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Canine Partners of the Rockies
One Person. One Dog.
Partners in Life.

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Canine Partners of the Rockies, Inc. raises, trains, and places highly skilled service dogs with mobility limited Colorado residents to facilitate their greater independence with activities of daily living and educates the public about the role assistance dogs play in the lives of people with disabilities.



Soldier Saves CaPR Puppy

Glade is one of four golden retriever puppies born on Christmas Day 2007, and was generously donated to CaPR by breeders Marcy Le Pique and her husband, Rob Rawls, of Flagstaff, Arizona. Advanced Trainer Susan Zucker made the connection for CaPR and will be Glade's Puppy Starter.

Susan began visiting the "butterballs" (Susan's affectionate name for the puppies) as soon as they were born and started an early learning program with them.

The butterballs had a bit of action on Sunday, January 20 when the family house burned down. A neighbor couple driving by saw smoke and called 911. The fellow, a combat trained military man on home rotation from Iraq, stormed the house and rescued five dogs and four pups, checked that no person was sleeping in any room, and then rescued papers from a file cabinet until the smoke and flames were too much.

The puppies and their mom were with their humans in a residence

type hotel for awhile. Susan had been visiting the canine family regularly and mama dog was very upset about a strange man grabbing the pups, so she spent time at the hotel while Marcy and Rob tried to salvage stuff and deal with insurance adjusters and claims.

Although CaPR trainers stress the importance of early socialization and "exposure to the world", we think this was "a bit" over the top. We are grateful that no canines or humans were injured. What a story!

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Waiting at the Rainbow Bridge

*Brian
Elway
Herschel
Lady
Molly*

NEW Partnerships:

Amy Flynn and Lowry
Josh Jay and Rico
Mary Kirkham and Barr



NEW CaPR GIRL SCOUT PATCH PROGRAM



In 2007 Canine Partners of the Rockies, Inc. in collaboration with Girl Scouts – Mile Hi Council developed a patch program for all ages and Girl Scout program levels. The Canine Partners Patch Program was designed to assist girls in their knowledge and understanding of how assistance dogs provide service and greater independence for their partners. Two different patches, the Puppy Patch and the Service Dog Patch, are earned by participating in age appropriate awareness activities.

Scout cookies. We also participated in an all day event for Brownies to earn the Puppy Patch. The program was planned and conducted by two Girl Scouts, Megan Cook and Tia Anderson, to earn their Silver Award. One of the activities was making dog biscuits. Megan and Tia donated all of the home made dog biscuits to CaPR in addition to giving each of our volunteers a thank you present. In all, approximately 180 youngsters and 40 adults learned about CaPR and the work we do.



The program was launched in August 2007 at the Girl Scout Kick Off. The Kick Off, held by the Mile Hi Council, introduced leaders to the year's new programs. Several CaPR representatives (human and canine) participated in the Kick Off event. When school started in the fall of 2007, CaPR began receiving calls from Girl Scout leaders requesting various types of presentations.

This spring is shaping up to be a busy time too. We have been asked to participate in two larger events where Girl Scouts will earn Bronze Awards by conducting Canine Partner Patch Programs for younger scouts. In addition, we already are booked for several smaller presentations.

In the fall of 2007, we gave several presentations. Girl Scout Troop #2645 in Boulder, choose CaPR for their service project and made 40 door pulls for us. Other troops thanked us with donations and Girl

Part of CaPR's mission is to educate the public about the role assistance dogs play in the lives of people with disabilities. Participating in these Girl Scout Canine Partners Patch Program activities was one way we fulfilled that part of our mission in 2007; plus, it was and is great fun!

ALUMNI NEWS

After 34 years of teaching, **Rich Dixon** (service dog Monte) is now pursuing a career as a writer and speaker. His article "Monte & Me" was published in the January issue of *New Mobility*. His book, *Relentless Grace*, will be published later this year. To learn more about Rich, visit his website: www.relentlessgrace.com.

For the past nine years, **Beth Morrissey** (service dog Bailey) has worked for the Jefferson County School District teaching English as a second language, and for the last four years she has been teaching citizenship classes as well. Beth meets her students at the Lakewood library once a week. As if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, Beth does volunteer work. She visits a nursing home with Bailey every few weeks and tutors a second grader two times a week.

Ar Foster (service dog Gryphon) was elected as a Delegate to the Larimer County Assembly and Convention held March 8, 2008. Ar hopes to be selected as a Delegate to the State and National Conventions as well. With Gryphon assuming the role of "official greeter," Ar has worked nearly every day in support of her party, both at their local office, and in a critical role coordinating vote tabulations at the Larimer County Assembly and Convention.



PUPPY PROGRAM NEWS

CaPR's goal is to place 10 dogs in the year 2010. To reach that goal there must be at least 20 dogs in the program by year's end.

