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CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary!



Amazing!

That is the first word that comes to mind. Twenty years of being one of the leading service dog providers is quite a feat! Being one of only twenty-six service

dog organizations in the US that are fully accredited by Assistance Dogs International, makes us proud and lets our donors and recipients know that we are in the service dog industry for good as we strive to continue to be one of the best. Our donors will be happy to hear that we continue to have the much coveted 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator—which shows that we are financially responsible and strong.

What started as a childhood dream of the founder quickly became an organization known for its quality and personal attention. CPL has grown from one dog rescued from a shelter and operating out of the sunroom in Darlene Sullivan's home, to an impressive 45-acre campus with a state of the art facility in southeastern Pennsylvania. From the beginning with one service dog trainer to three full time trainers, from operating a small kennel in the barn to a 5,000 square foot state of the art canine housing facility, the areas of growth and

improvement just go on and on. If you have not visited our facility, please come for a visit and be awed!

Not only have we placed service dogs with individuals who have physical disabilities, and brought independence to hundreds, we are one of the few service dog providers who place accurate seizure alert dogs with people who have seizure disorders. We have also placed a number of medical alert dogs with people who have cardiac issues, and recipients who have mobility impairments secondary to uncontrolled Type 1 diabetes.

Since CPL is one of only a handful of service dog organizations which places service dogs with children twelve and older, we are able to provide a unique ability to help children adapt to their disability and develop social skills within their peer groups that may not have been possible before. Having a dog instead of an aide helps to bridge the gap between the child with disabilities, and their peer group, the general public.

In order to utilize the dogs who were not qualified to enter the service dog program, CPL developed our much coveted home companion dog program. Our home companion dogs are placed with people of all ages who have disabilities and need a well-trained companion to give unwavering love and

support in the home environment. We have had tremendous success with our placements that have matched home companion dogs with children who have one of the autism spectrum disorders.

Our prison puppy raising program was established when our community puppy raising program could not fulfill our needs. This successful program utilizes carefully selected inmates in five state correctional institutions (PA and MD) to raise twenty-one of our pups.

As CPL enters our twenty-first year, many of our recipients are facing the retirement or death of their first canine partners. They are approaching the organization for successor dogs and are immediately placed at the top of our waiting list. This makes it more difficult for new applicants to receive a dog in a timely manner and the waiting list grows.

Our growth has only been made possible by the dedication, commitment and support of our donors. Our recipients, dogs, staff and Board of Directors thank you for your past gifts and hope that you will continue to be a part of the CPL family during the next 20 years!

CPL Loses a Special Friend, Mentor, and Supporter

In August of 2008, Canine Partners For Life lost a special friend, mentor and supporter. Mrs. Wilhelmina Craven was one of CPL's earliest donors. Her commitment to CPL's mission and her love for dogs helped her to substantially ensure CPL's growth and development. The paragraphs below were written by CPL's Executive Director, Darlene Sullivan and were presented by Mr. Cal Wick as he gave the homily at Mrs. Craven's memorial service.

"It's hard to put into words what Mrs. Craven did for CPL—it went far beyond her financial donations (which were many—they started in 1991—we were only two years old then and had only placed ONE dog!). Over the years we asked her to name dogs within the program—she named and sponsored ten. More importantly, Mrs. Craven was, for me, in the early stages of CPL's development, a teacher—about philanthropy and the heart of nonprofits. I know corporate attorneys who quaked at the mention of her name because she was a powerful and formidable woman—but my relationship with Mrs. Craven was nothing but

caring, supportive, and encouraging. I remember in the early days of CPL, rushing to change the toilet paper to the color blue if she was coming to graduation not because she asked us to, but because we knew she loved blue and we loved her. She received our home companion dog Toby. They were really the first home companion team—back then it was very unofficial—not as much structure as these days. Barbara (her secretary) and I worked on her for a while to get her to agree to a dog—she loved them so much but was so convinced that at her age and with her physical condition she would never be able to handle a dog—and of course, what in the world would she do with the dog when she wanted to go away. She was a very "proper" lady but I could tease with her and pointed out that perhaps her staff (there were quite a few) or family MIGHT be willing to watch Toby. She agreed that I might be right. So she got Toby—what a spoiled dog he was—and it brought me joy to bring her joy. She had changed and touched so many lives through her support of CPL. Toby had a permanent lipstick

mark on the top of his head where she kissed him—it showed up well on a yellow Labrador. They had a good partnership, the two of them. When he passed away, somehow I knew that it wouldn't be very long before we lost her—and her stroke happened soon after. Having Mrs. Craven's support lent CPL credibility—she didn't give her support easily—I remember her grilling me about the plans for the new property, about how we ran the program, about how we did our fundraising . . . But when she had faith in you, then others had faith in you—and to a young nonprofit, having a mentor like that is critical to your success.

I hope that she is at peace—I hope that heaven is blue and that yellow Labradors romp throughout. There will be a hole in CPL now—we've lost a very special member of our family—I hope that she knew how important she was to us—without her we wouldn't be here today."



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FULL SERVICE TEAMS

Fall 2008

Full service dogs provide 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.



ROB AND MCPHEE
SUCCESSOR DOG

Rob entered into his successor service dog placement with enthusiasm and excitement. He and Wrigley had a wonderful partnership for 9 years but because of his age, the inevitable decision was made

for Wrigley to retire. The two of them talked about the arrival of their new "brother" McPhee and the need for his help. Wrigley was not wild about the transition. Wrigley's jealousy made the new partnership difficult and trying. While McPhee was working hard and offering few challenges to Rob, Wrigley was back at home redecorating the apartment (without Rob's approval) and making his disapproval known. Rob knows that time will help smooth the transition for Wrigley's retirement. Rob is a very creative service dog user; he even rearranged the furniture in his apartment by tying socks to the items and having Wrigley tug to help move things. So McPhee will have a fun and challenging career with Rob! Rob's calmness helps him approach training his dog with consistency and positive motivation. Rob has a not so conventional method of discouraging the trainers (pretending to be the general public) from distracting and interfering with his dog. He's QUITE serious about protecting his dog's right to work in peace. Rob and McPhee live close to CPL and Rob will continue to represent CPL at PR tables, demonstrations and community organizations. Together they will work together wherever Rob works.



BARBARA AND LIZZY
SUCCESSOR DOG

Barbara is a seasoned service dog user and knows how much a seizure alert dog can change the lives of the human partner and the entire family! Muppet retired the day Barbara entered team training. We hear Muppet

is at home watching soap operas and eating bon-bons on the sofa! Barbara worried quite a bit about the two dogs getting along and the first few days were tense as the dogs decided who was supposed to do what, but within a short time they were playing together. Muppet's official job now is to play with the grandchildren. This keeps Muppet from interfering with Lizzy and her job and it keeps Muppet feeling important too. Barbara had a lot of seizures during team training so Lizzy got plenty of practice alerting and settling into her new job. They live locally and they will continue to be a big part of the CPL community and educational efforts. They headed home to family, grandchildren and lots of arts and crafts projects. Interestingly, Lizzy watches Muppet for cues and has learned all of Muppet's skills. Lizzy is now closing doors, loading the dishwasher and she is 100% accurate in her alerts!



