

CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE

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PUPPIES IN PRISON— HELPING EVERYONE

by Darlene Sullivan

Four years ago Canine Partners For Life was in a jam. The applications for people who needed service dogs were flooding our office, and we just couldn't get enough dogs trained to fill the need. One of the largest obstacles in our path was that we simply did not have enough community volunteers available to raise our puppies for their first year.

Thus, the Prison Puppy Raising Program was born at the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women. The program at MCIW would later serve as the model for similar programs at SCI Cambridge Springs (PA), SCI Muncy (PA), and SCI Graterford (PA).

Currently, seventeen puppies are being raised in these four correctional institutions through a program that has changed the lives of many people—including mine. It is a program which generates a lot of interest and a lot of questions. Often the question is "why prisons?" The answer is not simple. The most obvious reply would be that inmates have a lot of time on their hands—and it takes time to train a puppy. But it goes beyond that. All of the inmates in the program have told me that they understand they have harmed or taken away from society and their most common reason for volunteering is that they wish to "give back." In a system which doesn't do much to provide an avenue to "give back"—the puppy program succeeds.

It is important to understand that the inmates who participate in this program do so on a completely voluntary basis. They don't get paid for their work, they don't earn special privileges like extra phone time, and they don't earn time off of their sentence. The inmates are selected by the prison staff who know them best. They must be violation free, meaning that they are not breaking the facilities' rules, and they cannot have an offense against a child or animal. They must have been in the prison for a specified period of time and must still have a significant amount of time left before release. Some of the prisoners have been released—some will be incarcerated for life.

Each puppy is assigned two handlers. The puppy lives with these two handlers for one year. The pup resides in the cell, where a crate is located for crate training, and attends all activities throughout the day. Often this involves work, church, visitations, the food hall, and school. Each prison is like a small town. It is noisy and busy and provides a huge

variety of experiences for the pup. Each facility has a training area where the trainers gather on a daily basis to practice their pups' skills. There are also play areas for the dogs to enjoy free time. Twice a month CPL representatives come to the facility to conduct obedience classes. CPL volunteer Roberta Knauf manages the programs at SCI Cambridge Springs and SCI Muncy, while I manage the programs at MCIW and SCI Graterford (our only male prison). Of course none of this would be the huge success that it is without the phenomenally supportive staff at the institutions. It is the staff who have to take the dogs to the vet, pick up the dog food, and manage the program on a day to day basis. Some of the staff even volunteer to take the puppies home on weekends to expose them to the world outside the walls. We have been blessed with people who are supportive and go far above and beyond the call of duty to make this program successful.

In addition, similar to our community volunteer puppy raising program, we rely on veterinarians, local to the prison, to sponsor the care of the pups during their first year. The program is backed by an outstanding group of caring vets who give our pups the very best care.

So why is the program so important? To begin with, the puppies receive excellent training. They have trainers who are completely committed to their success—people who need to give, who need to succeed, who need to make a difference. The puppies bring smiles into an environment which doesn't see a lot of smiles. They soften the hard realities—they teach the inmates as much, if not more than the inmates teach them. They teach them responsibility, focus, and commitment. The concepts of training a puppy closely correlate to the principals behind being a good parent, co-worker, spouse, or friend. The pups teach their handlers why consistency is important and the power of praise. They give unconditional love and thus teach the same. In the end we all need to feel that we've made a

difference and that we've loved and been loved. Some people say that they don't think inmates should have anything positive in their lives—they are put in prison to pay for their crimes. Those people aren't there the day that I take the puppies (now one-year old dogs) away—probably to never be seen again. It is the ultimate sacrifice to give up something that you love so dearly, to help someone else in need. And ultimately, these puppies are teaching job skills and life skills to men and women who may face the difficulties of re-entering society—and who aren't given much support to do so successfully.

Quotes from several of the inmates probably say it best:

"It's because of you that I've been so focused these past two years. Your program has taught me about being responsible. Not only did I take my responsibilities seriously with the dogs, but I was able to get some things straightened out for when I am released. For that, I am forever grateful and thankful."

"I know you probably feel as if we are helping you out, but we are probably gaining more in this deal than you. Thank you."

To learn more about the prison puppy raising program or to get involved, call CPL!



Independence for the disabled thanks to inmates in our Prison Puppy Raising Program.



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FULL SERVICE TEAMS

Full service dogs are animals which provide physical assistance to their partners 24 hours per day in all home and public environments. Recipients are aged 12 and older. Seizure alert dogs, a sub category of full service dogs, detect and alert to upcoming seizure activity.

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RHONDA AND AUSTIN

This Iowa team is doing great. Austin, a successor dog for Rhonda, has alerted to Rhonda's seizures and also to her sugar levels—working 24 hours a day to keep her safe and healthy. He also helps to support her while she walks, turns light switches on and off,

and carries and retrieves a huge assortment of items. Their work in a hospital keeps them moving and very busy. During the brief period between when Rhonda had retired her first service dog but not yet received Austin, she expressed great fears and found herself scared to go to work, out into public, or even out to the mailbox. Knowing that Austin will alert her to her upcoming seizures has allowed her to once again regain her freedom and independence. Their trip home from team training was the first time that either of them had ever been on a plane and boy did they have fun!

From a follow up discussion: "Austin and I are doing great. Austin alerts wonderfully!...I am just loving him. I can't even begin to explain to you all he is doing for me besides alerting..."

KELLY AND MOLLY



Kelly and Molly (the dog) are busy preparing for Kelly's wedding. A college student who lives in Michigan hit the ground running as soon as they graduated from CPL. Kelly, who is a paralympic competitor, reports that Molly loves the snow—which is probably good given where she's living. Molly assists

Kelly with her walking—helping her to navigate uneven surfaces and stairs and helping to reduce her fatigue levels. She retrieves, opens and closes doors, and tugs a laundry basket to the laundry. The big debate now is, "what will Molly wear to the wedding?"

From Kelly's application: "If a service dog can help me accomplish the small things (balance, picking up small objects, carrying objects) then I can focus more of my energy on the more important things in life. I believe that a service dog would give me more confidence in my life."



