



# October Newsletter

Third quarter (October thru December) of our 2011 fiscal year.  
*Approved 501(c)(3) since September 2009*

**Dogs helping Colorado!**

**Canines for Comfort Therapy Dogs \* Take A Paws and Read**

## Welcome to fall at CSD!

There is quite a bit of activity going on around CSD these days.

We want to say Thank You to the many wonderful volunteers including the 8 new volunteers that help further our mission for those in need throughout Colorado. Not just with service dogs but also with our Canines for Comfort Therapy Dog program, events and general volunteering as well.

We have had a very successful year so far with receiving and raising monetary and non-monetary donations in excess of \$3,000.00.

There is no donation too small to help someone in need.

### CSD Goals for the rest of 2011:

- \* Increase active volunteer base to 50
- \* Acquire more foster/puppy raiser homes in the Denver area
- \* Seek more grants and sponsorships
- \* Raise \$30K for the 2012 budget

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our donors and supporters who have helped us throughout the year.

- \* Colorado Community
- \* Colorado Nursing Home Communities – Therapy visits
- \* Paws and Read magazine – see CSD in the current issue!
- \* Topsy’s Liquor World – Event and Training Space
- \* Chelsea Hutchinson Foundation
- \* Mile High Radio
- \* Village Inn Restaurants
- \* Lou Royston and RE/MAX Edge Realty

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## Current Teams seeking Sponsorship

### Autism

Matthew & Diego

### Balance/Mobility

Steve & Lucy

### Diabetic

Kaylee & Harley

### Psychiatric

Dave & Lassie  
Annie & Sadie

### Seizure/Epilepsy

Deborah & Sampson  
Kelly & Freedom

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## Current Therapy Dog Teams

Todd & Sawyer  
Klein Family  
Cherkofsky Family  
Clarke Family  
Spillner Family

## Current Foster Homes

Cindy & Cooper  
Barbara & Sport  
Kim & Dash  
Smith Family & Little Bit  
Sarah & Flora

## NEED HELP WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING?

Looking for a gift that your loved one will not have to dust or pull out when you come to visit? A gift whose calories will not count? What about A “feel good” gift that keeps on giving?

Donate to Colorado Service Dogs in honor of a friend or loved one and we will send the recipient a card notifying him or her of your gift.

### Workplace matching...it is easy! Increase the value of your donation!

Many employers will match employee's personal donations to Colorado Service Dogs. Employee matching gifts often are dollar-for-dollar, but some companies will give **double or even triple the original donation**. Some companies may also give matching gifts for employees' volunteer efforts.

#### RETIRED?

Employer matching gifts may also be available to retired employees and to the spouse/widow/widower of employees.

### Charitable Estate Planning

If you are moved by what a Colorado Service Dog is able to do for people with disabilities, please remember us in your will.

Tax and income benefits are available to you from charitable gift planning.

If you are interested in helping Colorado Service Dogs in this very special way, you will be helping to assure continued growth and financial security for many generations to come.

### Let This Holiday Season Go to the Dogs!

#### Want to get and give a gift at the same time?

You can shop for CSD at our very own online store, [shopcoservicedogs.com](http://shopcoservicedogs.com) or at any of these other websites..

[CritterGiftShop.com](http://CritterGiftShop.com)  
We receive 25% of the sales of your purchase

[GoodShop.com](http://GoodShop.com) &  
[GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com)

[IGive.com](http://IGive.com)  
We receive up to 26% of your total purchases

[MountainAvenue.com](http://MountainAvenue.com)  
Will donate 5% of retail  
*located right here in CO!*

## Sponsorship Programs

Colorado Services Dogs, Inc. is an approved 501c3 non-profit organization that was established to train and provide rescued dogs to assist people who have disabilities in leading lives that are more independent at work, at home and at school.

Many service dog applicants live on small fixed incomes. A sponsorship helps us provide a service dog to someone who otherwise could not afford the cost of these amazing animals running from \$7,000.00 to \$15,000.00 depending on the disability and training. Sponsoring Colorado Service Dogs Inc. help's cover the cost of housing, training, dog food, medical care and transportation of the dogs. Help us bring greater independence and loving compassion into the lives of these individuals.

### **\* CORPORATE \***

#### **Puppy Pledge**

\$250 Donation: Link on CSD Inc. web site to yours and a Sponsorship Plaque.

