gently counsel and assist with any bumps in the road along the way.

In addition to our obligation to the graduates, we also have an obligation to our dogs. We lovingly brought them into this world, and we want them to succeed. Their success is our responsibility to the volunteer puppy raisers who dedicate their time raising the pups and then giving them back to CCI. We know the difficulty with giving up something you love. And it is our promise — to our volunteers, graduates, and of course our dogs — to support them throughout their journey.

Ted Rogahn

Ted Rogahn, Chair,
CCI National Board

Corey Hudson

Corey Hudson,
CEO

The Chemistry of a CCI Team

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Olivia and Kya. She applied to be a puppy raiser.

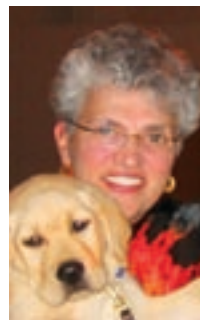
In June 2006, Lisa received seven-week old yellow fluff ball Franci. Lisa and Olivia understand that they are helping Franci achieve a higher purpose. Lisa says, "These dogs have a bigger job to do. They are bred to work, and I know from watching Kya that they are happiest when they are working."

Lisa shared, "I know the type of protective love that puppy raisers have for these puppies with best of the best breeding. I saw the same protective love from the instructors at Team Training the first night the dogs stayed with the participants. Most importantly I know that without the unselfish love from all the CCI puppy raisers, Olivia wouldn't have Kya."



Nancy Bauman was awarded the Outstanding Philanthropist award of Central Florida.

CCI Volunteers Receive Philanthropist Awards



Amy Hagedorn with puppy Horace, was awarded the Outstanding Philanthropist of Long Island, New York.

CCI Northeast Regional Board Member Amy Hagedorn and Southeast Region Board Member Nancy Bauman, both long time CCI supporters, were each awarded a 2006 Outstanding Philanthropist Award. Philanthropy Day Award ceremonies took place last November throughout the country.

Plus, CCI is pleased to present Nancy with the 2006 Jack Warnock award. The award honors volunteers who have exhibited significant dedication to CCI and its mission. Congrats Nancy!



Photo by Jill Quan

The Puppy Name Game

What do the names Cody, Adina, and Bobby have in common? They are all names of CCI dogs (Skilled Companion dog, CCI puppy and male breeder to be exact). The names embody the ideal characteristics of a CCI dog name: short and simple, easy to pronounce and fitting for a professional working dog. There are additional guidelines behind the CCI naming process:

- Excessively cute, long, or difficult to pronounce names are avoided since trainers and participants must use the names on a regular basis with relative ease.
- Names that rhyme with commands are avoided. For instance, Jet is bypassed as it rhymes with the command “get.”

Puppy names can range from some of the most common names such as Bobby to the more obscure Horsham. Many people have wondered how CCI generates such a diverse range of names. First, each litter is assigned a letter, progressing alphabetically from A to Z. Each puppy will be given a name that begins with this letter. For instance, an H litter might contain Hallie, Hank, Helen, etc. By year’s end, CCI uses up to 45 names per letter of the alphabet in order to name the approximately 600 puppies born each year!

Names are chosen from CCI’s supply, as well as submitted by breeder caretakers and CCI supporters in “honor” of someone special in their lives. Appropriate names can also be purchased at auctions and other special events.

Color-Coded Pups

When a CCI breeder dog whelps four, eight or even fifteen pups, have you ever wondered how the breeder caretaker keeps track of them all? These tiny little balls of fur can look remarkably similar. But for feeding and medical treatment purposes, it is important that the pups be readily distinguishable.

CCI has devised an ingenious method using color-coding to quickly identify and differentiate puppies as they are born. The breeder caretakers are given a Whelping Kit, which contains little bottles of washable paint, stretchy yarn and collars in fifteen distinct colors. As puppies are born, their bottoms get a swipe of color — the first puppy is red, the second blue, and so on. This provides a quick and easy way to differentiate the puppies as they are born. Once the pups are cleaned and dry, colored yarn is placed around their neck. When the puppies grow older, the yarn is replaced by a color-coded collar.