SEAN AND PEBBLES

This New Jersey middle school team has been busy adjusting to school life and enjoying the holidays. Sean, who enjoys wheelchair sports like karate, keeps Pebbles busy as she retrieves dropped objects like his water bottles and his calculator, helps him transfer

from his wheelchair, pays cashiers, and tugs off his jacket. A true dog enthusiast, Sean came into team training having done a lot of homework regarding dogs and quickly learned the many complicated aspects of a service dog partnership. His parents comment that his motivation to be more independent has increased significantly since his placement with Pebbles which thrills us all.

From Sean's application: "She could help me move around and live more independently. It would mean a lot to me because I could get up to do things myself and not have to depend on anyone else. I also think it would be helpful to have a friend to hug if I am sad and the kids in school would think the dog was cool..."



SUSANNE AND REVELATION

This Illinois team has been busy with physical therapy and swimming therapy since they got home. Revel has quickly become an essential aspect of Susanne's therapy as she has worked to achieve her goal to be in the wheelchair less and

walking more with Revel's assistance. They are even handling steps, which was one of Susanne's goals. Revel is helping Susanne with the laundry, getting the phone for her, opening doors and the fridge, and going to get the newspaper. Both of them enjoy playtime as Revel LOVES balls. Revel is quickly getting used to Susanne's schedule and they've enjoyed shopping, going to restaurants, and attending concerts.

From Susanne's goal sheet: "I would like to use my cane and Revel to walk around my home and in from the garage up my ramp. The less I use my chair, the happier I will be." Goal met!



CHERYL AND WILLA

The state of Georgia is filling up with CPL service dogs and this team makes one more. Cheryl, who uses an electric wheelchair, is partnered with Willa, a female yellow lab from CPL's breeding program. These two kept everyone at CPL laughing during team training. Cheryl's complete dedi-

cation to learning everything that she needed to know to care for and use Willa was inspiring. It wasn't an easy three weeks, but then learning to manipulate a wheelchair and a dog at the same time rarely is. From the moment they met each other these two were inseparable. Willa assists Cheryl by operating door buttons and light switches, retrieving the many objects which Cheryl can't get to or reach, helping with dressing and undressing, opening and closing doors and paying cashiers. They keep busy with their work at the local YMCA where they are active with the childcare portion of the program.

From Cheryl's application, "I need a dog because I feel it will help me be more independent, motivated, and give me companionship."

In Memoriam

KATIE COOMBS

home companion recipient of Carlee

KITTY DRAPER

home companion recipient of Nugget

CATHERINE SLOUF

home companion recipient of Ryan

WHO NEEDS A SERVICE DOG?

Even though service dogs have been working in the U.S. for over 30 years, there are still many people who don't know what a service dog is—or more importantly, who a service dog can help and how.

To begin, we hear a lot of reasons to get a service dog, here are some:

To become more independent—to have a reason to get out of bed in the morning—to feel safe—to not feel lonely—to be able to do things myself without having to ask someone else—to have someone who will love me no matter what I look like or sound like—to get more out of each day—to be less tired and fatigued—to have less wear and tear on my body—to have something other than "can you please" to say to the people I love—so that the people I love don't have to worry and can have a life of their own—to get out more—

to have a social ice breaker because people are scared or intimidated by my disability—to relieve some of the pain—to enjoy more activities—to go back to school—to get a job—to start doing some of the things I used to do, again.

Service dogs help people who are in wheelchairs or scooters and who use walkers or crutches and canes, but they also help people who are walking by themselves—but with difficulty. They assist people with disabilities such as:

- Cerebral Palsy
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Arthritis
- Parkinson's disease
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- Cardiac problems
- Epilepsy and seizure disorders
- Spinal cord injuries
- Arthrogyposis
- Brittle bones
- Birth defects
- Amputees

They can help people who have difficulty bending over, who have a hard time walking or managing stairs, who get tired easily, who can't manipulate their limbs easily, who have difficulty with fine motor skills, or who have difficulty with gross motor skills.

Canine Partners For Life is working hard to spread the word about who service dogs can help and how they can help. If you know someone who might need assistance or if you know of an organization or group who would like to have a presentation, please contact CPL.

Home Companion Teams

For those individuals needing less assistance than a full-service dog, CPL provides home companion dogs. They are well trained companions in the home environment and are suitable for all ages. Home companion dogs do not provide physical assistance, so any form of disability will be considered.

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KATIE AND CARLEE

Katie and her family came to Canine Partners For Life in December 2003 looking for a dog that would be sensitive to Katie's needs. All home companion dogs need to be special to play this important role in someone's life. They wanted a home companion dog that

would be a special member of their family. Katie was a happy four year old who was developmentally delayed. Her family had witnessed the smiles on Katie's face when she interacted with friend's dogs and they wanted her to enjoy a dog of her own everyday. For this placement, the dog needed to be calm and caring with a real sense of concern for Katie. Carlee, out of our CPL Breeding program, was just such a dog. Carlee went to live with Katie in February of 2004. Carlee interacted so perfectly with Katie, making her smile and laugh. Their time together was too short, as Katie passed away October 16, 2004. Katie's family knows firsthand how much of a difference these special dogs make. Her family is now raising their first puppy for Canine Partners For Life. They want others to have an opportunity like Katie had with Carlee, a perfect match.



MATTHEW AND RYAN

Matthew and his parents applied to Canine Partners For Life for a playmate for Matthew. When Ryan, a beautiful loving Labrador, became available for placement as a home companion dog, it was apparent that he fit the bill perfectly. It has been

reported to us that Matthew and Ryan spend a great deal of time playing together especially playing "hide and seek." As soon as Matthew is awake in the morning or gets off the school bus, he is looking for his friend Ryan. Ryan is known as Matthew's "cuddling buddy."



SUSAN AND NEWTON

"Sooouie" applied for a home companion dog because she had always had the companionship of a dog and wanted another, but with her disability she was unable to train a dog of her own. Much of her time is spent at home and in therapy. She wanted a dog to be her

constant companion, to ride in the car and accompany her when she went to visit friends. Newton, a lovely black Labrador is all of these things to Sooouie and more.



