



# Hearing Dogs



## About Us

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 to master over 40 specialized commands before entering Team Training.

Teaming Training is an intensive two week course that teaches dog handling and care. During these 2 weeks, the dogs 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® 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.



## Canine Companions for Independence®

*Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People®*

# Hearing Dogs *alert to sounds.*

Hearing Dogs are professionally-trained assistance dogs.

Canine Companions for Independence Hearing Dogs are specially bred Labrador and Golden Retrievers who alert partners to key sounds by making physical contact such as nudging the leg or arm. Among the many sounds Hearing Dogs are trained to recognize and respond to are the sound of a doorbell, alarm clock, someone calling a name or a smoke alarm.



Partnering with a CCI Hearing Dog can increase feelings of security and self-confidence by heightening awareness of environmental sounds.

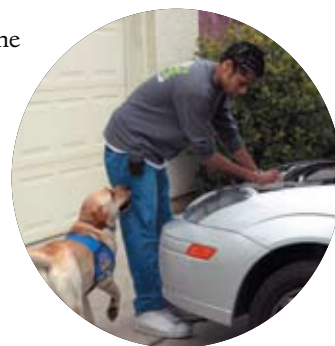
*“He invites conversation and interaction, at which point people realize I am smart and funny and fun to talk to.”*

*~ Maria Karunagen, working professional, and Hearing Dog Jared*



Hearing Dogs alert the deaf and the hard of hearing.

After being placed in the home, the graduates “customize” the dog’s alerting pattern to their own particular environment and needs.



Examples include: alerting to incoming e-mail messages at work, timers on microwaves, dryers and other appliances, and dropping keys.



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

To receive a Hearing Dog:

- Be at least 18 years old and deaf or hard of hearing.
- Contact the nearest CCI training center for an application packet.
- Find a friend or family member to be a training assistant.
- Apply. This process involves several steps designed to ensure success.
- Once the application is accepted, attend a two-week Team Training class at the CCI Northwest Regional Training Center in Santa Rosa, CA.
- After the training session and a joyful graduation ceremony, attend ongoing training and follow-up support services at a regional training center.



*“Thanks to Maya, I am not missing any knocks on the door, rings of the doorbell or invitations to chat with a friend.”*

*~ Cara Miller, graduate student, and Hearing Dog Maya*