



Facility Dogs



Founded in 1975, Canine Companions for Independence® (CCI) is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

We train 4 types of assistance dogs: Service Dogs, Skilled Companion Dogs, Hearing Dogs and Facility Dogs. After mastering over 40 specialized commands, students complete a two-week Team Training where they are matched with an adult or child to enhance independence and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

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Canine Companions for Independence®



Canine Companions for Independence® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and an accredited founding member of Assistance Dogs International (ADI), a coalition of organizations that train and place assistance dogs worldwide.

Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People®

Facility Dogs *motivate.*

A specially bred and professionally trained CCI assistance dog.



Facility Dogs are expertly trained dogs who partner with a facilitator working in a health care, visitation or education setting.

CCI Facility Dogs are trustworthy in professional environments and can perform over 40 commands designed to motivate and inspire clients with special needs.

Facilitators are working professionals responsible for handling and caring for the Facility Dog. Additionally, facilitators are committed to long-term employment where they directly serve clients with special needs a minimum of twenty hours per week.

“Millie gives patients a sense of well-being, a connection to their home life, a bridge to trusting hospital staff and motivation to get out of bed.”

—Jennifer Johnson, Child Life Specialist and Facility Dog Millie.

Increased independence for patients and clients.

One of the most valued qualities of the Facility Dog is the unconditional love and attention it gives to the clients and patients with whom it interacts.

In an educational setting, a Facility Dog helps engage students in schools and special education classes.

In a health care environment, activities such as grooming, feeding and playing fetch with a Facility Dog can aid patients in medical rehabilitation and psychiatric programs.

A well-mannered and highly trained Facility Dog encourages feelings of calm and security for clients in a visitation setting such as a courtroom.



CCI Facility Dogs and follow-up services are free of charge.

To receive a Facility Dog:

- Obtain approval for the use of a Facility Dog from you employer.
- Contact the nearest CCI regional training center for an application packet.
- Apply. This process involves several steps designed to ensure success.
- Once the application is accepted, attend a two-week Team Training class at a CCI training center.
- After the training session, CCI provides on-going support and follow-up services.



“Terren starts the communication process and my job is to set up learning opportunities.”

—Mike Bloker, Speech and Language Pathologist and Facility Dog Terren