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A WORD from CPL's Executive Director

The cold mornings remind us that winter is here! I hope that you are enjoying time with your friends and family. Perhaps some time around the fireplace, enjoying a cup of hot cocoa or tea, bundled in your favorite sweatshirt. Or maybe it's snowing where you live and you've spent time sledding and building snowmen. Oh, the joys of winter!

As a new year begins, I reflect on the previous year and give thanks for the year's blessings, including the important relationships with our CPL donors, volunteers and graduates. I have reflected on the strength and generosity that the CPL family has shown throughout the year and appreciate everyone's efforts to support the CPL mission. I would like to welcome our new volunteers who joined the CPL family in

donors to the CPL family. Each donation and every volunteer hour enables CPL to give the gift of independence and change the lives of individuals in need of a service or companion dog.

When you visit our campus, you will notice a new fenced area behind the training barn. This has been a request from many volunteers,

welcome our puppy homes, graduates and volunteers to use this yard for exercise and playtime with the dogs. Our trainers will be helping our volunteers learn some additional handling skills for taking kennel dogs into the area and our puppy homes and graduates can make reservations. In addition, this fenced yard will serve as a safe space for Cow Bingo each fall.

CPL is very proud of our high standards and accreditation through Assistance Dogs International (ADI) and last year our program was due for reaccreditation. Our assessor visited the CPL campus to evaluate our programs and interview staff and volunteers. There was a great amount of preliminary work and documents which were reviewed prior to the visit. I am very happy to share with you that CPL received our 5-year reaccreditation! CPL's program was complimented on the highest standards, particularly noting the excellence of our Graduate Support Program and our focus on training service and companion dogs with the skills to meet the individual needs of our clients. It is with great pride that we display our ADI accreditation certificate.

CPL also had some exciting events take place this past fall. Fall Festival was a wonderful day, and it was so nice to see many of CPL's friends and family. The support of the CPL community was amazing and it was a beautiful day for an outdoor event! Thank you to all who participated including our volunteers, vendors, and food trucks. In addition, four full service and two home companion teams

graduated this fall and are all doing well as they settle into this next phase of life with their new canine partner by their side. Last, and most recently, CPL's GivingTuesday was a great success, thanks to you, our supporters. To date, the total raised was over \$87,000. Thank you for your generosity!



As you know, CPL is a unique organization. Our mission brings people together, who share a love for helping individuals and their love for dogs. It takes many people to support the work and mission of this organization. You give from your hearts to help others and generously provide resources to support the CPL mission. We have so much to be thankful for and I am thankful for each of you!

Janie Cramer

Executive Director

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WAG WORTHY MOMENTS

"Service dogs need to be kept active and engaged. One of the ways I'm able to do this with Stephen is dog sports. With technology advancing, there are many dog sports that we have done at home. Stephen has been able to receive his Advanced Trick Dog title with Do More With Your Dog and we are one trick away from getting his

Expert Trick Dog title. The Trick Dog titles provide me with a list of tricks to teach for each level. Some of the tricks are similar to service skills, which provides great practice of those skills. Once we train the trick, we film it for an evaluator to approve. Then, Stephen gets fancy letters after his name and some special treats.

SAM & STEPHEN

Virtual Rally Obedience through the American Kennel Club was a great way to keep up on our obedience while being home. We picked one of the courses from their website, then filmed it and submitted it for evaluation. Some of the turns and movements were a little more precise than they are for everyday life, so it took several weeks of practicing. However, last year we were able to complete his Novice Rally title and this year we will work towards his Advanced Rally title!"

- Written by Sam

"This past summer I was sworn in as a Board of Trustees Member at my local library here in Woodford County, KY. This is something I would have never dreamed of applying for before I received Denali and gained independence and certainty in our partnership. When I was diagnosed with POTS my whole world was taken away. I was no longer able to work, drive, live alone, or even be left alone, so something like this position was never even a thought for my future. However, with Denali by my side I am able to attend meetings by myself with confidence and my family is at ease knowing I am safe.