DAN AND MARJORIE

Dan had a bit of a rough road to get to CPL. He was actually scheduled to get a dog during the summer of 2008, but surgery provided some hope that seizure activity would stop and so the planned placement was canceled. Unfortunately,

the surgery did not completely do the trick so Dan once again came looking for a service dog. Dan has found a great companion in his Marjorie. Team training was challenging but it was a joy to watch this pleasant young man grow. Marjorie did try to eat a french fry on the floor of Chili's and Dan had to go after it. Despite the fact that his dog was the first to have an embarrassing accident in a public facility, Dan just dealt with the issues at hand and kept on working with a smile on his face. Like most new parents he's learned that there's a good dog voice and then there's the nicknames that mean you're serious. When Dan wants Marjorie to take him seriously, it's "Margarine"! During training, Dan made some wonderful friends, supported his classmates, and went all out playing games—things his mother tells us have not been a part of his life in a long, long time. Dan loves the freedom and sense of independence that Marjorie has provided and his folks have been great about stepping back now that they know he's safe with Marjorie's alerts. Dan and Marjorie now take walks around the neighborhood without his parents tagging along. Dan has an awesomely supportive family and dreams to finish high school and move on to college. Marjorie runs with Dan for the cross country competitions that are Dan's passion. Since Marjorie was raised with horses she's ready to hang out with his horse too. We have great plans for this team to achieve greater independence and live a fuller life.



CYNTHIA AND ED

Cynthia was challenged during team training. She stretched far beyond her normal activity level and faced mind-numbing fatigue. Growth towards greater independence is a lot of work—calling for

resourcefulness, flexibility, grit, focus, and fortitude. Cynthia's main goal is to walk using Ed for support instead of her walker. She is now beginning to trust and use Ed. At first, depending on a dog can be scary. Whether it's learning to trust a dog alerting to a seizure or trusting a dog to keep you from falling, until that trust and respect are built, a true partnership will not form. So Cynthia and Ed have worked to build that trust and respect. Ed stays focused and works at learning Cynthia's gait and speed. The training challenges were many—getting places on time, finding lost keys, and making long treks to places of interest each day. The successes have been wonderful as new independence has been achieved and a trusting relationship was built. They are now home and trying to figure out how to address all of the "Eds" in Cynthia's life. There's the dog Ed, the son Ed (who isn't too thrilled the dog has the same name) and the good neighbor Ed! Life could get pretty interesting! Since graduation, Ed has been in the critical care unit with Cynthia and he continues to grow with her.



BARRETT AND
MILOWE

Barrett is a Washington state resident and had so much to learn during team training. He didn't even know that there are such things as self-serve butter machines at the theater.

Milowe enjoys her new dad's sense of humor—or at least she tolerates it! Barrett wears strange hats to class and

Milowe just smiles. When Barrett sings Teddy Bear songs (after some really strong medication), Milowe listens with a grin. She's an awfully good girl and a hard worker. Barrett did an excellent job listening to his dog's alert and remained safe and uninjured throughout the entire team training. It seems that often, by lying down after the alert—Barrett has been able to avert the more serious seizure activity! Milowe's retrieval skills, go pays, ability to carry items and provide good support when Barrett is a bit unsteady on his feet have all changed his life. Barrett's goals are to be able to walk around town with his young children—just him and the kids—without having his wife Holly tagging along to keep an eye on him. At home, Milowe helps Barrett go sledding with the kids and she even pulls the sled uphill for the next ride.



BETH AND MILES

Beth and Miles are a perfect team! Beth has embraced her new service dog partnership with enthusiasm and dedication. She has calmly approached her training with Miles although we occasionally

saw her competitive side. And one of our favorite quotes came from Beth. As the teams were competing to have their dogs sit on the mats when the music stopped (just like musical chairs for people), it came down to Alex and Tommy and one sack left. Alex, who was exhausted, looked as though she was ready to just turn that mat over to Tommy when Beth hollered out "Keep going Alex. Tommy might still have a seizure and you could get the mat!" We could count on Beth to keep things light when they needed to be and to focus on the serious when needed. Beth, being a professional photographer, had a camera in her hand almost all of team training. Their goals include regularly tugging the laundry basket, and starting bike riding. Beth and Miles are home in Arizona but are planning to move back to our area soon. Beth has promised to help CPL with PR and fundraising—boy will she be sorry she said that!



DAVID AND SANDALS

What an amazing twosome! In their journals during training, David's classmates wrote that David was an inspiration to them. During the first week—we're sure that David and his family were wondering what the heck we were thinking—

placing this energetic dog with him. David has difficulty speaking clearly enough to be understood, and he also has difficulty with fine motor tasks. Sandals met her new dad and decided immediately that he needed a lap dog—AND he needed a bath. She proceeded to climb onto his lap and cover his face with kisses. She did this a lot during those first days—and their first challenge was just to get the "off" and "down" commands working well. That alone was a phenomenal challenge. And although the other teams may have been progressing more quickly, it was David's patient, steady work that began to initiate change. And it happened so gradually. When you have a disability that really limits your mobility (arms and legs), a creative dog is needed for the multitude of complicated tasks that will need to be done. Sandals has the creativity and energy and David is learning to harness it for the good. When Sandals could return to the hotel with David after the first week—the

relationship began to blossom—snuggle time and play time did the trick. Over the three weeks David's commands became clearer and his sister says that he's talking more. He never backed down from a challenge. One of the many touching moments for this team was when David commented how nice it was to have people in the mall telling him how pretty his dog was instead of staring at him. These two have headed home to North Carolina where David works at a movie theatre. Boy, is sandals going to love that!



ALEX AND DEE DEE
Alex applied for a service dog from CPL because she wanted greater independence as she prepared for college, an intimidating goal for any teenager, but especially for one who will face extra challenges. Dee Dee had already worked as a

service dog for two years. Dee Dee had helped her partner Nadine change her community and her world through her public service. Nadine passed away very suddenly late last summer and would have wanted Dee Dee to go on with her work changing lives. And so Dee Dee has begun to change Alex's life. In addition to long physical days of training at CPL and homework each evening, Alex also kept up with her regular schoolwork. Alex was the quiet presence in the group—learning and sharing and mostly developing her relationship with Dee Dee who has taken to her new mom without hesitation. Together they've learned to walk when Alex was able—and at other times they've used the scooter to get around. Alex hopes Dee Dee enjoys swimming because she enjoys the pool and she's hoping that having Dee Dee by her side will help her to be less afraid of new experiences. Alex wants to go shopping by herself, to teach Dee Dee to retrieve her shoes and braces, to take her SAT's and to prepare for college. We wonder if Alex knows that service dogs make excellent "guy magnets?" College could be REALLY fun for these two! Since returning home, Alex no longer uses a walker but relies on Dee Dee 100% for walking and has taught Dee Dee a bunch of new skills.