The following color scheme is followed, indicating first to last born: red, blue, purple, neon green, neon pink, brown, light pint, turquoise, orange, dark green, black, yellow, gray, burgundy, and nude (yes, the fifteenth born gets no color!).

Pups in the Park

The Great Partnership of Boston Red Sox, Macy's and CCI

The Boston Red Sox and Macy's have teamed together to help raise money and awareness for CCI. This unique partnership was highlighted last October when Donna Latson-Gittens, CEO of Cause Media, delivered the keynote address at an organizational development conference.

Donna presented the Boston Red Sox, Macy's and CCI partnership as an example of a great corporate and non-profit partnership. At the conclusion of her remarks,



Donna invited CCI instructors Ken Reid and Jamie Winslow, along with CCI dogs Max and Nina, on stage for a demonstration.

And the dogs stole the show! Ken and Jamie fielded questions after the speech, and Max and Nina were mobbed by audience members wanting to "shake paws" and say hello.

Donna Gittens, Cause Media, CCI Instructors Ken Reid and Jamie Winslow, and CCI dogs Max and Nina. Photos by Robin Reid, www.pbase.org/rtwo



American Girl Promotes Puppy Raising

American Girl is one of the hottest selling products right now for young girls. And we are pleased that our very own graduate team, Shea Megale and Skilled Companion dog Mercer, was featured in the February issue of the American Girl Magazine.

The fun with American Girl doesn't stop there! American Girl created character Nicki, a compassionate, dependable girl who is raising a puppy named Sprocket to be a service dog. The back of the book features the true-life story of CCI puppy raiser Sandy Barker and her two girls Abby and Celia, along with CCI photographs including the original Sprocket.

CCI will be participating in events this year promoting puppy raising at the American Girl Place stores in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

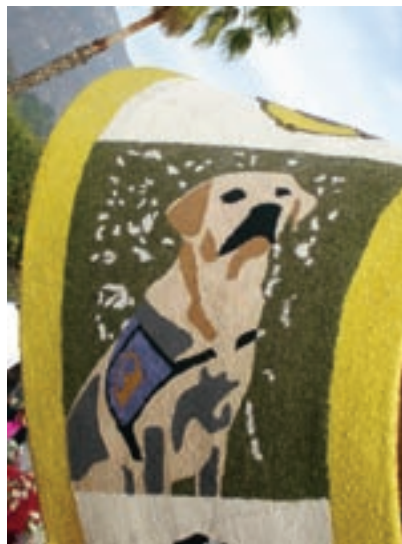
American Girl is looking for everyday girls who are just as caring and compassionate as the puppy raiser doll Nicki. If your daughter's brightest moments are achieved when helping others, check out their website for more information on the 2007 Real Girl of the Year award at www.americangirl.com.

Assistance Dog International Update Hudson Elected President ADI North America

Corey Hudson, CEO of Canine Companions for Independence, was elected as the new President of Assistance Dog North America. Corey is also currently the Secretary of Assistance Dog International. Congrats Corey!

CCI Grad Featured at International Conference

CCI Graduate Buddy Hayes, along with Service Dog Ellie was featured as the keynote speaker for the 19th Annual Assistance Dog International (ADI) Conference in Baltimore, MD. The conference, attended by non-profit organizations that train and place assistance dogs around the world, meet to share their knowledge and learn from peers.



CCI Dog on Lions International Rose Parade Float

Pups on Parade. Lions clubs across the country have supported CCI through the Lions Project for CCI (LPCCI) for over 30 years. This year they included an image of a CCI assistance dog on their Rose Parade float! Thank you Lions Clubs!

“There’s just nothing like a puppy.”