We currently have 14 dogs in the program. Two, Brush and Telluride, are in advanced training and the others are with puppy raisers and in various stages of training. Nugget (donated by Annie Williams) will enter advanced training in the spring. Ranger (donated by Canine Co-Pilots) and Cowboy (bred by Brent & Jennifer Diehl and donated by Annie Williams) will enter advanced training in the fall. Our most recent additions are:

- * **Hawk** (Smooth Coated Collie born 6/10/07) donated by Brenda Hanssen
- * **Creede** (golden retriever born 9/7/07) donated by Jamie Young, DVM
- * **Emma & Eldora** (golden retrievers born 10/20/07) donated by Joy Gyorgyfalvy, DVM
- * **Durango** (Labrador retriever mix born 10/31/07) donated by Annie Williams
- * **Boyd, Bennett & Blair** (golden retrievers born 11/2/07) donated by Joy Gyorgyfalvy, DVM
- * **Glade** (golden retriever born 12/25/07) donated by Marcy Le Pique & Rob Rawls
- * **Jackson** (Labrador retriever born 12/24/07) donated by the Meiworm family

We have some new puppy raisers and puppy sitters too. Welcome puppy raisers Tom Bogdan, Barb Cardell, Carol Fey, Patrick (Pat) Fitzgerald, Judy Heady, Jerry Nelson, Kate Tweedy, Kathy Roman, Joyce Theilen, Salina Whitaker and Michael & Amy Munoz and puppy sitters Jane Ritchie and Josh Rognlie. The Warner family has retired from puppy raising, but graciously agreed to be puppy sitters. Apparently Sue Armijo and Roger Miller haven't had enough puppy time. They are raising their second CaPR puppy.

Sheila Allen, Cowboy's puppy raiser, has given numerous hours of her time assisting at puppy classes and giving advice to new puppy raisers.

Puppy classes usually are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. For up to date information, visit our website. Puppy classes are on the event calendar. Click on the class to get details about where and when the class is being held. Volunteers are always welcome to observe classes, but beware you might end up being a trainer's assistant.



Thank You

2007 Donors

- ★ **Platinum (\$10,000 & Over)**
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In Kind Donations

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| Judi Cogen | Joy Gyorgyfalvy, DVM | Linda Port |
| Megan Cook | Brenda Hanssen | William Schwartz |
| Canine Co-Pilots | Kathleen Hynes | TIAA-CREF Employees |
| Brent and Jennifer Diehl | Pam Knight | Annie Williams |
| Pam Erickson | Loews Hotel - Denver | Jamie Young, DVM |
| | Meiworm Family | |



Thank You

2007 Donors

Bronze (\$1 - \$999)

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CaPR Updates

In the fall of 2007, CaPR moved into its first office and training space! Our new address is 651 Potomac Street, Suite E, in Aurora.

The November fund raising appeal generated over \$15,000.00 CaPR raised approximately \$25,000.00 since November 2007 including monies received from grants. A very big thanks to all who contributed!

Canine Partners was the recipient of the **2007 Denver Commission for People with Disabilities Service Animal Award!!** ALSO, CaPR was recognized for creating a patch program with the Girl Scouts to educate Girl Scouts about people with disabilities and the supportive role of assistance dogs.

CaPR placed three dogs in 2007. The 2007 partnerships are: Amy Flynn with Lowry, Josh Jay with Rico and Mary Kirkham with Barr. Mary was partnered with Barr after her prior service dog, Mesa, was retired. Congratulations to Amy, Josh and Mary and their Canine Partners. A graduation recognizing their accomplishment will be held this Summer.

If you are a federal employee, member of the U.S. military or a U.S. postal worker, please think about donating to CaPR this Fall through the convenience of your Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) workplace giving opportunity. Canine Partners will be listed in CFC campaign brochures for the first time in 2008.

Should you be an employee of the State of Colorado or an employee of the City of Denver, Canine Partners will also be listed this year in these workplace-giving campaigns. We hope you will consider donating to our organization through the convenience and ease of your workplace giving/payroll deduction option.

Mary Kirkham resigned as volunteer coordinator. She is looking for a part-time paid position. We wish Mary all the best and thank her for her years of service! CaPR is looking for a new volunteer coordinator. Interested? Please call the office 303.364.9040.

Kathleen Gueymard very generously stepped up and volunteered her time to be our Executive Director. This is huge for CaPR. Not only do we save money, but she brings with her years of experience as an Executive Director for non-profits. Thank you Kathleen.



Volunteer News

CaPR's Volunteer Appreciation will be held on April 26th at 2 p.m. in our new office and training facility. Our address is 651 Potomac Street, Suite E, Aurora. Invitations will be mailed early in April and email invitations will be sent late March. We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

Upcoming volunteer opportunities that raise money for CaPR:

May 6, 2008

Fish City Grill

6105 South Main St. F103
Southlands
Aurora, CO 80016

On the first Tuesday of every month, Fish City Grill donates 15% of the day's sales to a non-profit organization. Canine Partners is honored to be chosen as the "First Tuesday" beneficiary for the month of May. Enjoy a great meal at Fish City Grill on May 6th and help CaPR at the same time.

July 4, 5, and 6, 2008

Cherry Creek Arts Festival

Cherry Creek North

CaPR will staff a booth again this year. The event organizer has not determined the exact times or type of booth we will staff. When we know, we will let you know, and hopefully you will join us.

September 19-21 and 26-28, 2008

Oktoberfest

LoDo

CaPR will staff a booth again for this event. The event organizer has not determined the date(s) that we will have a booth. When we know, we will let you know, and hopefully you will join us.



TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS...

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- ★ **Bronze (\$1 - \$999)** ★
- ★ **Continued** ★
- ★ Regina Fetterolf ★
- ★ Amy Flynn ★
- ★ Edward Foley, Jr. ★
- ★ Steven & Cecilia Folz ★
- ★ Teresa & Kevin Forseth ★
- ★ James Forsyth ★
- ★ Alice Fritz ★
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