TOMMY AND WILLIE
Tommy had a lot of patience waiting for his dog. He cooperated with all of CPL's requests to get to know him better—even traveling from North Carolina to spend a week of team training last fall. And then, finding just the right

dog for Tommy took a while. The wait might have been frustrating—but it was worth it. Tommy's sense of humor and dedication to his dog inspired the other students and the trainers. His dog alerted him to a seizure on the very first night—and amazingly, he picked up the alert and listened. They were off to a good start. Willie is great at predicting Tommy's seizures—and Tommy has listened every time—not that you can really miss an 85-lb. dog sitting on top of you! And Willie's smart—he's learned that Tommy likes to get up after a seizure a little earlier than is actually wise—and so by laying that huge body on Tommy's chest, he prevents Tommy from moving until it is safe for him to do so. At home, Willie will pull Tommy to his bed before he has a seizure. Tommy's praise of his dog is

sincere, frequent and he always tells his dog "Thank You." He's the only recipient in the history of CPL to be brave enough to try to deny the Executive Director access into the training barn when she was late for class—and he's probably the only one to ever get away with it. Tommy enjoys life to the fullest, despite his challenges, and although his health has caused his retirement from the Fire Department where he used to work—he's looking forward to being allowed to do fire safety education in the schools. Now that he has Willie, he can do so safely.



FAYE AND DREYFUS
Well, this team won the award for the most seizures during team training—averaging 5-10 per day. This gave Dreyfus plenty of time to practice alerting Faye before the seizures happened but it was Faye that we had to work with

the most. Faye's famous saying when Dreyfus would alert was "but I feel fine!" Learning to listen to your dog isn't easy—especially when your dog is telling you what you don't want to hear. Faye had to learn to listen to Dreyfus and get onto a mat to stay safe. We all had to watch out for our own safety as Faye's shoes went flying across the room during seizures (the guys starting holding up their arms like goal posts to see if she'd score a goal). It was recommended that her husband wear protective athletic wear in the future! Dreyfus has been right on the money, alerting every time. Faye's parrot Ruby has learned to yell "leave it" when Dreyfus comes too close—and the animals are living in harmony. Faye is always smiling, and has never said "I can't". She went home to teach voice lessons, enjoy family, and to hopefully go back to work doing the blood and special effects for movie sets. But maybe even more importantly—taking a bath by herself (without the fear of drowning) and walking around her beautiful neighborhood without bothering family and friends to accompany her. Faye has had two very bad health scares and Dreyfus alerted to both so she could go to the hospital. Freedom is beautiful—let's hope Faye makes the most of it!



TIM AND PAINTER
What an awesome partnership! Tim has not fallen once since he was placed with Painter! When Tim entered the three weeks of training, it was obvious that he was scared to death and equally excited. Throughout his journal, his

thoughts reflected both sides. He was so open and honest with his writing that the whole class learned from his words. The class took up a fund to purchase Painter a pair of Mutt Muffs (or ear protectors for dogs) because his new dad is a heavy metal concert fan. Painter will also have to endure numerous baseball games because Tim is an avid Cleveland Indians fan! Painter has even earned the nickname Chief Wahoo (after their mascot). Tim headed home to the school where he works with computer instruction—and he'll also be going to visit his wife's second grade class—they've been following his journal and progress and have some important questions like "What is Painter's favorite color?" and "Is Painter a good service

dog?", and "Are there any people there that have a wheelchair?" Painter carries Tom's briefcase and he wears a bow tie every day at work to adhere to the school dress code. Painter helps with steps and curbs to help keep Tim safe and keep him from falling.



**JODY AND REEVE
SUCCESSOR DOG**

The decision to retire one service dog and begin a new partnership is a tough one. The grief felt when a partnership ends is very painful and real. Jody and Huggy Bear were one of CPL's best known teams—

frequently doing public speaking events to promote CPL as well as being featured in our video. Jody's life changed dramatically with Huggy Bear's help. She went from being a home-bound woman in a wheelchair (predicted to never walk again after her stroke)—to a full time Occupational Therapist and educator who walks EVERYWHERE. Any dog stepping into Huggy's shoes had a tough job. However, Reeve told us that he was up for it. He knew that his sweet, gentle personality would win her heart with time as she struggled not to compare her second dog with her first. And succeed he has. They've worked hard and Reeve didn't want to make it too easy on Jody. She's become an expert at using her clicker and treats—breaking each task down to its smaller parts. She's been incredibly patient and it hasn't been easy—particularly on days like game day when he tried to convince her that he didn't understand ANY of the commands that she was giving (we all knew better!). Jody's primary goal when she entered team training was to begin walking more quickly again since Huggy had really slowed down. They headed back to Jody's full time job in a high school—working with LD students. He'll have to learn to stay calm and steady around very active children and apparently will need to learn to walk backwards to maneuver in her very tiny office. We look forward to hearing about their successes and Huggy's acceptance of the "new kid"—undoubtedly he'll need to teach him a few things! They have now returned to work and Reeves has also started to help with Jody's hearing impairment by alerting her to sounds within her environment.

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Home Companion Teams Fall 2008

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 usually provide physical assistance, so any form of disability will be considered.



ROBERT & JAYNE AND ANNIE II

Bob and Jayne met one of our puppy homes at the mall and learned about our home companion program. After losing their lab of fourteen years, they needed a dog to be a part of their lives again.

since they were not able to raise and train a puppy on their own, they applied for a home companion dog from CPL. They were looking for a well-behaved dog that would bring sunshine and happiness back into their lives. Thankfully, Annie II needed a quiet home with people who would appreciate all the love she had to give. Everyone is happy with this arrangement and there is plenty of love to go around.



SEAN AND MANNING

Sean and his parents are very patient. They interviewed for a home companion dog in 2006 and Sean received his special friend, Manning, in September of 2008. They were willing to wait as long as needed for the right dog. They were looking for a dog to provide

companionship and unconditional love while helping Sean get over his fear of dogs. Manning is very sweet with a mild activity level and is very tuned in to those around him. Manning also has a good sense of a person's individual needs and feelings. The placement was made and not only do these two compliment each other, Sean is no longer afraid of dogs! He enjoys taking Manning for walks and using Manning as a pillow. What better use for a home companion dog! With Manning's encouragement and respect, Sean is now outside more and is more physically active than before the placement. What a lucky dog—Manning even sleeps in Sean's room.