It is amazing to be of service to my community and to feel like a productive adult again. Denali did great at our swearing in ceremony and is always very professional at our meetings. I am very grateful to everyone involved with CPL for giving me the gift of Denali and new possibilities in the future."

- Written by Mally

INTRODUCING CPL'S

NEWEST TEAMS





























"Indicates a successor placement

JOIN THE CPL FAMILY!

CPL volunteers drive our mission forward, every day, and help to provide independence to individuals with disabilities or who are in other situations of need. Our volunteers share a part in developing each CPL dog into future service or home companion dogs and help to create life-changing partnerships. After having to close our campus to volunteers due to COVID for an extended period of time, we were ecstatic to reopen CPL's campus to our volunteers in 2021 and begin accepting new volunteer applications again. As we continue to move our mission forward, we hope to welcome more volunteers into the CPL family and are specifically in need of Community Puppy Raisers and Whelping Volunteers!

Are you interested in raising a service puppy? Apply to be a Community Puppy Raiser!

Between two months to six months of age, our CPL puppies live in community homes with volunteer puppy raisers. Puppy homes are responsible for raising the puppy in accordance with CPL policies and procedures, which include housebreaking, crate training, vet visits, reinforcing good manners, teaching basic obedience commands, and socializing the puppy in public locations every day. Puppy homes are also required to attend at least two puppy training classes per month held at CPL.

Puppy raising is a big responsibility but it is filled with even bigger rewards. Jenny is one of our current puppy raisers, who started this role in 2020. She is now working with her third puppy named Fritzi. Jenny has always loved animals and training dogs, and knew that the time and effort of raising a CPL puppy would be worth it because she would be helping others. Jenny shared, "Raising a service puppy is not easy, but it is incredibly rewarding. The first couple weeks are the most challenging. Especially when it comes to crate training and potty training, there will be plenty of sleepless nights. You have to take the puppy everywhere with you, but as the puppy grows and learns, it's really exciting to see the progress they make. Knowing that the work I have put into the puppy will

one day allow someone to live an independent life is worth the heartache of saying goodbye. Once you send the pup to the next stage of training, you get to have the fun of raising and playing with a new puppy."

We are extremely grateful for our volunteer puppy raisers who devote so much love and time to CPL puppies, and we hope you (or one of your family members or friends) will consider raising a CPL puppy too!

Do you want to assist with our breeding program? Become a Whelping Volunteer!

CPL has our own breeding program, which means that puppies are whelped right here on campus. CPL relies on our whelping volunteers to help care for the mom before and after labor, and the puppies from birth to eight weeks old. Some of these responsibilities



include taking the moms

out for walks, feeding them meals, monitoring their health, weighing and monitoring the puppies, and cleaning the puppy pens. Jackie is a whelping volunteer and says "Our role is the care and safety of Mom and her pups with some cuddles and playtime in between. We are 'proud parents' who send our

charges off to puppy homes and hope to see them later in the kennel. Like all CPL volunteers, we say our goodbyes knowing our pups are moving on to important work assisting others in achieving independence". CPL's whelping volunteers show the mom so much love and provide the puppies with many cuddles, and we are looking for more volunteers for this role!

Please visit our website to see a complete list of volunteer roles and to read more about the responsibilities. You can also email volunteer@k94life.org or call 610-869-4902 x229 with questions. We hope you will consider joining the CPL family as a volunteer!



SUPPORTING CPL

THROUGH VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON EVENTS

Throughout 2021, we continued to adapt our fundraising events to keep our community safe while still sharing the incredible work happening here at CPL. With the support of our staff, donors, graduates and volunteers, we successfully hosted three virtual events and one in-person event! In May, we held our first virtual **Unleashed** & **Uncorked: Labrador Luau**, which featured testimonials from CPL recipients, CPL puppies in training, and some entertaining videos of Luau themed recipes and cocktails. After the event, all participants were invited to show off their Hawaiian attire at our After Luau Social. The festivities concluded with a two-day online PAWction.