—Barbara Hopp CCI Heritage Society Member and CCI puppy raiser

Nicolette was the first puppy that Barbara Hopp raised for CCI and she was thrilled when CCI called and asked her to continue to care for Nicolette as a volunteer breeder caretaker. “I’ll never forget going to get her,” says Barbara. “There were three beautiful yellow labs in the kennel area. The Puppy Manager opened the kennel door and none of the dogs moved an inch. I remember thinking which one is mine? The Puppy Manager calmly said, ‘Nicolette, here.’ Nicolette practically sprang from the kennel and into my arms!” Barbara was overjoyed to be reunited with Nicolette. She was also astonished at the level of restraint all the dog’s showed and gained a new perspective into CCI training.

Barbara became more and more involved with CCI. She served on the National Board of Directors for six years, whelped four litters as a volunteer breeder caretaker, raised three puppies, is currently fostering CCI puppy Sabina and plans on co-puppy raising a brand new puppy this year. All this in her spare time! Recently, Barbara decided to include Canine Companions for Independence in her living trust and joined the Heritage Society. “It was always my intention to remember CCI, and now my involvement with CCI is even more fulfilling; knowing that I’m helping to ensure the incredible work that CCI does currently and will continue to do far into the future,” says Barbara.

With over 900 members, Barbara and other Heritage Society members certainly do help to ensure the future of CCI’s mission.

Barbara loves being a CCI puppy raiser. She says, “There is just nothing

like a puppy. You can practically watch them grow day to day.” Additionally, Barbara enjoys the CCI ambassador role that comes with bringing a puppy dressed in the yellow and blue CCI cape into local stores. One of her favorite comments to hear is, “I wish my kid was as well behaved as your dog!” While she admits that dealing with constant questions from the public can cause her errands to take twice as long, she knows that sharing with others about CCI and assistance dogs is invaluable to CCI and to adults and children with disabilities and their assistance dogs.

For information on Heritage Society membership, call Bob Bunger, National Director of Development Services, at 707-577-1790 or email Bob at bbunger@cci.org.



Barbara Hopp with CCI puppy Sabina. Barbara is fostering Sabina, who was raised primarily by Margie Kamb.

Please send more information on the following:

- Tax-free IRA gifts
- Charitable gift annuities
- Estate planning
- Stock transfers
- We have included Canine Companions in our estate plans, please send information about the Heritage Society

Name/s _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Please call us regarding the above. Our phone number is: _____

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.”

Regional Round-Up and Upcoming Events

Northwest Region

Chapter News

The Puget Sound chapter (Seattle, WA area) collaborated with thirteen Mud Bay stores in the area. Mud Bay, an Olympia-based retailer of healthy foods for dogs and cats, committed \$10,000 of matching funds to help local assistance animal organizations. Two Mud Bay staff members are CCI volunteers. The information kiosks and donation areas were placed in stores for November and December.

A first for Santa Rosa, CA volunteers was a gift wrapping booth at a local shopping mall. One of CCI's suppliers and major donor, Western Farms, offered animal snap-shots for purchase while shoppers strolled through the store. Not only were dogs and cats featured with "Santa Paws," but also a snake and a horse!

The Spring season brings the annual LPPCCI Crab Feast held on the Placer County Fairgrounds, where the Gold Rush (Sacramento, CA area) chapter helps area Lions Clubs with auction items and ticket sales. Proceeds sponsor a graduate team from that area.

The South Bay chapter (San Jose-Oakland, CA area) facility team of Betty Quinn and Iselin (Izzy) was awarded the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee Sweetheart Award, honoring those who have made a difference in the life of a child with special needs. Betty works with developmentally disabled adults and a preschool class of autistic children in Palo Alto.

May brings the Sonoma County Volunteer Center's Human Race where 450 local organizations rally to bring in more than \$1.1 million in pledges. This is considered to be the largest fundraiser of its kind in the nation, and CCI vol-

unteers walk-or-run with dogs to raise more than \$30,000.