JOSEPH AND FRIDAY

Joseph had originally applied for a full service dog but eventually realized that the three weeks' training would be too intense for him. Since Joe dearly loves dogs and wanted a companion, a special dog named Friday was found for him. Joe has trained

several family pets over the years and he wanted a dog who would listen to him when he gave commands. Joe also wanted a dog that would enjoy sitting outside with him or being with him while they watched TV. This dog of his dreams had to be

especially good with children since his granddaughter visited often. When Friday was placed in the home companion program, a dream match was made. Friday enjoys being with people and especially the constant companionship of Joe. Joe feels that Friday has added sunshine to his life and when life gets tough, TGIF!



DORRIS AND BOOTSIE

Dorris came to Canine Partners hoping to get a dog that would keep her company and enjoy being with her when she was working with her plants. She also thought it would be nice to have a dog pick up objects that she dropped. Who would have

thought that a black poodle named Bootsie could fill this bill so well! After going through the home companion files just once, the match for these two was made. Matches are not always this easy. Bootsie bonds to people immediately. He always wants to be with his recipient, and he makes a great companion by keeping Dorris active and picking up dropped items. What a very special match!



THE *companion* DOG

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Many people are

familiar with service animals, or as most people call them, 'seeing eye dogs'. But many are not as familiar with another extremely beneficial service animal, the companion dog.

The media so often portrays service animals benefitting someone with visual impairment. But the more we learned about service animals, the more we learned they can help people with all types of disabilities. Our youngest son, Sean, has cerebral palsy. One of his therapists was a Puppy Trainer for Canine Partners for Life, an organization in Central Pennsylvania. Canine Partners For Life (CPL) trains and places assistance dogs with individuals with mobility impairments to help increase their independence and quality of life. CPL has several types of assistance dogs in its program including service dogs, seizure alert dogs, home companions and residential (community) companions.

During the application process, I felt like we were adopting a child; and it became very apparent that this is not something one enters into lightly. Following a lengthy written application including an essay, our entire family participated in a series of interviews. Once our letters of recommendation were completed, veterinary assistance assured and a fence installed, we were cleared for adoption. We were warned it could take up to 2 years to find an appropriate animal.

Percy joined our family in October 2006. His short stature precluded him from being a full service animal – a lucky break for us. His gentle nature, loyalty and patience made him a suitable match for Sean. When Sean's spasticity from his cerebral palsy causes his arms to flail, Percy accepts the petting. When Sean's use of a wheelchair inhibits him from catching up with the other kids, Percy is at his side. And as Sean is non-verbal, he and Percy have their own special language.

So what, exactly does Percy do?

Their days start together. Sean feeds Percy breakfast. We do this by putting Percy's food bowl on Sean's lap, helping Sean pour in the food, and then place it on the ground. Percy sits at Sean's side, waiting patiently. We help Sean issue the command 'OK' and Percy races to his food bowl. When he's finished, and since he's a Lab this usually means two minutes later, Percy returns to Sean.

When Sean's school bus comes, Percy walks him out to the bus to see him off. When Sean returns, Percy greets him at the end of the driveway. Percy puts his paws in Sean's lap and leans in

to give him the big, wet, sloppy kisses that make some say, 'yuck', but Sean adores.

We repeat the feeding ritual for dinner. Sean also gives Percy biscuits as a treat, sometimes holding them and sometimes having them in his lap. Percy sleeps with Sean, snuggling up close and keeping him warm.

For fun, Percy and Sean love to hike. Many weekends we'll head to Valley Green, a wonderful park near us with many wooded trails. Percy romps through the trees and wades through the stream. Of all the training he received, Percy came to us not knowing how to swim. We thought this was inherent for Labs, but Percy proved us wrong. It took a while but he eventually got the hang of it.

Percy is Sean's Trick or Treat buddy. I've never been one to dress up a dog, but for these two buddies, it just seemed right. Percy has been Yoda to Sean's Darth Vader and Batman to Sean's Robin. I kind of think we got that one backwards as Percy should have been the sidekick, but given Percy's shiny black coat, he just made a great Batman.

The Dog Ate It

This is not to say the course of puppy love always runs smoothly. Percy had been with our family for a little over two months when we had our first 'incident'. It was a peaceful Saturday morning when I went in to get Sean up for the day. I rolled Sean over and lo and behold, his feeding tube was missing. If you're not familiar with feeding tubes, picture a valve on a blow up toy – that is what protrudes from the stomach. Well, Sean did not have anything there, just a hole. I looked around and couldn't find the tube anywhere. I stripped the bed – nothing. Then I looked at Percy. Could he have?

I took Sean to the Emergency Room and had one of the conversations with Triage Nurse I have a feeling she'll never forget.

"So, what brings you in today?" she asked.

"My son's feeding tube fell out." I replied.

"Did you bring it in with you?"

"No, I couldn't find it."

"What do you mean, you couldn't find it?"

"I think the dog ate it."

Thus began the story of 'The Dog Ate My Feeding Tube'. The Attending Physician greeted us with a chuckle and said in her 15 years on the job she had never heard this one. Welcome to my world.

In Sickness and In Health

Last Fall, Sean was hospitalized for 45 days at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. It was clear that not only was Sean missing Percy, Percy was missing Sean. My husband or I would bring home pajamas that Sean had slept in to give Percy a fragrant memory of his best bud. When Sean moved out of the Intensive Care Unit and was more stable, we were able to bring Percy in for a visit.

I'm not sure who was more excited to see whom. Percy was beside himself, wanting to jump up and give Sean kisses. Sean was excited to see Percy, but still in quite a bit of post-surgical pain. We managed to find a set up that worked for everyone. I sat in a big chair with Sean on my lap and Percy could nuzzle up right next to us. I'll always be grateful to the Attending Physician who recognized the healing power of animals and allowed Percy to visit.

After the success of Percy's first visit, he became a more frequent visitor. Percy would come out of the elevator and you'd hear the 'click-click-click' of his toenails marching down the ward to Sean's room. As Sean improved, Percy started snuggling up on the bed with Sean, giving kisses and comfort.

The doctors and nurses adjusted to Sean's new visitor. It's not often you hear barking during morning rounds, but Percy was wisely alerting us that Sean's IV had finished. When a doctor or nurse came into Sean's room, Percy would greet them at the door, make sure they passed his 'sniff' test and then lay down at Sean's bedside, confident he had done his job in making sure this person would treat Sean well.

As anyone who has a dog knows, having a dog can be a lot of work. With a companion dog, there are additional responsibilities. So much time and training has been invested in these animals, it only makes sense that the providers want to ensure individuals continue to be successful with their dogs. Every six months we need to file a progress report as well as provide copies of rabies certificate, state license and veterinary records. There are specific guidelines on what type of food and toys are acceptable, as well as continued obedience training.

Is it worth it? Absolutely. Percy has become such a fixed part of our family, I cannot imagine not having him. But most of all, Percy has been a loyal friend and faithful follower during everything Sean experiences.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to spring! The flowers are in bloom, the weather is warmer and yes, the state of the economic affairs is still volatile.