BARBARA AND MADDIE

Barbara applied for a home companion dog because she wanted the companionship, and could use a dog with some skills to assist her around the house. Occasionally, Canine Partners For Life has a home companion dog with skills available for placement.

Barbara was so anxious to get her special friend that she would call often to ask how the search for her dog was going. As luck would have it, Maddie, a small golden retriever out of our service dog program became available for placement as a home companion dog. Maddie had the skills that Barbara needed in a dog. Barbara gives Maddie all the love she wants and in return Maddie helps Barbara around the house. They make a great team.

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF THESE SERVICE DOGS AND GRIEVE WITH THEIR PARTNERS

Colonel

RETIRED HOME COMPANION TO LINDSEY OLSEN

Garbo

SERVICE DOG PARTNER TO LEN MITCHELL

Mo

HOME COMPANION TO RICHARD WHITE

Unleashing the POSITIVE POWER of Solla

Many of you remember Solla, our very first CPL dog. Solla delighted many in her golden years doing demonstrations and being our canine ambassador for CPL. At our November graduation, "The Solla Sullivan Keeping the Dream Alive Award" was presented to Darlene Sullivan in recognition of her efforts in keeping the dream of independence for persons with disabilities alive through the use of service dogs. This award will continue to be given annually to that individual who most exhibits the spirit of CPL's first service dog, Solla. This award is given in memory of the contributions Solla made to CPL. Darlene says "there would be no CPL without Solla." Without volunteers, a wonderful CPL staff and an Executive Director like Darlene willing to go above and beyond, this dream would not survive. Congratulations, Darlene!



HOME COMPANIONS

THE LITTLE KNOWN DOGS OF CPL

Home companion dogs serve a very special group of individuals, whether it be young children or the elderly. The home companion recipient may benefit from the emotional bond with a dog to help motivate progress in physical therapy or occupational therapy. If a child is severely disabled, the family may not have the time or energy to raise and train a dog for companionship for this special child. By placing a well-trained, well-mannered dog with these children, the dog bonds to the child instead of the care-giver and becomes "their own," providing 24-hour a day therapy and love. CPL also places dogs with people who are elderly, who would like the companionship of a dog, but do not have the health or stamina to train a dog of their own.

Though CPL places full service dogs with children over the age of 12, younger children may benefit from a home companion until they reach the age where they can interact successfully with their own full service dog. Many of our home companion applicants need a dog that also has seizure alert capabilities. These amazing dogs alert to oncoming seizures to enable the recipient to get somewhere safe before the seizures strike. Unfortunately, only one in ten dogs will possess this wonderful gift.

Home companion dogs are generally placed when they are between one and two years of age. CPL does not specifically raise and train home companion dogs. These are usually dogs in our program that do not have the hip integrity to fulfill the needs of a full service dog, or may not have the confidence to perform in a busy public environment. These dogs have basic obedience, social skills, and manners, and may possess more complex skills, but not always. These dogs do not have the public access rights that a full service dog is entitled to, but they serve an important purpose in the lives of their human partners.

CPL has placed over 80 home companions in a 250 mile radius of our Cochranville, PA facility. We have just started to place home companion dogs with seizure alert capabilities farther away to meet the needs of a growing list of applicants. Currently our waiting period is six to twelve months long. The disabilities that we serve include: seizure disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Autistic Spectrum disorders, ADD/ADHD, Fragile X Syndrome, Downs Syndrome, Global Developmental Delay, Hydrocephalus, neurological impairments, Badet Bledel syndrome, Wolf-Hirshhorn syndrome, Hypertonia, Tourettes syndrome, Sensory Integration Dysfunction, Dyxprasia, Arthritis, cardiac problems, and more. Our home companion dog program is becoming very popular. If you know of a disability group that would like a speaker to talk about these wonderful dogs, please contact our Director of Development at (610) 869-4902, x 16 or e-mail her at jkriesel@k94life.org. If you would like an application or would like more information, please contact our home companion coordinator Mary Fertig at (610) 869-4902, x 12 or e-mail her at mfertig@k94life.org. We have applications also available on our website at www.k94life.org/doghomecomp.htm.

READ ALL-A BOW-WOW-IT!

Events and Happenings at CPL

7TH ANNUAL UNE CÉLÉBRATION DE VIN A GRAND SUCCESS!



The results are in, and 2004 is now on record as the most profitable year for the CPL Wine Auction!

On November 20th, the Wyndham Wilmington's ballroom doors opened to an array of fine wines, enticing hors-d'oeuvres, and a unique selection of silent auction items. Moore Brothers Wine Company was gracious in sharing generous amounts of wine and information at both of their pouring stations, Creative Catering by Tammy featured specially prepared breads (some in the shape of dog bones), and Hadfield's Seafood Market generated quite a flurry of

activity at their table with their delicious crab dip! Pleasant conversation ensued while guests then perused over 90 silent auction items. Among the selections were artwork, gift baskets, hand-crafted items, weekend getaways, and of course an assortment of wines. Bidding continued until shortly after 8:00 p.m. when, to the dismay of many, the silent auction tables closed.

The guests then made their way to their tables to begin the evening meal and enjoy the event yet to come. A warm welcome was given by our Executive Director, Darlene Sullivan, followed by our event sponsor, Mrs. C. Rich Diffenderffer. Mrs. Diffenderffer was kind enough to welcome and thank our Gold Sponsors—Mrs. Elizabeth Moran and ING Direct, Silver Sponsor—Ms. Mary Alice Malone, and our Bronze Sponsors—Mellon Financial and WolfBlock Philadelphia. Mrs. Jody Tate, a CPL recipient, shared her personal story and how the relationship with her canine partner, Huggy, allowed her to regain the independence lost due to a stroke. Everyone in the room was granted a small glimpse into her hardships and triumphs, granting Jody a standing ovation. Next, it was time to focus on the theme vineyard, Bouchaine Vineyards. Mr. Gerret van S. Copeland, owner, gave a worthy introduction to the two varieties of Buchli Station wines and two varieties of Bouchaine wines that were served to guests as the dinner wines.

