

Canine Companions started in 1975

CELEBRATING 50TH THIS YEAR!

Mission

“We provide expertly trained service dogs – with ongoing support - to children, adults and veterans with disabilities at no cost to our recipients”

- Facility dogs who work with professionals in a court, education or healthcare setting
- Hearing Dogs for clients who are deaf or who have impaired hearing.
- Service Dogs for Veterans including PTSD (partnered with VA). PAWS ACT
- Service Dogs for adults (18 yrs)
- Service Dogs with Facilitator for children over 5/under 18

Puppy Raisers pick up their puppies at 8 weeks of age, train them on 30 commands and socialize them = turn them in at 16-18 months of age for professional training (6-9 months). Our service dogs are approx. 2 years of age when placed.

We do not provide emotional support dogs – all our dogs are highly trained on specific tasks to provide independence to our applicants.

- Apply – phone & personal interview & if approved wait 1-2 years to be invited to campus for 2 weeks of team training – live in our dorms – graduation!

Regions – 6 regions around the country

- Oceanside, CA; Irving, TX; New Albany, OH; Orlando, FL; Medford, NY
 - Jean & Charles Schulz Campus in Santa Rosa is our national HQ & NWR training center & where all our puppies are bred, whelped and raised to 8 weeks of age by our volunteer Breeder-Caretakers
 - We have 125 breeders male/female – within 100 miles of campus
 - All puppies are flown to other regions to puppy raisers
 - Via commercial flights
 - & private pilots – currently 23
 - Interested? Put in an inquiry at canine.org/aviationpartners
 - NEW PILOT PROGRAM SITE in Seattle, WA

Some national 2024 highlights:

- Over 8,200 teams placed since 1975
- Over 400 working dogs were placed in 2024 = with 80 new teams in the NWR
 - Currently close to 700 active graduate teams reside in this region

- Over 2,700 nationwide
- Our prof trainers conducted more than 475 virtual and in-person follow up visits in our region last year
- Over 4,000 volunteers serve our mission
- 900 puppies were born here and placed with volunteer puppy raisers in all 6 regions
- Over 20,000 generous donors gave a gift in 2024
 - All financial support is through grants, fundraising and donations
 - Charles & Jean Schulz – donated 12 acres for our SR campus & capital funding

Partnerships – who helps us with our mission?

- Eukanuba
- Baylor Scott & White Health, Texas – Kinkeade Campus opened in 2015 in Texas and is the first service dog training facility in the nation to be connected to a health care system.
- St. Francis Winery
- NextHome real estate franchise
-  CareCredit
a Synchrony solution
-  bread financial.
-  Adequan Canine
polysulfated glycosaminoglycan
- Southwest®
- VCA

RESEARCH

Duke University & Univ of AZ – School of Anthropology

Cognitive studies

Research Team

Canine Companions has a science and research team of four, dedicated to furthering the research of canine health, wellness and cognition. They have PhD's from School of Anthropology at Duke University and Univ of Arizona. Dr. Brenda Kennedy is our VP of Canine Health & Research.

Trainers go thru 3 yr apprenticeship to become a certified ADA instructor

How can YOU get involved?

Raise a puppy

Help support us financially through your corporate contacts or partnerships,

Give Personally Volunteer your time ATTEND A GRADUATION – tour!