

An Email from Alabama

Words cannot express how grateful I am and the joy I feel and comfort when Buddy is with me. He has alerted me 4 times of seizures. I met a Dr. on the plane who said dogs like these have to be special trained for this and he is one smart dog because while on the plane he sat straight up and alerted me that a seizure was coming on. I knew what he was going to do because this was the second time he has done this.



I got my injections and gave myself the meds and he took my med box for me and laid it down, and of course, everyone on the plane was like OMG I have read about dogs like these but never seen one do it in person. He has adjusted well, had his first grooming yesterday, and did so well. He has done very well with my Great Dane and it so funny because he looks at my Great Dane like you are still in preschool and I have a PHD. I had so many that were on the plane with me that were so impressed.

I cannot thank you Lija and Sharon and your team for the intense training he has had because he has shown me he can do anything. He brings me my shoes in the morning to go outside, he has helped me up from sitting on the floor and he has alerted me 4 times of a seizure coming on. Love you all.

May God bless this organization and prosper you in ways you will never imagine,

Tammy Klimek and family

From everyone at Colorado Service Dogs, we want to wish you and yours the happiest and safest of holidays!

Sponsors needed

see page 3 for more details

Current Teams

Matthew & Diego
Tammy & Buddy
Steve & Lucy
Dave & Lassie
Annie & Sadie
Kristen & Bentley
Bill & Sport
Deborah & Sampson
Kelly & Freedom

Current Foster Homes

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

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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, shopco-servicedogs.com or at any of these other websites..

CritterGiftShop.com

We receive 25% of the sales of your purchase

GoodShop.com &
GoodSearch.com

IGive.com

We receive up to 26% of your total purchases

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. The cost of a service dog can be anywhere from \$7,000.00 to \$15,000.00 depending on the disability of the applicant and training required of the service dog. 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.

* Levels *

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

Give him a hand

Written by Co-Founders Lija Day

I, myself just like many other service dog owner/handlers have wonderful stories to tell and memories to share about my service dog J.B. For the most part, our matching was no different from those of our clients. Jay, his brother Diego & sister Ruby were donated to CSD from a wonderful family in Buffalo, WY back in November 2009. What makes my story a slight bit different is that my husband and I were the transporters of the three Golden's from Buffalo, WY back here to Denver, CO. At this time Desirae was pretty much retired, I was still using her on occasion but for the most part, I was in line for a new dog.



We were not more than thirty minutes on our way back to Denver when Jay made the decision in his mind that his handler was to be me. He jumped from the folded down back seats of our Ford Expedition to the wheel well of the front passenger side where I was sitting and planted himself like a concrete block for the next seven and a half hours till we got back home to our house. His brother and sister were quite happy with Jay's decision to move up front, they got more room to themselves in the back. We were probably ten to fifteen minutes away from dropping off Diego and Ruby to Sharon when Jay sat up did a stretch looked at me and threw up all over my lap. By this time, it was apparent that Jay would be staying with me. We had his name chosen and I was thinking of what his collar was to look like. Therefore, if his throwing up on me was a way of him trying to tell me that he was having second thoughts, well too bad. If anything, it sealed the deal!

After only a few days Jay figured out what it was that encompassed my disability ball. He is one of those gifted dogs were no training really had to be done cause he picked it up based on seeing my disabilities first hand. One of the things he noticed I have is arthritis in both my hands. It can be debilitating at times, mostly in the colder months and days, or after I handle or have encounter with cold food, packages and such.

He has a daily routine of his own which he encompasses mine into and vice versa. In the A.M. when I wake Jay's day starts with a trip to the head of the bed to see how I am feeling and a good massage of my hands. His massage is different from what most think of a massage to be. He licks my fingers but when he licks my palms, he vibrates his tongue. It felt a little funky the first time when he did this but I quickly realized why he was doing it. It helps to stimulate the circulation in my fingers and in my wrists to move. He does this as part of our nightly routine as well before I fall asleep; yes sometimes he is doing it to enjoy the flavors left on my fingers from dinner (rib night).

There are days were he does his massages and it is still not enough and I have to go run my hands under warm water, but I do not look at him any differently or love him any less, I tell people I could not get out of bed in the morning or function on a daily basis without him and I truly mean it. He is not just my service dog but my lifelong companion and confidant.

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:

303-622-9382 or 303-669-5916

HOLIDAY SAFEGUARDS

Acquired from American Kennel Club
website article "Winter Care for Canines"

The winter season brings many fun holiday festivities,
but pet-owners should keep in mind the following
special precautions:

- The holidays are not ideal for introducing a pet into your family. New puppies and dogs require extra attention and a stable environment, which the holiday season does not permit. In addition, a puppy is not a toy or gift that can be returned. Instead, the AKC suggests giving a gift representative of the dog to come, such as a toy, a leash, or a bed.
- Holly, mistletoe and poinsettia plants are pet poisons! Make sure they are kept in places your dog cannot reach.
- Review holiday gifts for dogs to make sure they are safe. Items such as plastic toys and small rawhide sticks may be dangerous.
- Remove holiday lights from lower branches of your tree. They may get very hot and burn dogs.
- Watch out for electrical cords. Pets often try to chew them and may get badly shocked or electrocuted. Place wires out of reach.
- Avoid using glass ornaments. They break easily and may cut a dog's feet and mouth.
- Refrain from using edible ornaments. Your dog may knock the tree over in an attempt to eat them. Also, commercial ornaments may contain paint or toxins in the preservatives.
- Whether your tree is live or artificial, both kinds of needles are sharp and indigestible. Do not leave your dog unattended in the room with the tree.
- Tinsel is dangerous for dogs. It may obstruct circulation and, if swallowed, block the intestines.
- Alcohol and chocolate are toxic for dogs, even in small amounts. Keep unhealthy, sweet treats and seasonal goodies out of reach.
- The holiday season is a stressful time for dogs. Try to keep a normal schedule during all the excitement.