Finally, wine commentator, Vince Zuccaro, and auctioneer, David Yearsley, took stage. The live bidding started with three adorable puppies whose company for the evening went up for auction. Checkers and Smokey were quickly awarded their to friends for the night, and the bidding on "Puppy Anonymous" reached a \$1,000 high, allowing the lucky winner to give this little guy his name, Governor. The excitement continued through the live auction with fine wines being offered, along with elegant antiques, exceptional artwork, and wonderful vacation trips. All too soon, this portion of bidding came to an end, although we all found ourselves truly grateful to be a part of such a worthy event.

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported this benefit—our fundraising sponsors, donors, guests, volunteers, staff, friends, and family. We hope to see you at the 8th annual wine and benefit auction. Reserve your tickets now! Together we can make 2005 another successful year. Anyone interested in making a donation or being a part of this celebration may contact Susan Guy at sguy@k4life.org or call (610) 869-4902, x 25 for details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR

The 8th Annual Wine Auction and Benefit for CPL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL
WILMINGTON, DE

Come and enjoy a silent and live auction along with wine and food tastings and a gourmet five course dinner. Don't miss out! Proceeds from the wine auction provide CPL with critical unrestricted funds for our program. For information on how you can attend, donate or sponsor this event please contact Susann Guy at (610) 869-4902, x 25 or sguy@k94life.org.

Join our
Honorary Chairman
Carol Erickson
of KYW News
at this year's Wine Auction!



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HOWLING GOOD TIME AT HOWL-O-WEEEN

Once again, Whiskazz and Pawzz hosted the fourth annual Howl-o-ween event to benefit CPL. This fun filled Howl-o-ween event was held in the street in front of one of the new locations of Whiskazz and Paws in Wilmington. Normally this event has been held in Chadds Ford, but with the move to her Wilmington location, owner Alyce Duffy (even though the shop was not yet open) felt the city location would bring new supporters, and it did! Alyce put on a great event! We were lucky to have numerous vendors and close to 100 dogs and their people participating in the games, contests, and raffles while having a great time. Our fall team training class made it and left with most of the prizes! Over \$1,000 was raised for CPL!

Mark your calendars now for Howl-o-ween 2005 on October 29th at Whiskazz and Paws Ships Tavern (Wilmington) location. In the meantime, visit Alyce's two new stores in Hockessin and Wilmington, DE or visit her website at www.whiskassandpawzz.com and see all the great things she has for you and your four-legged friends.

CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE

Annual Open House and Cow Bingo Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

12:00-4:00 P.M.

AT THE CPL FACILITY

334 FAGGS MANOR ROAD, COCHRANVILLE, PA

Mark your calendars and practice your "mooves"—this is one day when you can party till the cows come home and that is no bull! Cow Bingo returns to CPL—you gotta pay to play! Each ticket is \$10.00 for your chance to go home with \$5,000. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances! While we are waiting for the cow to "doo" her thing, enjoy the puppy kissing booth, service dog demonstrations, tours, hay rides, BBQ lunch and more! Come out and enjoy this steaming combination: Cow Bingo and a great fun-filled day!

Fill out the order form below and mail it to us for a chance to be the Grand Poop Bah of the day.



Cow Bingo Ticket ORDER FORM

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WIN LOTS OF MOO-LA!!!

A Canine Carnival is Coming to Town!

There will be games, contests, prizes, raffles, demonstrations, vendors, plenty of fun, and food for everybody—dogs and their people alike!

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

750 UNIONVILLE ROAD (RT. 82),

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For the professionals—Lure Coursing and Puissance (weather permitting), TDI & CGC testing (by appointment), AVID Friendchip also available.

There will be a \$4 cover charge for your four-legged friend. Tickets will also be available for sale to participate in the games and contests of your choice. All dogs must be on a regular leash and under control at all times—no Flexi's.

This will be a wonderful time for the entire family—entertaining and educational. Please join us on this special day and support the many programs of CPL.

For more information or to sponsor or donate to this event, please call Susann at (610) 869-4902, x 25.



It's hard to be a super model.

Doggie Fashion Show

Designer couture for a Labrador retriever? You bet! The Philadelphia University fashion design students will be designing a doggy ensemble to be shown at the Annual Fashion show on April 30th at the Academy of Music. A few of our puppies and dogs in training will be the models of these doggie designs. For more information call (610) 951-2851.

PAWSAmerica 2005

Lace up your sneakers, oil up the wheelchairs, and let's get on the road for PAWSAmerica. PAWSAmerica is a way for our supporters and recipients to have a fundraiser in their hometown for CPL. It's easy, it's fun, and you are helping CPL with every penny you raise. Let the folks in your city know about CPL, what service dogs and companion dogs can do, and have a great day! These events are held in parks, church parking lots, school grounds, camp grounds, busy centers of town, and prisons! Hundreds of people participated last year, and we hope to have even more sites and participants this year. Please check out our website www.k94life.org/events.htm for a site near you, or if you want to plan a PAWS event in your hometown, let us know! We will have sites in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Texas, and Delaware.

The CPL local site will be Saturday May 14, 2005 rain or shine! SECA Fairgrounds, Quarryville, PA from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Join us for the walk, demonstrations, and a picnic lunch afterwards. Contact Susann at sguy@k94life.org or (610) 869-4902 x 25 for more information and pledge sheets. See you there!

VETERINARY PUPPY SPONSORS

Thanks to the generosity of our puppy sponsor veterinarians, we are able to save money on veterinary visits, procedures, and medications that we would otherwise have to raise through donations. Many of our veterinarians provide all necessary routine visits, vaccinations, heartworm pills, and flea control at no charge to our puppy homes. A heartfelt thank you to all the doctors and staff at these offices:

Animal Care Hospital

Animal Medical Center of Watkins Park

Atglen Veterinary Hospital

Centreville Veterinary Hospital

Chadds Ford Animal Hospital

Chesapeake Animal Hospital

Churchville Hospital

Colebrook Manor Animal Hospital

Concord Pike Veterinary Hospital

Conneaut Lake Veterinary Hospital

Crest View Animal Clinic

French Creek Veterinary Hospital

Greener Pastures Veterinary Services, Inc.

