



Southeast Companion

Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People®



Fall 2011 Issue: Meet Scully; Together; Southeast Directions; Look Into My Eyes; Tales & Tails Gala; Save the Date; Regional News; Graduate Yearbook

Meet Scully!

A friendly dog with a wagging tail who likes to have his ears scratched and is always willing to “sit” and “stay” is sometimes the per-



fect dose of medicine for many patients at WakeMed Rehab Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Scully, a Labrador/Golden Retriever cross, has donned his Canine Companions blue vest since 2008 and goes to work with his facilitator Elizabeth, a licensed/certified Recreation Therapist. Scully has helped patients improve their memory and word retrieval, their socialization skills and balance and range of motions. Patients who have worked with Scully often experience more self-confidence and the motivation to participate in daily life activities, explains Elizabeth.

Together!

By the glow of her bedroom nightlight, 9-year old Te'a is asleep in her bed, snuggling so close to her beloved Canine Companions assistance dog, Babette, it's hard to tell where the covers end and where Babette's fur begins. This isn't the first time that Te'a's mother Julie has found the two of them curled up together...in fact they have been sleeping together every night since they were matched with Babette in November of 2010...but Julie knows how difficult the journey was to get to this point...and also knows that the best moments for her daughter and her newfound best friend are still to come. Now the favorite part of their day is the end. Te'a, who never slept through the night before receiving Babette, at bedtime pulls out a book and starts to read to Babette, until one, or both of them drift off to sleep.



You can hear the remarkable stories of Elizabeth and Scully & Julie, Te'a and Babette at the 15th Annual Tales & Tails Gala. Please read more about the event on page 3.

Southeast Directions

by Margaret S. Ager
Executive Director



The funds that are raised through the many activities that take place throughout the year, and throughout our region, make it possible for us to continue to serve our mission and bring new independence to many individuals in many different situations. As the year comes to a close you still have the

opportunity to participate in several significant events!

The November Team Training Graduation and the Annual Tales & Tails Gala will be held on the same weekend this year —November 11th and 12th. This is an opportunity for many out-of-town volunteers and supporters to attend both of these special events! If you cannot join us for this special weekend, there are many other events listed in our Save the Date calendar that provide opportunities to help support our mission.

One event you won't want to miss will be held in Atlanta on Friday, October 28. "Discoween" will feature a 70's costume party and will be hosted by Fred Schneider of the B52's and is sponsored by Dixie Dog Wear. Information and tickets for the event can be found at www.cci.org/atlanta.

In November, we expect to meet or exceed our placement goal of 36 new teams for 2011, bringing our total active teams to over 275! With each placement, lives are changed and those of us that participate in that placement, in any way, have a grateful heart that we were given the opportunity to make a difference. As Helen Keller said, "The best and beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."

We want you to share in this experience with us and that is why we are often bold in asking you to bring your time, talents and treasury to Canine Companions.

In August we announced a matching gift campaign to benefit our canine program related expenses. Every dollar given to this campaign will be matched and will go directly to help cover the costs associated with making all of the dogs in our program healthy, happy and ready for their future. We hope that you will assist us in reaching our \$50,000 goal by the Thanksgiving holiday. You can learn more about this campaign and find out how to view our campaign video in this newsletter.

We know that at this time of year you receive many requests for donations. As you consider those requests, we hope you will consider the gift of enhanced independence possible for the many people we serve and create more wonderful teams like Te'a, Julie and Babette whose story is featured on the first page of this newsletter.

On behalf of Canine Companions for Independence, I wish each of you a Happy Holiday season.

Mark Your Calendars
2012 Graduations
Saturday, February 18
Saturday, May 19
Saturday, August 18
Friday, November 9

Look Into My Eyes The Journey of a Canine Companions for Independence Assistance Dog



We have exciting news!

You can increase the impact of your donations through a matching campaign that will help us raise and train more dogs.

Please visit cci.org/southeastmatch to learn more and to view "Look Into My Eyes" a video about the journey of Dantin, an assistance dog now helping a young boy with Cerebral Palsy. Or scan this QR code with your QR Reader app on your smart phone and it will connect you directly to the video.