Southeast Region

Making Miracles Happen

Our South Florida volunteer chapter hosted a Making Miracles Happen Fundraising Breakfast on February 7, 2007 at The President Country Club in West Palm Beach, Florida. Sponsored by Steven and Violette Kanner, Coldwell Banker Cares Foundation, and Gail Bremner, this one-hour event introduced 130 people to Canine Companions for Independence.

The program highlighted our successful puppy raising program at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Stockade Drug Farm under the leadership of Sheriff Ric Bradshaw and featured a testimonial from Dick Busto, the father of one of our recipients, about the significant impact Skilled Companion Allie II, has had on his son, Andrew's life. Dick shared how people could make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities like Andrew.

If you would like to learn more about our Making Miracles Happen program and how you can make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities, please contact Holly Stevens at (407) 522-3324 or hstevens@cci.org.

Northeast Region

Hearts and Heroes Gala slated for May 3 in New York City

The Northeast Region will host an evening of dining, entertainment and awareness at its annual "Hearts & Heroes" Gala. The benefit dinner, honoring CCI supporters Joan and Bob Solon, will be held at the Metropolitan Pavilion in New York City on Thursday, May 3 at

6:00 PM. Joan and Bob have been instrumental in helping CCI create a national and regional outreach campaign through the many advertising connections Bob has established throughout his career. Joan has spent her life volunteering and working for local non-profits and she has tremendous success organizing fundraising events. We are truly honored that this dynamic couple has now brought their time and talents to CCI.

"Our Hero" Award will be presented to CCI Graduate Scott "Bubba" Pollock. Although our friend Bubba passed away on December 13, 2005, he still continues to inspire and contribute to making the world a better place. His family established The Bubba Fund which continues to support CCI through generous donations and fundraisers. Other highlights of the evening will include a silent auction featuring American Idol tickets and backstage passes; tickets to the US Open Tennis Tournament; tickets to view a taping of Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, as well as a tour of the Sony Entertainment lot in Los Angeles.

For more information or to purchase tickets please visit: www.cci.org/northeast.



CCI honors Bob and Joan Solon at Hearts and Heroes on May 3, 2007.

Construction Underway at New Training Center

Construction has begun for the new Northeast Regional Training Center in

Medford, NY. Supporting events will be in full swing this spring in Virginia, Boston and Connecticut.

Southwest Region

2006 was a Very Good Year!



Graduate Team Carson Covey and Skilled Companion Asia II.

At the 2006 Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Auxiliary's annual Shirley Clark Barbecue and Auction, held at the annual CVMA Convention, CCI Graduate Carson Covey was presented with a giant stuffed bear named Louie the 22nd. The Colorado State University Veterinary Class of 1986 purchased the Bear for \$5,000 and then presented it to Carson. With the leadership and vision of former president Shirley Clark, the CVMA Auxiliary began sponsoring assistance dog teams many years ago and has now sponsored over 20 teams. Thank you, CVMA Auxiliary members!

At the November 2006 Southwest Graduation, Joe Turcotte of Colorado Springs, CO presented Paul O'Brien, Director of CCI-Colorado, with a check for \$22,000. Joe raised these funds through sponsorships as he successfully completed five Ironman competitions in 2006. Joe is a true Ironman and is clearly an Iron supporter of CCI!

Southwest is pleased to announce the winner of the 2006 Geneva Davis Award, an honor bestowed upon a volunteer extraordinaire who is nominated by CCI volunteers. This year, it went to (drum roll, please) Colorado Springs CCI volunteer Jayme Lahey! She has been a dedicated volunteer for 16 years. Thank you, Jayme

for all your work puppy raising, puppy sitting, site visiting, inspiring volunteers and the myriad of tasks you do for CCI. You are an inspiration to us all.