#### **Sit and Stay on Display**

\$500 Donation: Link on CSD Inc. web site to yours, Sponsorship Plaque, Service Dog Vest with your company name on it for one of our service dogs to be seen in public.

#### **Therapy Dog for the Soul**

\$1,000 Donation: Link on CSD Inc. web site to yours, Sponsorship Plaque, Service Dog Vest with company name on it for one of our Therapy dogs and the ability to schedule 12 visits at the facility of your choice for your company.

#### **Come When Called**

\$5,000 Donation: All of the above plus, company will be able to name a puppy in appreciation for your donation.

### **\* COMMUNITY \***

#### **Titanium Paws Sponsorship - \$16,000 and Up**

This level of sponsorship helps to support the cost of running the organization

#### **Platinum Paws Sponsorship - \$7,000 - \$15,000**

This level of sponsorship helps to support a service dog team in training

#### **Diamond Paws Sponsorship - \$10,000**

This level of sponsorship helps to support the service dogs that are in training in our program

#### **Golden Paws Sponsorship - \$5,000**

This level of sponsorship helps to support one puppy throughout the 2-year puppy raiser program

#### **Silver Paws Sponsorship - \$3,500**

This level of sponsorship helps to support a service dog in a 1-year foster home

#### **Bronze Paws Sponsorship - \$2,500**

This level of sponsorship helps to support the placement phase.

# Colorado Spotlight

## Ginger & Buddy

*Written by Co-Founders Lija Day & Sharon Davis*

We had an opportunity to meet a wonderful girl named Ginger earlier this year. Her mom Maryanne wrote us in hope of getting a dog to help her become more mobile due to her Cerebral Palsy.

At the end of the summer right before the beginning of 2011-2012 school year the family was approached by the school and it was requested that Ginger and Buddy be put through a series of "Tests" to make sure Ginger could successfully control and handle buddy throughout the day in class. Until his point, Buddy only accompanied Ginger part time to summer school.

With this being a spotlight, it is meant to bring a light on a subject, in this case, Service Dogs in school.



This has been a very hot button topic all over the country not just here in Colorado. However, what I want to bring to light is some things parents should consider and take into account when thinking of having a service dog accompany their child to school. We have found with our organization the following steps have increased the success rate of service dogs going to school.

**First** - Have a family meeting and take into consideration if the dog can be a benefit to your child in school. Take into consideration if your child can care for the dog while in school (picking up after, taking out for breaks, etc.). On average children are in their early teens before they can test successfully and independently on a public access test. There may be some children outside this range, but between 12-14 is when most children will attempt the test on their own. It is not the schools responsibility or obligation to provide care for the dog. If your child has a Para they cannot be asked to care for the dog on behalf of the child. There focus is the child's educational needs. If your child is in a class were their special needs are being met, Ex: Autism, then the dog's benefit in school would be greatly decreased and could become more of a distraction than a benefit.

**Second** - If you see that, the dog could be a benefit to your child in school and the dog can be cared for by the child then find out from your child's school what or if they have a service dog policy. If they do not, approach the school district and see if they do, some schools are their own districts so you may not have to go very far. States like Virginia have an overall statewide Service Dogs in school policy, so you may want to check to see if yours has one as well. We are working with the Colorado Department of Education to help formulate one here in Colorado. All schools are to be Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, but in case they have questions direct those inquiries to the service dog organization for copies of current state and federal laws. In March of 2011, there were updates to the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act laws which also affect the state laws so keep the school informed and aware of any changes to help make sure they stay compliant.

**Third** - set up a meeting with the principal of your child's school and a trainer from the organization to inform them that you are perusing a service dog for your child, generally a wide range of questions like when will the child be getting the dog and when will the dog be coming to school will be asked and or answered at that meeting. There is no set time of the school year that is better than others to start acclimating a service dog to its new potential school environment. Generally, it starts with just the child's class to orientate the kids of an incoming service dog and further down the line there may be an assembly of sorts with the whole school. However, the final decision is made between the school, you the parents and the trainer. Though service dogs receive a lot of training some training must be done based on the individual handlers needs. Not all service dogs receive training in a school environment since not every handler either is or will be going to school. If the dogs training starts towards the end of the school year you may want to see about using the summer school programs as a good starting point for the dogs training. During the summer you may be able to set up periods with the school where you, your child and the trainer can work with the dog in the classroom or school environment. As with any new environment it is always recommended that the introduction be made slowly, if as a whole meaning family, school and trainer, you do not think the dog is ready for a full day of attendance with your child, then let the dog go for a couple hours or have the dog be a part of school activities like your child's field trips, or school functions you the parent are part of like volunteer opportunities.