Don't Miss Out

2011 Tales & Tails Gala
Saturday, November 12, 2011
Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL

The Tales & Tails Gala celebrates Canine Companions' work and mission and is the largest fundraising event for the Southeast Region. You can help us reach our fundraising goals in many ways:

- **Become a sponsor or attend the event** - Be part of this memorable event that you will never forget
- **Donate or secure auction items** - This is an easy way to support the event and we need a variety of items for both our live and silent auctions.
- **Help spread the word** - E-mail your friends, family and co-workers and tell them about this great event.

Your support will help us ensure that this continues to be successful and raises the funds that allow us to continue our mission or providing exception dogs for exceptional people.

Please visit cci.org/talesandtailsgala for more information about how you can get involved or contact Cathy Rodgers at 407 522-3349.

Save the Date

Canine Companions for Independence is a part of numerous fundraising events throughout the year that provide meaningful and enjoyable ways for individuals, corporations, businesses and community partners to support us. We extend our sincere thanks for the support we receive for these upcoming events as well as for the many others that took place earlier in the year.

October

October 22 * Skeet Shoot, Tampa, FL
October 22 - Tales & Tails Gala VIP Party
October 28 * Discoween, Atlanta, GA

November

November 11 * Team Training Graduation
November 12 * Tales & Tails Gala, Orlando

December

December 17 & 18 * American Kennel Club AKC/Eukanuba Dog Show, Orlando, FL

Regional News

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Atlanta, Georgia puppy raisers promoted Canine Companions this summer at Gwinnett Braves "Bark in the Park" baseball games. Violet, a puppy being raised by Sue and Scott Landa, was the honorary "10th Man" in June and raised the flag on the field during the playing of the national anthem.

Dorm Decor: Beyond the Basics

Team Training is an exciting time for our recipients as they arrive on our campus for two weeks of training. They will make new friends, gain new experiences and gain independence. While here they enjoy their time in our dormitory but many find themselves missing their home and family and the familiarity they're used to. Fortunately, we have had several groups make this transition a bit easier by making our dorm rooms feel a bit more like home. Our deepest gratitude goes to the groups and individuals who helped ensure that our Team Training recipients feel comfortable and welcomed while on our campus.

- Robin Sanchez
- The Lunch Ladies
- GFWC/Viera Women's Club
- GFWC/The Villages
- Summit Green Women's Club
- CCI SER Staff
- CCI SER Board of Directors
- GFWC/Melbourne Women's Club
- CCI Emerald Coast Chapter

Going Once..Going Twice Cake Auction Benefits Canine Companions

To help raise funds for Canine Companions for Independence, employees at the administrative offices of the North Carolina Department of Prisons have been cracking eggs, measuring flour and whisking batter in preparation for a cake auction. The employees came up with the idea as a way to raise funds when Canine Companions was selected as a beneficiary of their annual employee giving campaign. Bids on the sweet treats raised \$365.00.



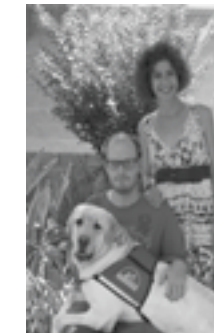
May Graduates 2011



Arnaldo
Skilled Companion Dog
Nitro III
Facilitator: Mary
Kissimmee, FL
Puppy Raiser:
PBSO S.T.A.R. Program
Palm Beach, FL



Caleb
Skilled Companion Dog
Dantin II
Facilitators: Dan & Julie
Fishers, IN
Puppy Raisers:
The Portello Family
Orlando, FL



Christian
Skilled Companion Dog
Sloane
Facilitator: Mayra
Pembroke Pines FL
Puppy Raisers:
Eugenia & Moody
McCall
Atlantic Beach, FL



Isaac
Skilled Companion Dog
Chief III
Facilitator: Andrea
Birmingham, AL
Puppy Raisers:
Sidney & Crystal
Bruton
Kenly, NC



Kelly
Skilled Companion Dog
Dot
Judy & Gretchen
Ocoee FL
Puppy Raiser:
Bay Correctional Facility
Panama City, FL

May (Continued)



Kelley
Facility Dog
Coral V
Jensen Beach, FL
Puppy Raisers:
Tina & Allen Meyers
Warner Robins, GA



Malik
Skilled Companion Dog
Farlie
Facilitators: Maxceen &
Fred
Park City, IL
Puppy Raiser:
Gwen Harmon
Baton Rouge, LA



Val
Service Dog
Dag
Tarpon Springs, FL
Puppy Raisers:
Patty & Bill Gordon
Orlando, FL



William
Skilled Companion Dog
Deeter
Facilitators: Alyse &
Cameron
Southfield, MI
Puppy Raiser:
Montgomery Federal
Prison Camp
Montgomery, AL

Please consider giving a life-changing gift today so that we can help more people like our recent graduates.