Coming Events

The next major fundraiser headed our way is the highly anticipated WOOFSTOCK: A Festival for Dogs & People on Saturday, April 14, 2007 in Balboa Park, San Diego. This 1960's-themed event will feature canine contests, working dog demonstrations, vendor booths, Kids Fun Zone, live music, great food and plenty of tie-dye and love beads. The top fundraiser for CCI will win the coveted prize of getting their dog on a new product package! Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

Early risers can also participate in the healthy mile Peace, Love and Walk 'n Roll Fun Dog Walk through Balboa Park. Registration is \$35 and includes a WOOFSTOCK event tie-dye T-Shirt, SWAG Bag with cool gifts and admission into the Festival. For more information, please visit www.cci.org/woofstock2007. Far out!



Photo by Karyl Carmignani.

North Central Region

Relaxation, Education and Recreation in February

The 3rd annual Retreat for Women fundraiser provided the perfect opportunity to introduce people to CCI and a welcoming atmosphere for past, present and future volunteers and puppy raisers. Attendees traveled from as far as Pennsylvania and Indiana to attend the February event.



Keynote speaker Tami Cecil

They spent the day enjoying great food, learning about area businesses, attending interesting seminars, and gaining a new perspective on cooking with the event keynote speaker, Tami Cecil, owner and chef of Woodhaven Farms. Spirited bidding on the vast array of auction items provided entertainment while raising additional funds for CCI. Thank you to White Castle Systems and Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn for sponsoring this fundraising event!

And They're Off!

The Chicago satellite office is getting ready for the annual Day at the Races fundraiser. It will be held Saturday, August 4 at Arlington Park from 12 PM to 5:30 PM in the International Room. Seating options include:

- Prime window seating — \$125 per person
- General seating — \$80 per person
- Children ages 4-11 — \$40 per person

Seating reservations begin Tuesday, May 1 at 9 AM central time. Seating is assigned on a first-come first-served basis — window seats sell out quickly — so call early for reservations at (847) 816-7360.

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Northwest Region — November Graduates



Pamela Bonaccorso
Facility Dog Ketchum
Sunnyvale, CA
*Sue and Glea Livingston
Multnomah, OR*



Joie Charm
Service Dog Sharrow
Placerville, CA
*Lorrie Pruitt
Snohomish, WA*



Paul DeGroot
Service Dog Libra
Pleasanton, CA
*John and Denise Winkler
King, WA*



Andre Desjardins
Skilled Companion Chauvo
Laurie & Phillip Desjardins
Nevada City, CA
*Tamra Russo
Alameda, CA*



Dorothy Krentz
Service Dog Ellery
Brentwood, CA
*Jennie and Heather Kreischer
Sonoma, CA*

Northwest Region — November Graduates



Melissa Miller
Skilled Companion Tango II
Brenda Miller
Scotts Valley, CA
*Jan Thorslund and Tim O'Coynne
King, WA*



Heidi Potter
Facility Dog Stilson
Everett, WA
*Natashia Carter & Sheryl Shomler
King, WA*



Shawna Roberson
Service Dog Cindy IV
Anderson, CA
*Kristen and David Trisko
Contra Costa, CA*



Andrew Walton
Skilled Companion Natoma
Susan & Timothy Walton
Los Altos Hills, CA
*Patty and Dennis Daniel
El Dorado, CA*



Paige Whitefield
Skilled Companion Anwin
Susan & Monte Whitefield
Granite Bay, CA
*Janice Engle, Sue & Nicole Quinn
Sacramento, CA*

Northwest Region — January 2007 Hearing Graduates



Cara Miller
Hearing Dog Maya
Silver Spring, MD
*Michael, Leah and Kathryn Murch
Santa Clara, CA*



Dennis Sproule
Successor Hearing Dog Muffey
Fullerton, CA
*Laura Laxineta
Riverside, CA*



Andrew Walton
Skilled Companion Demi II
Susan & Timothy Walton
Los Altos Hills, CA
*Barbara and Stephen Brannon
Sonoma, CA*