The continuing instability of today's economy and the global financial markets holds many repercussions for the nonprofit sector. Fundraising becomes increasingly challenging as donors can no longer give as generously as in the past. Foundations may be forced to reduce their grantmaking, and leaders may find it progressively more difficult to sustain their organizations through these complex economic times.

While there are many uncertainties for nonprofits, it is by no means a time for Canine Partners For Life to sit idle as,

in many respects, nonprofit organizations play by the same sets of rules as for-profit organizations. We will continue to grow as well as to evaluate strategies and goals as all organizations need to be more conscientious about "doing more with less" and continuing to be financially sound and prudent even when times are tough. Canine Partners For Life is by no means an exception to this rule. As we continue to grow, evolve and change, we will continue to rely on your financial support. That is the one constant.

More importantly, please remember that committing yourself financially to a nonprofit organization is only one way to help. We always welcome new volunteers, and candidates for the Board of Directors as well as fundraising

committee members to help organize and support all of our events. If you or someone you know are interested in any of these positions, please let us know!

As I wind down my term as President, I wish to thank everyone in this wonderful organization especially the hard working volunteers who dedicate their time, care and effort to making Canine Partners For Life a successful organization.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy (and financially sound) summer!

Martha Miele, President

READ ALL-A BOW-WOW-IT!

Events and Happenings at CPL

Canine Partners For Life Receives Generous \$100,000 Grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust

Current Canine Partners For Life donors will be pleased to know that our program is so highly regarded, that CPL was chosen as one of only 10 canine organizations in the U.S. to be awarded money from the Helmsley Trust. This generous gift will go directly into our program budget. CPL is a 4-star charity rated by Charity Navigator demonstrating our ability to efficiently manage and grow our finances. This gift from outside of the CPL family of donors should make our current supporters comfortable knowing that thanks to this gift, we will continue to be able to provide the gift of independence for our recipients, even in this troublesome economy. We want to welcome the Helmsley Trust to the CPL family!

No newcomer to the service dog world, CPL has been placing service dogs, home companion dogs and residential companion dogs with people with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, ALS, Parkinson's disease, stroke, spina bifida, arthritis, autism, Down syndrome, cardiac problems and more for the past 20 years. CPL is one of only a handful of service dog organizations worldwide that have been able to become fully accredited members of ADI (Assistance Dogs International), a very prestigious certification.

CPL's operating budget is funded entirely by donations and a few special events. CPL continues to need your help and support so that we can continue changing lives. The waiting list for our service dogs continues to grow as more and more people with disabilities realize how a CPL service dog can change their life. This summer, fourteen service dogs will be placed with their recipients so that they can begin a life of independence, and be able to pursue their goals and dreams.

CPL Can't Train Their Dogs for This!



I just want to tell you all an amazing story; last evening at 7:35 pm my mom passed away. But during these last few weeks since being dx'd, an amazing gift was occurring. One that wasn't trained, or planned, but one I need to share with you. Mom loved dogs and cats too, perhaps that's where I got my love of animals. When she had to go live in the nursing home she gave up her pet cat, Boo; she had no choice, and she had a dog named Sadie that she adored dearly! Canine Partners for Life can't train their dogs for what they did for my mom; when her sugar dipped so low and no one could get her to react, Tinker to the rescue, nuzzling and licking and rubbing her, until her hand reached for Tinkers head and her eyes fluttered open. I thought that was amazing, but what I saw last night amazed me more. As my mom lost consciousness, from both her fight of life and I'm sure the morphine, I had Tinker who god knows was so patient from being in there since 8:15 am that day, a long boring day for her, slowly load up beside mom and laydown. She nudged mom, kissed her hands and snuggled with her, but when I asked mom if she liked having Tinker in bed with her, she did a slight nod of yes, and a soft grunt, the eyes fluttered too. After about ten minutes I asked her if I should get her down, and she did a soft grunt and nodded, very slightly side to side, no. I hope to see some pictures from that as the hospice nurse took a few, if so I will treasure them always! You all know what Fennec and Tinker do for "me" and it was a time I needed to break those rules, but both those dogs meant the world to mom, especially Fennec. Mom didn't want a service of any kind, she is being cremated and then me, my brother and our spouses will go to upstate NY and bury her between her mom and dad's plot. She will have at the bottom of her Obituary, "In lieu of flowers donate to Canine Partners for Life." she told me that its the last way she can thank "them" for making such a difference in "my" life. Thats the way my mom is, was, loving, appreciative, thoughtful and a true animal lover til the end.

Anyone interested in doing so, in memory of Joy Ide, my mom, feel free to visit their website at www.k94life.org for their mailing address.

Thanks for the ear, God Speed mom!

Love,
your Lori Ann!

Tinker and Fennec too

2009 wine AUCTION



Our Eleventh Annual Wine Auction took place Saturday, April 18th at Dankso's LEED certified green building headquarters in West Grove, PA. This was the first CPL wine auction to take place in the spring with an informal format, much to our guests' delight. Each guest enjoyed selecting their own whimsical hand-painted

wine glass for use during the evening of wine tasting. There was spirited competition for the 130 silent auction items while enjoying hors d'oeuvres which Bixby's Caterers created especially for this event. There were wines and beer to sample from our vendors including Hockessin Wine and spirits, The Wine and spirits Company of Greenville, Twin Brook Winery, Paradox Vineyard and Twin Lakes Brewing Company. Everyone enjoyed the floor to ceiling windows, spring-like conditions and ambiance with the delightful music of the shaw strings string quartet. David Yearsley, our auctioneer, did a fantastic job motivating bidders for the live auction while Honorary Chairperson Rick Reeves of Hockessin Wine and spirits commentated on the live lots and provided informational wine commentary. The live auction included collectible wines, coveted autographed sports memorabilia, vacation packages and more. It was a casually elegant evening to raise money for CPL. The wine auction is our largest fundraiser of the year and raised over \$90,000 for our program. Even in this economy, our donors came out and helped us by supporting this event so we can make a difference in the lives of our recipients. Thank you to everyone who attended and our donors, vendors and volunteers for making the event possible. A special thank you to our sponsors: Mrs. Carol K. Diffenderffer, Mrs. J. Maxwell Moran, Gerret and Tatiana Copeland, Dansko, Ms. Carol Ware Gates, Mrs. Christopher L. Moseley and Mr. and Mrs. David Twing.



Go Green With a CPL Shopping Bag!

Show your support for CPL while going green with a reusable tan shopping bag that has the CPL logo on the side. Great for groceries,

picnics, lunch or more! Sorry, the puppy in training is **not** included! Nice buy at only \$3 each + \$2 shipping—be thinking now for gifts for friends and family! Call Peggy at (610) 869-4902 x 214 or e-mail your order to developmentassistant@k94life.org. Thanks for your support!