Graysland Clinic

Highgrove Veterinary Hospital

Kennett Square Veterinary Hospital

King of Prussia Animal Hospital

Lantana Animal Hospital

Dr. Jane Latta

Dr. Thomas Ledermann

Lewisburg Veterinary Hospital

Limerick Veterinary Hospital

Longwood Veterinary Hospital

Loyalsock Animal Hospital

Nonantum Veterinary Clinic

North Laurel Animal Hospital

Penn Animal Hospital

Quakertown Veterinary Clinic

Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital

Sanatoga Animal Hospital

Schwenksville Veterinary Hospital

Society Hill Veterinary Hospital

Spring Mill Veterinary Hospital

The Animal Clinic

Union City Pet Hospital

Walnut Hill Veterinary Clinic

West Chester Veterinary Medical Clinic

Windcrest Animal Hospital

Wintergreen Animal Hospital

Woodcock Dam Animal Clinic



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Spring has arrived at CPL! Those of you who have been brave enough to negotiate our driveway during the last several months will be thrilled to know that as soon as the weather warms (and dries a bit)—it is getting paved! Gone will be the potholes, the muck, and the mud! Our volunteer snowplower Jim Ferver will no longer have to risk life and limb to help CPL. Many thanks to Crystal Trust, Laffey-McHugh Foundation, and Lane McAlister Fund of the Delaware Community Foundation who have responded to our need for improved facilities and have donated to this project to make our property more accessible and safe for everyone.

It was a busy winter at CPL and spring is proving to continue in the same vein. The new video will be completed any day now and video preview parties (combined with our fifteenth anniversary celebration) are being planned. It is time to showcase our beautiful new property, new programs, and tremendous success! Our first video successfully shared our program with thousands of people for ten years—an incredible life for a video. Many thanks to the folks at VA Productions who have worked so patiently and diligently with us for both projects. The new video will be available in VHS and DVD format and are available for sale. Call the office if you would like to reserve your copy.

The Assistance Dogs International accreditation team will arrive at CPL to conduct our accreditation review in early June 2005. What a wonderful experience it has been preparing for this evaluation. The process itself has made CPL a more professional and better prepared organization. We look forward to sharing our successful accreditation with you in the near future.

You'll notice that the newsletter has undergone a design change. Thank you for the incredibly positive feedback we received after the last issue. A huge thank you goes to Alyssa Krill at Little Utopia, Inc. who has donated countless hours of her time and expertise to help with this project.

Alyssa is also working on the design for our new brochures and recently designed the first ever annual report to be published by CPL. Wow!

As you noticed in our fall fundraising letter, CPL was blessed to have a donor who offered a challenge grant for this year's annual fund campaign. This was the first time that CPL had entered into a challenge grant. It was exciting, but also a little scary. No need to fear—our supporters came through! I was thrilled to meet with our anonymous donors just last week, to inform them that the money which we needed to raise, was in fact, already almost completely raised! This donor will match all new donations, and any increase in donations which you made over your last year donation—to a grand total of \$50,000. Many thanks to all of you for rising to the challenge—and to our anonymous donor, for caring so much!

The Board of Directors is working hard on long-range planning and board development. We will soon be welcoming new members and are so happy with the contributions of our latest members to join, Irving Gerber and Dr. Deborah Allen.

And as always, we head into spring preparing for the Summer 2005 class which looks to be a motivated and energetic group (dogs and people). We should have another two litters of puppies sometime during the spring to ensure that our dogs have the physical and mental qualities to have a good solid working career. Two of our recipients have given birth this year (with their dogs there to celebrate with them). Two are getting ready to be married (the dogs of course will be a part of the ceremony). Many are dealing with dogs who are aging and are beginning to consider the process of retirement, and some are grieving from the loss of their partner while preparing for a successor dog to enter their lives. I am so proud of our teams!

They work hard, they play hard, they live life to the fullest—together, in true partnership. Please take advantage of any opportunities to come and meet them. Every day I hear stories from our teams and wish that I could share them all with you. We have many spring events coming up. We will enter team training in June and need volunteers to fix lunches for the teams and staff during that time, and if you volunteer you will inevitably experience and share their triumphs on a regular basis.

We are looking for volunteers in many areas. Would you like to help? Call Mary Fertig at (610) 869-4902, x 12.

I thank all of you for your support over the past 15 years. CPL is an amazing family, and you are a part of that family. Please come and visit!

Sincerely,

Darlene B Sullivan

Darlene B. Sullivan
Executive Director/Founder

PAWS FOR A MOMENT

Thank you to **Rebel Ridge Kennel** for donating stud service to two of our girls in the CPL breeding program. This past summer, Cindi was bred to "Quick" and Tara was bred to "Ice".

Thank you to **Hope Lock Kennels** for donating stud service from "Hawkeye" for Cindi in the fall of 2003. Because of the generosity of these two kennels, Canine Partners For Life welcomed 21 beautiful puppies into our program in 2004.

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THAT SECOND YEAR *in the Kennel*



We often get questions about the time that our dogs spend in the kennel. People are curious as to what goes on there...and what do the dogs learn? This is a brief introduction to kennel life 101, CPL style.

To start of course, most of our dogs (except those coming in as one year olds from the shelters) are raised by volunteer puppy homes (some in the community, some in the prisons). If the dogs pass all of the necessary physical and behavioral evaluations during their first year, then they come to our kennel for their second year.

Most of the people who tour our kennel are amazed at how clean, bright, and friendly it is. It is NOT your standard kennel! While we feel that it is important that our dogs spend their second year of training here with us, we want to make that second year as fun and educational as possible for them. The kennel offers us the opportunity to provide a very structured environment for learning, play, and care. It also makes possible consistent supervision and management. We learn a lot about our dogs as they mature during their second year through the carefully planned and supervised activities at the kennel.



