

I didn't bring Marcie into my world. She brought me into yours.

At age 15, Amanda was paralyzed from the waist down. But she hasn't let that stop her from living on her own terms and enjoying life to the fullest. One big reason is her service dog (and loyal buddy) Marcie, who helps her with all sorts of everyday tasks, from picking up a dropped set of keys to rescuing socks from the dryer. Living independently isn't always easy, says Amanda, "but I have only one life, and I'm going to live it."

For more than 30 years, Canine Companions for Independence has been teaming people like Amanda with dogs like Marcie completely free of charge. To find out more about making a donation, volunteering, or applying for a dog of your own, visit www.cci.org or call 1-800-572-BARK.



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