SERVICE DOG HOPES TO EARN A “DOG’S DAY OFF” BY RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS

“Ripley” Is Asking for Donations to Help Her Get a DAY TO PLAY

Ripley wants to have a day to play like any other dog. “Ripley” is a working service dog whose life revolves around the assistance she provides to her partner Darlene Sullivan 24/7. On a normal day, Ripley helps Darlene (the CPL Founder and Executive Director) with numerous tasks that disability has made difficult or nearly impossible for Darlene to complete independently. In addition to helping with balance and carrying items like a briefcase or purchases from the store into the house, helping with the laundry, turning light switches on and off, helping with dressing and undressing, and opening doors Ripley has been on a fundraising frenzy. Ripley is participating in Canine Partners For Life’s “Dog’s Day Off” fundraising effort which will help raise funds for CPL. Ripley (along with many of the other service dogs) is sending out personal appeals to all her friends and acquaintances in the community hoping to raise enough money to reach her personal fundraising goal of \$1,000 so she can get the entire day out of harness to enjoy playing with a tennis ball, going to the Brandywine for a swim, getting belly rubs and just having a dog-gone good time with her partner.

Ripley’s pawstive fundraising efforts are motivating other CPL service dogs and their recipients to work hard to be awarded their own day to play. We expect that there will be many of our service dogs across the nation participating in this unique fundraiser this summer. Though service dogs are always on call and ready to work, they do get time everyday to play with their partners but having an entire day to play will be a real treat!



“Pay It Forward” Event— Really Pays Off



Kimberly wanted to do something special for charity—and she did it for Canine Partners For Life! In 2007, shortly after her 4th spine surgery, Kimberly decided to begin a campaign to raise money for various charities. CPL was the beneficiary of the 2nd Annual Kimberly Salmeri Pay It Forward Campaign. This 16-year old, physically challenged high school junior began by creating a flyer and asking folks to send it to friends and family coast to coast. Her plea was simple, “Do you want to make a positive difference in this world? Have you ever had someone do something for you and you never had the opportunity

to return their generosity? This is your chance!” Kim’s efforts raised over \$1,800 for CPL to help us bring the gift of independence to our recipients! Thanks Kim!

She is an official member of the family

She makes us proud even when she makes a mess
Even if she doesn’t get the paper we still love her
She is the sweetest dog ever she is sinjin
She can do a gazillion things
She smells like strawberry frosting
Her personality tastes like a million and 1 different flavors of ice cream
When she’s happy she wags her tail so fast you can feel the wind upon your skin
She has the sixth foresight to alert my family or me before I have a seizure
The sound of her panting lets me know how happy she is after a game of fetch
She is my security blanket like when I was younger and wraps me in warmth and safety
She gives my parents peace of mind
She is our alarm system in the middle of the night
She has the qualities of an angel watching over me
Sinjin is my best friend as only an angel can be

Written by: Spencer, CPL Home Companion recipient

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter to you I’m working on sleep deprivation but it’s a good feeling because yesterday the next eleven Canine Partners came into this world. Somehow the birth of puppies is always a rejuvenating experience for me. I see the future of people whose lives will be changed by these tiny one pound beauties. True, they can’t yet see or hear and all they do is eat and sleep—but I can see what their future holds—what you and I will help them become—and that is so exciting. So tonight they are snuggled up with their mom (Summer is her name)—eating again, growing, learning even at this wee little age, and I’m dreaming of their futures.

At a time when the world seems difficult and scary, it is good to feel that sense of hope. It’s been a long fall and winter for all of us and in the nonprofit world. Economic challenges are especially scary. As people tighten their purse strings and cut back on their spending/donations,

even more people are in need of the services that nonprofits provide. So we continue to try to do more with even less—but we operate on a shoe string as it is so that can be tough. With all of that said, my faith remains strong that CPL will not only survive this challenge but also learn, grow, and come out on the other side an even better organization. You, our donors, are so committed to our mission and the work that we do, that so far we’re getting by with minimal pain. That warms my heart to know that you believe and trust us to do the most that we can to change lives with the resources that you share with us. Together we are changing lives!

This newsletter is full of exciting news. From the exciting NBC coverage, to the Comcast series, to the unexpected generosity of a number of foundations who are also challenged at this time, to the surprises brought in the form of a generous check from a young lady, still in school, who decided, without even telling us, to go out there and raise money to help CPL. Truly,

CPL has such special partners—each of you—who keep us focused and motivated to do our best.

May spring be an exciting and positive time for all of you. Our summer team training students have learned who their new partners will be (they start training on June 20th) and they are anxiously awaiting the independence that you make possible for them. There will be fourteen of them, and they live all across the country. Each of them has a different challenge, different needs and different goals. I can’t wait until they get here so that the partnerships can begin!

Now, more than ever, I thank you for your support—in whatever form you can provide it. Please come and visit soon—we love to share our work!

Sincerely,

Darlene B Sullivan

Executive Director/Founder
Canine Partners For Life

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We mourn the loss of these team members

MURPHY
 retired service dog to Shirley Worden

SANDY
 retired service dog to Brandi Garret

AUTUMN
 CPL breeder dog

MANDY
 home companion dog to Rachel Adil

ELAINE GENTRY
 recipient of service dog Vinny

SALLY MCLAUGHLIN
 recipient of service dog Decker

MARY GNALL
 recipient of service dog Flame

ISAAC KLEIN
 recipient of home companion dog Mabel



Spiffed up and ready to go out. CPL service dogs love an opportunity to party!

on a *Paws-a-tive* note

Being a Puppy Home *Doesn't* Break Your Heart



This is how a puppy home can say goodbye—look at the joy in this team!

People always ask me how I can give a puppy back after raising it for its first year. It's hard the day you say goodbye, but when you get photos from the recipient—it makes it all worthwhile. Here is how I felt when I got a photo of my "puppy" and her loving service dog partner. I could not be happier for Dan or "Marjorie". They are the perfect pair, and I could not have picked anyone better for her. Of course I do miss her, but knowing from the beginning that they are not our dogs forever; that they are just with us for a very short while, makes it easier to say goodbye when the time comes to give them up.

I look at raising every one of these dogs as a wonderful gift that I can give to someone, and knowing that my heart and soul goes into every one, makes it that

much more of a special gift. The recipients should never feel that they have taken something away from me, but have accepted a much cherished gift.

It is a way to immerse myself into something that will be so special, and so selfless. I see each dog I raise as a gift from God to someone who needs a dog to complete them.

To see the joy on Dan and Marjorie's faces, makes every bit of the sadness go away and it fills me with a joy and peace beyond words. She makes me so proud. The memory of Marjorie lives on in my heart but now she fills Dan's heart. It is a beautiful thing.

Dan's mom told me this: "Marjorie reflects all the love she was raised with in her partnership with Dan. She has filled a lonely void in his life that only a companion can. I can't imagine our family without her now. She is a gift from your heart and now has a place in ours."

Congratulations on TEN great years!