Natalie Woods-Sproule
Successor Hearing Dog Macon
Fullerton, CA
*Diane Greytak
Tarrant, TX*

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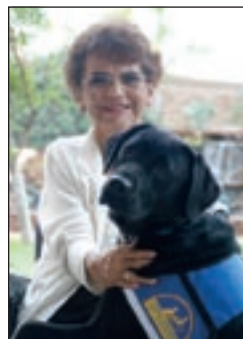
Ryan Campuzano
 Skilled Companion **Katie II**
 Stacy Campuzano
 Los Alamitos, CA
 Susan & Michael Mitchell Irving, TX



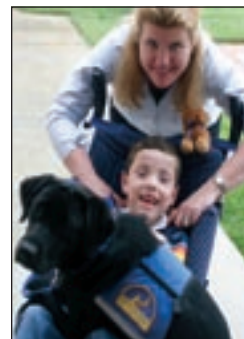
Max Dahlerbruch
 Successor Skilled Companion
Calista
 Anton & Michele Dahlerbruch
 Rancho Palo Verdes, CA
 Cheryl Carroll, Allen, TX



Erica Gjertson
 Successor Service Dog
Marjorie II
 San Diego, CA
 Patricia "Willie" Crawford
 San Diego, CA



Cecilia "CeCe" Gremillion
 Successor Service Dog **Kenta**
 Anaheim, CA
 Janice & Dan Flynn
 Santee, CA



Christopher Haydel
 Skilled Companion **Gabrielle**
 Kim Haydel
 Santa Ana, CA
 Karen & Steven Salazar
 Wylie, TX

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Elizabeth Howerton
 Facility Dog **Anlee**
 San Diego, CA
 Catherine Miller
 Cedar Park, TX



Marianne Merizalde and Amy Ortega
 Facility Dog **Hubbard**
 Encinitas, CA
 Kit Carson Correctional Center
 Burlington, CO



Alexandra Morgan
 Skilled Companion **Chico II**
 Rachel & Gary Morgan
 LaVerne, CA
 Kit Carson Correctional Center
 Burlington, CO



Austin "Porter" Scadden
 Skilled Companion **Esa III**
 Christy & Jon Scadden
 San Diego, CA
 Francois & Evon Dubois, Denver, CO



William Shilling
 Successor Service **Brinks**
 Kingman, AZ
 Caryn, Jessalyn & Nolan Fontenot
 Temecula, CA

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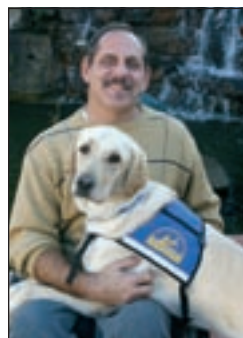
Mark Tan
 Skilled Companion **Nate III**
 Milton & Amelita Tan
 Alhambra, CA
 Marilyn and Brittany Fullen
 San Diego, CA



Micah Weishaar
 Skilled Companion **Rama**
 Marc Weishaar
 Colorado Springs, CO
 Diana, Marko & Alexander
 Mandrusiak, Poway, CA



Robert Cunningham
 Successor Service Dog **Pokey**
 El Paso, TX
 Jill Quan,
 Rocklin, CA



Gary Frandino
 Successor Service Dog **Dobby**,
 Phoenix, AZ
 Bellann Raile
 Englewood, CO



Michele McNeill
 Successor Service Dog **Rush II**
 Rancho Cucamonga, CA
 Colorado Prison Puppy Program
 Colorado Springs, CO

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Marcie Adler
Service Dog Anson
Columbus, OH
Charon Fisher
Kansas City, MO



Rochelle Byrd
Skilled Companion Deon
Gretchen Byrd
Batavia, IL
Nancy and John Draper
Columbus, OH



Mary Durham
Successor Service Dog
Charlie III
Bonner Springs, KS
Linda and Gary Donnelly
Shutesbury, MA