One of our Kennel Dogs pondering his future with his partner.

Cindy, our kennel manager, runs a tight ship! She has two part-time kennel assistants and often one or more interns to help. In addition to managing the feeding, grooming, exercising, and veterinary care of all twenty-eight dogs—she is responsible for maintaining our kennel license which requires very detailed records. All of the dogs are microchipped so that if ever during their lives they are lost, they can be easily found. Most donate blood to the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine's Bloodmobile. They follow all veterinary protocols for vaccinations and worming which are monitored by our absolutely fabulous veterinarian Dr. Suzanne Michel who also deals with any unusual or extenuating medical situations.

Life in the kennel is very busy—service dogs like to be busy! Their morning begins at 5:30 a.m. when Cindy arrives and the excited barking begins—a new day and breakfast is on the way! After breakfast is kennel cleaning (a twenty-four hour a day job!) When things are spotless (and I mean spotless!), playtime begins. The dogs are each assigned to a playgroup and are taken to our outdoor play yards for free time where they have toys and play equipment. They aren't just put out there and left—the staff are there, interacting and monitoring their behaviors. Play groups rotate throughout the day. The trainers arrive early to begin pulling the dogs on their individual rosters for training time. This may be time spent in our training center or out in public depending upon the training needs and maturity of that particular dog. Volunteers come throughout the day to groom, bathe, and exercise the dogs individually. The dogs LOVE the volunteers who give them lots of one-on-one attention. Some of our volunteers are also trained to provide canine massage and we have a special room where the volunteers and dogs can curl up for this special time.

Music plays throughout the day—classical music, because studies show that this is the most soothing. The heated floor keeps the dogs comfortable in the winter and the air conditioning keeps them happy in the summer. They have a bed and toys in each run and almost all have a roommate to keep them company and to keep them entertained.

Each activity is carefully planned and managed. It gives us the opportunity to observe and train the dogs in a multitude of settings with a huge variety of people and animals. Gus, the kennel cat, tries very hard to keep them all in line! Ultimately it is this careful observation and training that will help us choose the perfect person for each dog's partnership—and that is what makes the miracle at CPL come true. It requires an in-depth and comprehensive understanding of each dog to be able to know that they are ready to be placed, and who they should be placed with.

So come visit our kennel to see for yourself. We are VERY proud of the environment that we've created to help us produce the best service dogs! Want to volunteer? We can always use playtime, grooming, and massage volunteers and are looking for people to help with the weekend feeding and cleaning. What better way to get to know our dogs and help them make a difference in someone's life!

Board of Directors UPDATE

The CPL Board of Directors currently consists of eight dedicated volunteers. The current Board officers are myself, President; Lynn McClintock, Vice-president; Tory Diffenderffer, Secretary, and Richard Swift, Treasurer. Additional members include veterans Bill Wright and John Astell. In the Fall of 2004 two new participants were nominated to serve—Irving Gerber, long-time CPL volunteer with a background in human resources and Deborah Allen, Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Delaware. We are thrilled to have the expertise of Irving and Deborah on the board and welcome them with open arms. The Board will continue to expand throughout 2005 in the hopes of extending the base of knowledge and expertise in areas such as recruitment, fundraising, marketing, development, finance, and community relations.

In March we met for a Board Retreat to re-address our institutional long range plan which will expire in June of this year. Great progress was made in identifying and prioritizing long range goals. We continue to work on the implementation process for each of these goals. In the next newsletter I will talk in more detail about some of these goals and our proposed process for achieving them. Until then, I wish you and your partners or pets good health and happiness.

Margaretta Frederick
President

Family Fun brings \$5,000 to CPL

The Niemeyer Family, a CPL puppy home, won the \$5,000 grand prize to be awarded to CPL in a volunteer contest run by *Family Fun* magazine. When asked about why they volunteer for CPL, they said: "Volunteering for CPL gives us many opportunities to help educate the public about service dogs, and what they can do. Our daughters love to answer questions, which encourages the girls to smile often, listen well, speak slowly and clearly, and connect with the world around them on a deeper level. Our entire family volunteers for CPL. Our daughter, Kelsey, requested donations for CPL instead of gifts for her 13th birthday and raised over \$450.00! Volunteering as a family to train a puppy is very special and has strengthened our family in many ways. People smile and the mood in any room, restaurant, or store changes when they see the puppy in training. When our family visits with the recipients that have gotten the dogs we have raised, our hearts are warmed because we are lucky enough to share our time and talents to make someone's life more complete."

on a *Paws-a-tive* note

A Round of “Appaws” for Dr. Michel

Suzanne Michel, DVM is our CPL vet that makes house calls to our dogs in the kennel. Dr. Michel comes twice a month to perform routine veterinary procedures on the dogs in advanced training in the kennel. She credits Cindy, our kennel manager with making her visits well organized and timely. Dr. Michel graduated from Iowa State University and after 12 years in large animal (horses) veterinary medicine, she moved to treating small animals. When asked why she does all she does for CPL, she said, “I wanted to do important stuff. The decisions I make about these dogs are very important to the success of the team. It fascinates me to see the teams being matched. I cry at every graduation ceremony, but I am happy to do whatever I can because it is wonderful to be part of an organization that gives so much. I am so lucky to work for Dr. Debbie Roberts at Nonantum Veterinary Clinic in Landenberg, PA because she allows me the flexibility to help out at CPL whenever I am needed.”

CPL HAS DOGS for adoption!

Sounds too good to be true, but CPL sometimes has a few dogs up for adoption. Most of these dogs come from shelters, humane leagues, and breed rescues. Before we adopt these dogs, they are evaluated by our trainers. The dogs up for adoption are not usually ones that have come through our Puppy Home Program. Once they come to CPL, we have the PennHip evaluation done, neuter/spay and vaccinate each dog. Most of these dogs are between one and two years of age. Unfortunately, some of these dogs do not meet the criteria to be a full service dog, however they are good dogs and CPL needs to find good homes for them. These released dogs may or may not have formal training. If you or someone you know is interested in adopting one of these dogs, please submit a completed released dog Application to us. When one of these dogs become available, we call everyone on our waiting list that we feel the dog would be appropriate for and schedule a time for them to come to CPL and interact with the dog. The dog is then placed with the person or family that is the best match for the dog. We ask that a donation be made to CPL of up to \$300 for these dogs to help cover our expenses. For more information, please contact Mary Fertig at (610) 869-4902, x 12.