CPL Program Director, Megan Esherick, celebrated ten years of employment on May 26th. Megan started at CPL as a trainer, back in the days when the organization was still working out of the Executive Director's home, team training classes were half the size that they are now, and so many of the existing programs hadn't even yet begun. Her expertise, dedication, and hard work have been critical to CPL's success and quality. Under her guidance the breeding program has flourished and we've been able to place service dogs with people who have an even greater variety of disabilities. Megan was promoted to Program Director several years ago. She now plays a

supervisory role with the entire training team and all of the "dog" related staff and she still trains her own string of dogs! Recent projects for Megan have included getting our breeding program information onto specialized software to track pedigrees, health issues, success of particular litters, etc. She has also spearheaded the work done to create a new training manual for our puppy raisers, the benchmark tests given to all puppies at 4, 8, and 12 months of age, and the new evaluation program being developed to ensure that our programs are the best. In addition she is ensuring that all of our policies and procedures are in place as CPL approaches re-accreditation with Assistance Dogs International in 2010.

Thank you Megan for 10 great years—you are a great team player!

HOME COMPANION DOGS: *The Special* (*but often misunderstood*) *Heroes at CPL*

The Home Companion Dog program at Canine Partners For Life is probably the most misunderstood program. It is a program that was developed to help utilize the CPL dogs which did not qualify for the fall service dog program by having them assist people who have disabilities, but who don't need for their dog to have public access rights. A home companion dog is a well trained companion and anyone, of any age, who has a disability which would make it difficult for them to raise and train a dog themselves may apply.

People who have received home companion dogs have a wide variety of disabilities including 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, Dyspraxia, Arthritis, cardiac problems, and more.

Home companion dogs change someone's life in a myriad of ways. Their mere presence is calming and stress-reducing. For some, an energetic, well-trained dog can provide an outlet for excess energy (throwing a tennis ball to a ball addicted Labrador can get exhausting!). For others the calm presence and gentle companionship can help to reduce fears and ease pains. Often home companion dogs are incorporated into a variety of therapies to help motivate their owner to participate, and others often serve as the motivation to get their partner to speak or climb the stairs for the first time. For some, the home companion dog helps their owner to bridge the social divide that exists between them and the rest of the world, and for others it is someone to provide a loving kiss. We often hear that many children sleep through the night for the first time when their dog is with them. Some of our home companions have detected seizures and other medical conditions—literally saving lives. The stories are many and they are moving.

CPL has placed over 80 home companion dogs within a 250-mile radius of our Cochranville, PA facility. The waiting period for a home companion dog is approximately six to twelve months long.

If you know of a disability group that would like a speaker to share our program, please contact Letty Moore at (610) 869-4902, x 221. If you know someone who may benefit from the partnership of a home companion dog, please contact Mary Fertig at (610) 869-4902, x 212. Our home companion dog applications can be found on our website.

There Is a First Time for *Everything* for Our Recipients

I never would have DREAMED it was possible for me to get into a pool before Ruby. There are sooooo many things that I have been able to start doing again because of the caring and dream of Darlene and all of you at CPL! Ruby is truly my guardian angel and I can not imagine what my life would be like without her. I am doing an educational program for a cub scout troop in my area on service dogs and one of their questions was how has Ruby improved my life. I just had to laugh, then I teared up as I tried to express what my life was like before I got her. I certainly don't want to go back to living that way! Thank you CPL!

— Jody and Ruby



Swimming can be a very scary activity for someone with a seizure—but not with Ruby there to alert!

MAKING A

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 of 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 **May 12, 2009.**

DOGS IN KENNEL

DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME
Ardo	CPL Breeding Program	Mrs. Ann Schutt	The Fertig Family
Brit	CPL Breeding Program	Carol Coleman	MCIW
Buck	Verna Mae Stoltzfus	Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Pyle	Pat and Larry Dunbar
Calvin	Kathleen Whelan	Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church	Joseph and Mary Ellen O'Neil Wewer
Celeste	CPL Breeding Program	Half Moon Restaurant & Saloon	The Ortega Family
Denim	Melanie and Dale Young	Susan Habib	The Fertig Family
Dutch	Margaret Brady-Ulmer	ING Direct	The Mayer Family
Gretl	CPL Breeding Program	Mr. and Mrs. John Styer	MCIW
Hagley	CPL Breeding Program	Mrs. David Craven	Kathy and Dana Kagno
Hudson	Bonnie and Brian Bilski	Wendy Krancer Twing	SCI—Albion
Lauren	Mr. Harold Schutt	Mr. and Mrs. J. Karl Hardy	The Fertig Family
Licorice	Sandra and Ronald Barnard	Jack and Mary Ann Freemann	Gwen and Emilie Potter
Linton	Judy McCormick	Harry Jenkins	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Maribell	Gary and Laura Altizer—Mythic Labradors	Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sullivan	The Coughenour Family
Maximillian	Melanie and Dale Young	Mr. and Mrs. Vandenbraak	Buckley-Bachman/ The Fertig Family
McGovern	Diane Jones	McGovern, Inc.	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Miss Cassie	CPL Breeding Program	Cindy Brownback	The Fertig Family
Rivendell	Grace Lossman	Rivendell Foundation	Rob and Anita Edwards
Samson	Jeff Nelson	Martha Miele	SCI—Albion
Shelly	Margaret Brady-Ulmer	Rosemary Campbell	SCI—Muncy
Tigger	CPL Breeding Program	Mr. and Mrs. John D'Luhy	David and Debbie Parker/Julie McLaughlin
Victoria	Tim Knauff	Mr. and Mrs. David Kahle	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Vinny	Sister Pauline Quinn	Sister Pauline Quinn	MCIW

DOGS IN BREEDER HOMES

DOG	DONOR	NAMER	BREEDER HOME
Butter	CPL Breeding	Mrs. Elizabeth Moran	Janie Cramer and Family
Nettie	Mr. Harold Schutt	Irving Gerber & Janet Moree	The Fertig Family
Marlee	CPL Breeding Program	The Lebanon Kennel Club	The Fertig Family
Summer	Mr. Harold Schutt	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prest	The Sullivan Family
Zinnia	CPL Breeding Program	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frederick, Jr.	The Combs Family

DOGS IN HOME COMPANION HOMES

DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME	HOME COMPANION HOME
Apis	Frank and Mary T. Moore	Novo Nordisk	Jennifer Kriesel	Sydney Wilson
Beignet	CPL Breeding Program	Metairie Park Country Day School	John Calabro	Julia McLaughlin
Belvedere	CPL Breeding Program	Mike Martin	SCI—Muncy	The Fertig Family
Chidley	Melanie and Dale Young	Dick Bruno	The Gouge Family	The MacGregor Family
Gwin	CPL Breeding Program	Metairie Park Country Day School—Middle School	Carol and Kenneth Stark	Cindy Frederick
Pookie	CPL Breeding Program	Irving Gerber	The Cramer Family	The Cramer Family
Sara	CPL Breeding Program	Peggy White	Liz Ford	The Fertig Family