**Fourth** - Think about the dog's interaction around other children individually or as a group at school. Negative attention brought to your child, Ex: bullying can cause an overprotective behavior to develop in the dog. Behaviors like these though mild and not aggressive in nature can cause the dog to have to go through re-training and evaluation to see if the dog can be placed back in the school environment. In Ginger's case, this was the reason why Buddy was not to accompany Ginger to school any further. Just like with a service dog in a public setting people see "a dog" and not the vest. Your child has to be able to be strong enough to tell the other kids that the dog is working and cannot be touched, bothered or distracted from the job it is being trained or has been trained to do.

As you can see, there are many things to take into consideration when sending a service dog to school with your child. Parents need to remember this is a tool to help their child, not a battle of wills. As a parent many people ask the school for too much. The school is there for many children not just one. They have valid concerns and questions that need to be answered in a respectful way. Remember not to ask for more than reasonable accommodations for your child.

From an organizational and trainer perspective, I believe each case should be considered on its own merit. Here are a few final things to consider. Will your child be able to do these kinds of things with a dog in tow: ride a school bus with there service dog plus a backpack and whatever else they are toting to school on a given day, change classrooms quickly and efficiently, eat lunch (dog + human food can = disaster), participate in PE class, attend after-school programs and field trips and participate in fire drills .

Service dogs can support children in school as well. By increasing the independence as the dog performs tasks that were formerly impossible for the child. Some examples are a child who uses a wheelchair can now retrieve dropped items without having to call an adult for help. This independence can be accompanied by an increase in self-esteem, as the child no longer has to rely solely on other people. Research has shown the general health benefits of having a service dog are improved psychological well-being, facilitated learning, improved communication, encouraging conversation and the formation of friendships should not be rejected.

# WISH LIST

## K-9 Kitchen

Dog Biscuits  
(medium & large size)

Beef Shank Dog Bones  
(7-9 inches long &  
hollow in center)

Purina Dog & Puppy Chow

## K-9 Corner

*\*Toys for adult & puppy dogs\**

Nylabone brand toys  
Kong brand toys  
Galileo/Dino Bones  
Sterilized Bones: at least 4" long  
GoughNuts brand toys  
Heavy duty balls

## K-9 Supplies

*\* Dog Grooming \**

Baby wipes  
Brushes  
Toenail clippers  
Styptic powder  
Toothbrush and toothpaste  
Brand for DOGS ONLY

Stainless Steel Bowls  
Large Dog Kennels/Crates  
Towels

## Other Items

Gently used and unused items  
to be sold or auctioned for donations

Community Services  
(Marketing, Grant Writing and others)

Office Supplies – paper, printer ink,  
notepads, mailing & file labels, pens

*\* Gift Cards \**

Wal Mart, PetsMart, Office Depot

Please call the CSD office if you are able  
to help fulfill a wish – 303-669-5916

## Some of CSD's favorite things about fall...

1. Spending time with family and friends.
2. Making a big pot of homemade soup and fresh bread!
3. Seeing the holiday decorations being put up
4. Spending time with the dogs outdoors
5. Snuggling up by a cozy fire
6. Hot apple cider after a day of raking leaves
7. Watching the leaves on the trees change to brilliant gold and red
8. Cool crisp air in the morning
9. Picking out pumpkins to carve
10. Scent of burning candles on a cool fall day

## Treat recipes to treat your dog!

### Pumpkin-Patch Dog Biscuits

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
4 tablespoons butter-flavored Crisco  
1/2 cup pumpkin, canned  
1 whole egg  
1/2 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine flour, cinnamon and nutmeg and cut in shortening. Beat egg with milk and pumpkin and combine with flour, mixing well. Stir until soft dough forms. Drop by tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Let cool and serve.

### Turkey Lurky Treats

2 cups cooked turkey -- cut up  
4 teaspoons grated cheese  
1 tablespoon parsley -- freshly chopped  
2 egg  
2 cups whole wheat flour  
2 tablespoons brewer's yeast  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Combine turkey, cheese, parsley and mix well. Beat the eggs in a bowl and pour over turkey mixture. Add the flour, yeast, and oil. Stir until thoroughly mixed and all ingredients are coated. Drop into small lumps onto ungreased cookie sheet. Cook in a 350-degree oven for about 20 minutes, until brown and firm. Store in fridge.