Doing the Im“paws”ible CPL BEGINS ITS 16TH YEAR!

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Darlene Sullivan’s dream of raising service dogs began humbly in her family sunroom and small horse barn in 1989. In 1999 CPL moved to our current location in Cochranville, PA. Entering our 16th year, CPL has become one of the most successful service dog organizations in the nation.

Darlene’s first dog to be trained was Solla, whom she found at an animal shelter, like most of the dogs in the first few years. CPL has now placed 170 full service teams, 120 home companions, and eight residential companions.

Who would have thought that the dream of one person, who used to dress up her own dog in a “harness” and walk around the block with a blindfold would be the Founder and Executive Director of such a wonderful organization. Darlene’s persistence in training, commitment to excellence and her heartfelt wish to help persons with disabilities has carried over to every aspect of CPL. Without Darlene, there would be no CPL. Thank you Darlene!



CELEBRATING 16 YEARS
1989–2005

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY!



Teddy, Rebecca’s service dog has won an award from the New Jersey Veterinary Association. Teddy will be inducted into the Animal Hall of Fame in the professional category. The Animal Hall of Fame celebrates and honors the special relationships between people and animals. Teddy won paws down after his nomination application told of all the things Teddy does to assist Rebecca. Teddy performs tasks like retrieval work, opening doors, turning off and on lights, putting things into the hamper, and most importantly, bumping Rebecca’s arm up onto her arm rest and to the joy stick of her wheelchair. Thanks to her service dog, Rebecca is now more outgoing. She graduated from college, and is driving. “Teddy is always there for me when I need him and he comforts me when I am not feeling well or having a bad day.” Congratulations!

CANINE PARTNERS RECEIVES GRANT

Canine Partners For Life was thrilled to receive a \$5,000 Quality of Life Grant from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation in December. The Foundation primarily funds research that develops treatments and cures for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury, but it recognizes the need for improving the quality of life for people living with disabilities.

The grant will enable CPL to purchase harnesses for five of its Certified Service Dogs in the Summer 2005 Team Training class. The harnesses are customized for each dog and adjusted to the proper height for each recipient.

The specialized harness provides a stable platform for the recipient, but is not harmful to the dog. The harness has an open span that is built into the harness frame, so no portion of the harness rests on the dog’s backbone. The harness is specifically designed to distribute the recipient’s weight through the harness frame, making it comfortable and healthy for the dog.

In addition, funds from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation will purchase other equipment such as booklets, videos, wheelchair adaptations, and dog supplies needed by each recipient and canine partner.

CPL is thankful to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation for its generosity and recognition of the importance of service dogs in the lives of people with disabilities. **This is just one foundation of many who support CPL’s mission and change lives.**



With a well-trained partner by her side, Holly realized her dreams of personal and academic achievement. Holly was able to attend college and work full time—graduating recently with a MA in Counseling.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Canine Partners For Life needs help in many ways. If a monetary donation simply isn't possible, consider volunteering to provide a home for one our puppies. The folks mentioned below are doing just that! Our current puppy homes range from private residences, to veterinarians, to those living in correctional facilities. It's fun and it makes a difference! Below are dogs in the program as of February 2005.

DOGS IN KENNEL			
DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME
Adriana	David and Diana Treece	Sophie Testerman	The Fertig Family
Baraboo	Kenneth McCall	Dr. Suzanne Michel	MCIW
Bellissimo	Bill Schutt	Corinne Bronfman	Mark Hilinski
Bonz	CPL Breeding	Lynn McClintock	The Moore Family
Burgess	Jennifer Fyk	Tanya MacKeand	The Guy Family
Chewie	Cecil County SPCA	Unknown	None
Cooper	Bill Schutt	Katie Moran and Matthew Moran	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Dansko II	CPL Breeding	Dansko Foundation	MCIW
Dee Dee	Todd and Cindy Burkhart	New Garden Wellness Center	Lauren and Denise Hulse
Eric	Bill Schutt	Bill Schutt	SCI—Muncy
Faith	Bill Schutt	GFWC New Century Club	Yuka Fujimoto
Garver	CPL Breeding	Evelyn Middleton	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Hamilton	Julie Tune	Hamilton Foundation	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Indigo	Art Spears	Widener Memorial Foundation	The Goldblatt Family
Jackson	Cecil County SPCA	Unknown	None
Lacey	CPL Breeding	Mr. And Mrs. Doug Hazelton	The Niemeyer Family
Montana	Sandy Coombes	The Niemeyer Family	Tony and Yukiko Savini
Patton	The Gabbard Family	Princeton Presbyterian Women	SCI—Graterford
Rudolf	Ann and Bill Stubbs	Mr. and Mrs. George Thorpe	The Danig Family
Sasha	CPL Breeding	Mr. And Mrs. Edmund Carpenter, II	MCIW
Sherman	DVGRR	Unknown	None
Sid	Bill Schutt	Parkesburg Lions	SCI—Muncy
Terp	Cecil County SPCA	Susan Lauer	SCI—Graterford
Tony	CPL Breeding	Mary Alice Malone	The Ross Family

PUPPIES IN PUPPY HOMES			
DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME
Adele	CPL Breeding	Mr. and Mrs. Warren Claytor	SCI—Cambridge Springs
April	CPL Breeding	Blaine and Janet Parks	MCIW
Ashton	Bill Schutt	Anthony and Ginger Anzalone	Amy Lynch/Jeff Nesbitt
Beck	CPL Breeding	Independence Foundation	MCIW
Ben	Bill Schutt	Carlee Zaroff	Angela Jervis
Bohemia	CPL Breeding	Dick Bruno	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Buckley	Bill Schutt	Mr./Mrs. Gerret van S. Copeland	Midge Leitch
Checkers	CPL Breeding	Downingtown Middle School	The Fertigs