DOGS IN DEMONSTRATION TRAINING

DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME	DEMO HOME
Alex	Joan Fyk		The Osborne Family	The Guy Family
Sage	CPL Breeding	Wendy Krancer-Twing	MCIW	Letty Moore

PUPPIES IN PUPPY HOMES

DOG	DONOR	NAMER	PUPPY HOME
Aajak	Julie Brunk	Elaine Berger	SCI—Smithfield
Alepo	Trisa Monaghan	Dr. Deborah Roberts	SCI—Muncy
Amigo	Bonnie Bilski	Pam Morgan	SCI—Albion
Belle	CPL Breeding Program	Elyse Mauger	Adam and Leslie De Francesco
Bentley	CPL Breeding Program	Susan Fontaine	SCI—Muncy
Campbell	CPL Breeding Program	Banfield Charitable Trust	MCIW
Caper	James Ballou/Steve Shifflett	Libby Blittersdorf	MCIW
Chessie	Bonnie Bilski	Crystal Fertig	SCI—Albion
Crazy Larry	CPL Breeding Program	Concord Pet Food and Supply	Dana and Kathy Kagno
Dash	Lawrence Monlezun	Lawrence Monlezun	Gwen & Emilie Potter/ The Fertig Family
Dazey	Sandy Reynolds	Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Cramer	Janie Cramer and Family
Dennis	Sandy Coombs	Sasafras Harbor Marina	MCIW
Dolce	Laura Reidel	Clara Henry	Scott Rhinesmith
Einstein	CPL Breeding Program	Volpe and Koenig, PC	Rob and Anita Edwards
Elvis	CPL Breeding Program	Leon Thompson Family	SCI—Smithfield
Felix	Susan and Denis Briggs	Deborah Laverell	SCI—Muncy
Gulliver	CPL Breeding Program	Whiskazz & Pawzz	Jose and Susan Reyes
Huston	Lawrence Monlezun	Stewart Huston Charitable Trust/Huston Foundation	SCI—Muncy
Inglis	Judy McCormick—Keepsake Labradors	Inglis Foundation	Jason Weingarten
JJ	Bianca and Thomas Lavery	Connie Miller/ Johnson & Johnson	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Lucille	Verna Mae Stoltzfus	Ruth Prest	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Melko	Julie Tune	Team Melko	Linda Bunch
Mickey	CPL Breeding Program	Jayne Murray	SCI—Smithfield
Needle	Gail Kriner	Avon Grove Lions Club	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Neville	Tina Barks	Tess Tessier	The Moore Family
Olive	CPL Breeding Program	Erica Sorrentino-Sutton	The Fertig Family
Phineas	CPL Breeding Program	Genuardi Family Foundation	The Fertig Family
Rambo	Missy Bluedorn, Barking	Mr. Charles Baker Hollow Labradoodles	SCI—Albion
Smitty	Denise Barnes, Barnes Puppy Love Kennels	Harriet Smith	SCI—Cambridge Springs
Snuggles	CPL Breeding Program	Rebecca Megill	MCIW
Solomon	Rich Guiney	Barb Dempsey	Mary Pat Tate
Stella	Caley Hullihen	Mr. and Mrs. Morton Collins	SCI—Smithfield
Susie	Tamara Longe—Dogwood Kennel	Cunningham and Seiple Trust	The Fertig Family
Walton	Lisa Anderson	Wal-Mart #285	SCI—Albion
Zoe	Verna Mae Stoltzfus	Trish Sands	SCI—Cambridge Springs

GOING *green* TO SAVE *green*!

In order to keep our costs down, we have decided to enclose our fundraising appeal in this issue of the Spring Newsletter. By including this appeal in the newsletter we are saving not only postage, but also on mail house costs. Please look for the envelope and give generously.



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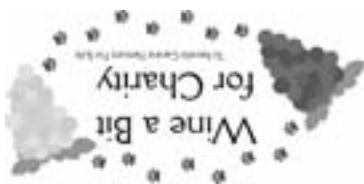
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A college graduation shared because independence became a reality!"

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Enjoy a tasting of fine wines and light hors d'oeuvres and enjoy live music, a silent auction and raffles. Tickets are \$20 a ticket and must be purchased in advance. CPL will receive 10% of the evening's sales.



WINE A BIT FOR CHARITY WINE TASTING

Friday, October 2, 2009
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Deerfield Fine Wines, Newark, DE

The Hagley Museum and Library is sponsoring our 5K Run/Walk/Roll through the beautiful grounds in Wilmington, DE. There will also be a 1 Mile fun walk. No personal dogs or strollers, please. Register now on Active.com.



4TH ANNUAL DOGIE DOO RUN
Saturday, September 26, 2009
7:00 am Registration for Race, 8:00 am Race Starts
Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, DE

Join us for a fun-filled day at the CPL facility for our Open House and experience COW BINGO first hand. Enjoy a BBQ lunch, horse drawn carriage rides, a hayride, service dog demonstrations, vendors, and more! Cow Bingo tickets are on sale NOW—a \$10 ticket could win you \$5,000!



20TH ANNIVERSARY COW BINGO AND OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 12, 2009
12:00 - 4:30 pm
Rain or Shine

Upcoming Events

Designate CPL as Your Charity of Choice

Canine Partners For Life's operating budget is funded entirely by donations. CPL needs your help so that we can continue changing lives.

You can support CPL with your donations by check, or via our website. You may also donate via workplace giving programs. Look for Canine Partners For Life under America's Charities in your workplace giving or CFC campaign, or as a donor choice for the United Way.

- Portable 48" exercise pens
- Volunteer Committee Members for our events
- Regular laser printers
- Any size of Vari-Kennels
- Postage stamps
- 4 x 6 & 8 x 10 glossy photo paper packets
- Volunteer Poodle Groomer
- Jolly Balls and Teaser Ball toys for dogs in the kennel
- Clipper blades for kennel dogs
- Small training treats (Charlie Bears, Pupperonies, Bitz, etc)
- Interactive tug toys for the dogs in training
- Large Black Kong toys for dogs in the kennel
- Vacation donations and collectible wines for our Wine Auction
- "Gallieo" Dogie Bones
- Volunteers for Graphic Design work—posters, flyers
- Programmable Electronic Speaking Device
- Gift certificates to Pet-Edge or other dog supply catalogs
- Gift certificates to Staples and Office Max
- Ergonomic office chairs
- Printer Cartridges (call for specific models)
- Digital DVD camcorder with tripod
- Waterproof/outdoor 6-disc CD player with speakers for kennel
- DVD player for kennel cuddle room
- Portable defibrillator (such as AED)
- Digital SLR camera

Being a non-profit often means going without a lot of items or making do with little things in order to keep the program going. You can help by contributing to our wish list! Please contact CPL with questions or donations at (610) 869-4902, x 216. Thank you in advance!

What We're Wishing For...