CPL also hosted two virtual **Graduation Ceremonies**, with new virtual Graduation Socials afterwards. CPL supporters from all over the world logged into Zoom to help celebrate our Graduates. We had six full service teams and two home companion teams in the Summer and four full service teams, two home companion teams, and two breeder dogs in the Fall.

In September, we were thrilled to open up our campus again for an in-person Fall Festival featuring Cow Bingo (formerly known as Open House). The fun-filled afternoon included CPL mission booths, unique vendors, food trucks, kennel tours, a puppy kissing booth, Cow Bingo, and so much more. We would like to thank everyone who participated in and supported CPL's 2021 events!

A special thank you to all the 2021 event sponsors!

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Summer Graduation

GiggyBites Bakery & Marketplace, Boehringer Ingelheim, Canine Connection SCI-Somerset Puppy Program, and Dr. Ted Trout-Landen.

Fall Festival featuring Cow Bingo

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Fall Graduation

GiggyBites Bakery & Marketplace, Boehringer Ingelheim, and Go Green 'N' Clean Car Wash. Everyone has the capacity to leave a lasting legacy and

no gift is too small to make an impact.

We need generous, forward-thinking friends like you, to ensure future generations of canine heroes have the chance to provide greater independence to their human



companions and open doors for them to new beginnings, new opportunities, and new adventures.

WAYS TO GIVE

- A bequest in your will or living trust
- Create a donor advised fund, a charitable lead trust, charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust
- Name CPL as a beneficiary of retirement plan assets, life insurance, bank accounts or investment accounts

Talk to your financial or legal advisor for guidance on the best planned gift option for you.

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DOGS IN HOME COMPANION TRAINING HOMES

Dog	Namer	Puppy Home
Aldan	Alison Brady	Arlene Bincsik
Bando	Baldwin & Obenauf, Inc.	Sharon Webb
Brawer	Carol Gaston	Jenny Garten/SCI Somerset
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Dawk	Robert Anzidei, Jr.	Karen Kral and John Sherman
Fozzie	Van Knox	SCI Somerset
Fritzi	Bill and Barbara Denk	Jenny Garten
Gidget	CPL Staff	Rick and Amy Graver
Gronk.	Gina Goldblatt	Christine Coughenour/SCI Somerset
Hershey	Don Norton	Donna Sargent
Indee	Becky Bradbeer	Donna Sargent/MCIJ
Jojo	Elizabeth Forti	Sue and Jose Reyes
Marie	Stephanie Rossino	Sue Fleming/SCI Greene
Meadow	Cindi Chamberlain	Brenda and Jessica DeSaro/MCIJ
Micah	Ruth Prest	Marcy Beggs/SCI Laurel Highlands
Newman	Longwood Veterinary Center	Roxanne Kerr/SCI Laurel Highlands
Padamay	Rick and Amy Graver	Jenny Prusisz
Pippa	Wesley and Beth Emmons	Lyndsey and Zack Sorg/MCIJ
Tribute	Cambria Veterinary Care	Lindsay Reinhold/SCI Laurel Highlands
Ziggy	Ann and Barry Kleckner	Glenn and Marianne Moore

Dogs in Training as of January 3, 2022

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Albert - Retired service dog to Penny

Apis - Home companion dog to Jessica

Bojangles - Home companion dog to Ava

Brewster - Retired service dog to David

Carlos - Service dog to Dennie

Duff - Home companion dog to Rebecca

Gulliver - Home companion dog to Naomi

Homer - Residential companion dog to Paul's Run Retirement Community

Maximillian - Retired service dog to Brenda

Queeny - Home companion dog to finney

Shlitake - Retired service dog to Mary Grey

John V. - Recipient to service dog Sheeba

Laura L. - Recipient to home companion dog Stitch

Congratulations to our recent retired teams

May the incredible partnerships and adventures with your dog continue into this next phase of retirement.

Amara & Lenny

Cindy & Sugar

Damian & Terry

Heather & Suka

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Rachel & Betts

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