Konrad Feldmann
Skilled Companion Bingo II
Kristen Feldmann
Liberty Township, OH
Teresa and Kristin Buchheit
West Lafayette, IN

North Central Region — November Graduates



Luke Gerhardt
Skilled Companion Benita
Rhonda Gerhardt
Topeka, KS
Jill Goldman
Winnebago, IL



Matthew King
Skilled Companion Mishka
Michael & Molly King
Delaware, Ohio
Melissa and Randy Roberts
Heath, OH



Jennifer Lundine
Facility Dog Ansley
Children's Hospital
Rehabilitation, Columbus, OH
Dee Appleman
Stevensville, MI



Shayne Morgan
Skilled Companion Aero
Maribeth & Wayne Morgan
Ames, IA
Pam Chelf
Indianapolis, IN

North Central Region — November Graduates



Kellie O'Connor
Successor Service Dog Duran
Parma, OH
Nannette and Jeffery Kinney
Fishers, IN



Jaynie Stout & Janie Thomas
Successor Facility Dog Lyden
Homereach Hospice
Columbus, OH
Lisa Kropelin & Family, Oostburg, WI



T. J. Wentz
Skilled Companion Addison
Jody Wentz
Dakota Dunes, SD
Cindy, Scott Morrison (& Family)
Midlothian, VA

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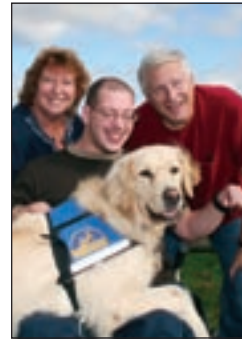
Richard Adams
Successor Service Dog Buff
Corinth, NY
Kathy Mandsager
Nottingham, NH



Jasmine Arama
Skilled Companion Ebbie
Esther & Israel Arama
North Woodmere, NY
Carolyn Hammond
Melville, NY



Morgan Earle
Skilled Companion Tomba
Jean & Terry Earle
Chatham, NJ
Patricia & Lee McLaughlin
New Market, VA



Robert Fliegel
Skilled Companion Efram
Sarah & Lester Fliegel
Westfield, NJ
Rachel Wolford & Alexander Pimental
Annandale, VA



Matt Hoioos
Skilled Companion Calder
Sharon & Tom Hoioos
Stafford, VA
Linda and Donald Bertrand
Northwood, NH

Northeast Region — November Graduates



Virginia Karrass
Service Dog Sheeler
Bayport, NY
Bonnie Stinson & Traci Brown
Amelia, VA



Anthony Luongo
Service Dog Hampton
Melville, NY
James & Janice Curry
Staten Island, NY



Kelly Lum
Facility Dog Cardin
Woodrow Wilson
Rehabilitation Center
Staunton, VA
Debora Flannery, Lansdale, PA



Ariana Solimando
Service Dog Nexus
Emerson, NJ
Kathy Mandsager
Nottingham, NH



James Williams III
Skilled Companion Tiffany III
James Williams II
Glendale, MD
May & Tracey Sikora
Lincroft, NJ

Southeast Region — November Graduates



Timothy Branham
Skilled Companion Debbie III
Mayda Branham
Greensboro, NC
Barbara Diehl and Stephen Downey
Orlando, FL



Barbara Forest
Successor Service Dog Rich
Dacatur, GA
Bay Correctional Facility
Panama City, FL



David Randhan
Skilled Companion Trooper II
Bonnie Bury
Orlando, FL
Susan Clingenpeel
Bethlehem, GA



Trevor Self
Skilled Companion Radar II
Craig & Deanna Self
Henry, GA
Diesta Gundacker
Winter Park, FL



Lauren Willsher
Successor Skilled Companion Erma
Laurie Willsher
Quachita, LA
Mike Kassmeier and Kay Simodynes
Roswell, GA

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