You may call us at 407 522-3300 or enclose a check in the envelope included in this newsletter. You can also make a secure online donation at cci.org/donate.

Thank You!

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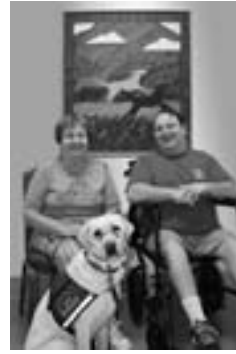
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2011 TEAM TRAINING YEARBOOK

August Graduates 2011



Cara
Skilled Companion Dog
Paula V
Facilitator: Carolyn
Laurel Springs, NC
Puppy Raisers:
Valerie & Alex Habeeb,
Salisbury, NC



Danny
Skilled Companion Dog
Simla II
Facilitator: Connie
Venice, FL
Puppy Raiser:
Nancy Polites,
Tequesta, FL



Dillan
Skilled Companion Dog
Dempsey
Facilitators: Sheri & Jeremy
Bishop, GA
Puppy Raiser:
Eva Stanard,
Arnold, MD



Jorge
Skilled Companion Dog
Jameson
Facilitator: Julissa
Lavergne, TN
Puppy Raisers:
Gadsden Correctional
Facility, Quincy, FL & Jim
& Carol Fain,
Stone Mountain, GA



Kenzi
Skilled Companion Dog
McCann
Facilitator: Kristi
Wakarusa, IN
Puppy Raiser:
Montgomery Federal
Prision Camp,
Montgomery, AL:

August (Continued)



Ricky
Skilled Companion Dog
Fresca
Facilitator: Jenna
Spring Hill, FL
Puppy Raisers:
Jason Horsely, Jupiter,
FL & Bob, Terry & Erin
O'Connell, Pompano
Beach, FL



Sam
Skilled Companion Dog
Kameko II
Facilitator: Beth
Crawfordville, FL
Puppy Raiser:
Janet Gresham,
Birmingham, AL



Stephanie
Skilled Companion Dog
Cole III
Facilitator: Kim
Jamestown, NC
Puppy Raisers:
PBSO S.T.A.R. Program
Palm Beach, FL

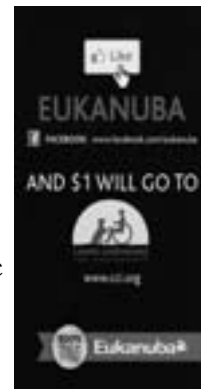


Steve
Facility Dog
Newton IV
Winter Garden, FL
Puppy Raisers:
Sue & Bill Zupko
Huntsville, AL

With Just a Click of Your Mouse...

Eukanuba is raising money to help us provide more assistance dogs free of charge. If you are on Facebook, all you have to do is click your mouse to help!

'Like' Eukanuba on Facebook today and they'll donate a dollar on your behalf to Canine Companions. Come back and click 'donate' once every day, and Eukanuba will donate another dollar to Canine Companions for Independence.



The excellent services we are able to provide are made possible by the generosity of so many in our region. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us make our mission come alive.

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by Rebecca True

Erica
by CeCe Crane

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by Bobbie Thomas
by Sue Landa

Chaz
by Bert & Frances Shapiro
by Donald Schneider

Vinnie
by Linda & Grady Moorer

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by Dean & Mary Taylor

Cera
by Sue and Scott Landa
by Jo Ann Guise
by John K. Bastien
by John & Sandra Bayley

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by Cecelia Kurland

Joe Laur
by Bonnie & Grep Psehl

Irene Bradford
by Diana B. Martin

Hunter
by Nancy Kirk

Heidi
by Gerry Salvay

Edith
by Lillian M. Perry

Frosty
by Mary Dunn

Penny
by Mary Dunn

Liz
by Scott and Sue Landa

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by Wm. & Eleanor Sauerwine

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by Jeffrey & Angela King

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by Marsha Greenhut

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by Dale & Judy Smeltzer

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by Jan Metcalf

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by Wm. & Eleanor Sauerwine

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Splash
by Palm Bay Agility Club

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by Sue and Scott Landa

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by Jeff and Angela King

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by North Madison Animal Clinic
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