DOGS IN HOME COMPANION HOMES				
DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME	HOME COMPANION HOME
Becky	CPL Breeding	Atkinson Foundation	SCI—Cambridge Springs	Sidney Wilson/Fertig
Cadi	Chris and Elizabeth Kubasek	Arcadia Foundation	The MacGregor Family	The MacGregor Family
Esprit	Bill Schutt	Juliet Smith and Merrilee Headley	SCI—Cambridge Springs	The Fertig Family
Star	Maurice and Eleanor Alexander	Maurice and Eleanor Alexander	None	Yuka Fujimoto
Tabet	CPL Breeding	Mrs. Lisa Moseley	The Lindell Family	The Lindell Family
Tommy	Human League of Lancaster Co.	None	None	SCI—Graterford
Sherry	Bill Schutt	Mrs. David Craven	SCI—Muncy	The Sullivan Family

DOGS IN DEMONSTRATION TRAINING				
DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME	DEMO HOME
Sage	CPL Breeding	Wendy Krancer-Twing	MCIW	The Sullivan Family

PUPPIES IN PUPPY HOMES, continued			
DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME
Colby	Kimberton Lions Club	PLANCO	SCI—Muncy
Contessa	Bill Schutt	Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Howe	Tony and Yukiko Savini
Daisy	CPL Breeding	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duprey	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Decker	Bill Schutt	CPL Staff	William Bowers
Elsie	Leslie McDonough	Ms. Robin Dillon	SCI—Graterford
Finou	Melinda Bohn	C. Minor Barringer	The Combs Family
Gibson	Bill Schutt	Avon Grove Lions	SCI—Muncy
Governor	John and Mary Schreck	Mr. and Mrs. David Butters	Margaret White
Grizzly	Bill Schutt	Jane Frank	The Hulse Family
Hoagie	CPL Breeding	Tory Diffenderfer	SCI—Graterford
Lionelle	CPL Breeding	Lions Club of Kennett Square	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Lisl	Bill Schutt	Mr. and Mrs. John Styer	The Ortega Family
Mabel	Bill Schutt	Janet Moree	The Fertig Family
Marlee	CPL Breeding	Lebanon Kennel Club	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Merlot	Vision Kennel	CPL Staff	The Goldblatt Family
Midg	CPL Breeding	The Family of Margaret Gaskill	MCIW
Myers	Bill Schutt	Nikki Deptula	David and Jennifer Kriesel
Mzuri	Bill Schutt	Bruce Donaldson	David and Deborah Parker
Raider	Bill Schutt	CPL Staff	Cindy Silver
Rikki	The Lupien Family	Edward Crane	Crystal Fertig
Ripley	Kimberton Lions Club	Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reynolds	SCI—Muncy
Smokey	CPL Breeding	Mrs. Elizabeth Moran	The Moore Family
Tasha	CPL Breeding	Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Weymoth, Jr.	SCI—Graterford
Theo	The Albano Family	Kevin Fertig Family	SCI—Muncy
Tinker	CPL Breeding	Kennett New Century Club	John Atkeison/Erin Winner
Tiva	Bill Schutt	Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Darragh	The Snyderman Family
Tunkah	CPL Breeding	The Claniel Foundation	MCIW
Wilbur	Katherine Montaigne	The Goldblatt Family	David and Deborah Parker

DOGS IN BREEDER HOMES			
DOG	DONOR	NAMER	BREEDER HOME
Cindi	The Fertig Family	The Fertig Family	The Fertig Family
Tara	The Fertig Family	Edith Edson	Roberta Knauf
Reghan Jane	Bill Schutt	Dawn and George Mahaffey	The Fertig Family



We have started a new program with donation dogs. These dogs are out in the public to raise awareness of our program and trade puppy kisses for cash. Some people will trade money for a chance to smooch with a pooch!



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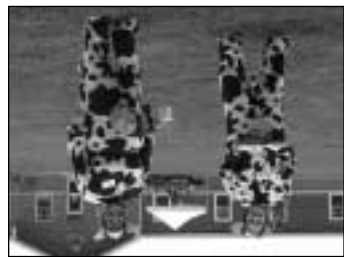
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- CANINE CARNIVAL**
April 23rd, Unionville, PA
- DOGGIE FASHION SHOW**
April 30th, Academy of Music, Philadelphia, PA
- CPL LOCAL PAWSAMERICA**
May 14th, Quarryville, PA
- SUMMER TEAM TRAINING GRADUATION**
July 10th, at the CPL facility
- OPEN HOUSE AND COW BINGO**
October 1st, at the CPL facility
- HOWL-O-WEEN**
October 29th, at Whiskazz and Pawzz, Wilmington, DE
- FALL TEAM TRAINING GRADUATION**
November 6th, at the CPL facility
- 8TH ANNUAL WINE AUCTION**
November 19th, Wilmington, DE

Check out our special events section on the website www.k94life.org for more information and sponsorship opportunities.

Designate CPL as Your Charity of Choice



You can help CPL by designating us as your "charity of choice" on the United Way, Combined Federal Campaign, or American Charities pledge forms. It's an easy way to become part of the CPL family of donors. Thank you to everyone that donated this way in past years; your support goes a long way!

- Gift certificates to office supply catalogs
- Leashes and collars
- Agility tunnel for training puppies
- Paved driveway
- Durable dog toys for the kennel play yard
- Small area playpen to put in the grass for our resident rabbit
- Paper shredders
- Large filing cabinets
- Dehumidifier
- Gift certificates to medical supply stores for wheelchair batteries
- Volunteer with experience to create the forms for new sidewalks
- Rolls of stamps
- Frequent flyer miles
- Donation of vacation homes for Wine Auction
- Greenies
- Gift certificates to vet supply catalogs
- Medium, large and, extra-large Vart kennels

What We're Wishing For...
 Being a non-profit organization often means going without a lot of items or "making do" with little things in order to keep the program going. You can help CPL by contributing to our wish list.