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# A WORD

from CPL's Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are finding ways to enjoy some rest and relaxation this summer. I've taken time over the past month to reflect on our spring fundraising event, Unleashed & Uncorked: Growing Possibilities, and our most recent Graduation as we were finally able to hold both of these events, in-person, for the first time since 2019! At our Summer Graduation ceremony, we celebrated 8 new CPL teams! It was so nice to gather together to celebrate these new partnerships as they begin their life together.

At the end of each fiscal year, we evaluate our progress and assess the state of the organization. We are celebrating many accomplishments from the past year, including the completion of a Diversity, Equality and Inclusion survey, sent to our applicants and recipients. As we view the results, **we are learning more about the needs of those we serve and will be making changes to our application process and marketing strategies. I am also happy to share with you that CPL is financially sound thanks to our many generous donors who have continued to support the CPL mission.**

As CPL looks to the future, we are continuing to rebuild after the effects of Covid. Socialization for our dogs has been a challenge over the past few years due to the pandemic so we've had to release more dogs than usual but we have implemented a plan to increase the number of dogs in our program. We have added two CPL breeders, Amber and Taylor, and we continue our partnership with Assistance Dogs International's Breeding

Cooperative. We've also built strong relationships with community rescues and shelters. Our highest priority is to serve more individuals by increasing the number of partnerships we place, while maintaining the high standards of individualized training of each CPL service and companion dog.



As we increase the number of dogs in our program, **CPL has an urgent need for more community puppy homes, breeder homes and whelping volunteers.**

Please let your friends and family know about volunteer opportunities at CPL. We are overjoyed to have our volunteers back on campus regularly and I am so thankful that many of our volunteers have shared their insight with me. I encourage you to continue to let me know how we can accommodate your needs.

I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your investment in CPL and for your faith in the CPL staff, Board of Directors and the CPL mission.

In friendship,

*Janie Cramer*



Janie Cramer  
Executive Director

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\* CPL service dog recipient

## WAG WORTHY MOMENTS

"Sometimes in life there are just perfect moments when you feel extremely lucky, but, as Jefferson said, 'I'm a great believer in luck, I find the harder I work the more I have of it.'" The full-service team of Francesca and Hunts have worked so hard to get to experience their dream night of enjoying **Francesca's favorite musical artist – Elton John!** Through continued skills practice and steady ongoing support from CPL's graduate support team, Fran and Hunts prepared for increasing levels of public integration. Targeting Elton John's Philly concert by buying the tickets a year in advance gave them the ultimate goal.

When the night came, it was a pure Cinderella moment for Fran with her canine partner. A special shout out to Citizen's Bank Park and their staff who made navigation and mobility a breeze. Their seats were awesome, right in sights of Sir Elton with plenty of space for a service dog. Mr. Hunts was the perfect gentleman and laid at the feet of Francesca without a peep, keeping watch and ready to alert and comfort her. The perfect breeze, summer evening turned into a starry night, swaying to music and air drumming. We had an overall feeling of community and kindness as everyone smiled and chatted with Fran due to her faithful service dog. Thank you, CPL, for making this all possible. Your dedication truly changes the lives of recipients and families."

– Written by Diane,  
Francesca's mom



"We recently took our partners on a **cross country road trip.** We traveled from Upstate New York to El Paso, Texas, leaving on June 11 and returning home on July 1. We camped the whole time and CJ and Eyler loved it! They enjoyed hiking through Carlsbad Caverns and were a little disappointed that we didn't get to see the bats come out of the cave. CJ and Eyler really enjoyed the campgrounds, especially the ones that had play areas for them to run around!"

– Written by Gloria



## INTRODUCING CPL'S SUMMER 2022 GRADUATES



\*Indicates a successor placement



# PINE CREEK ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## SUPPORTING CPL ONE DOG AT A TIME

Pine Creek Animal Hospital, located in Gap, PA, is a proud partner of Canine Partners for Life! Our relationship with Pine Creek began in April 2021 after their staff saw one of our breeders, on short notice, for an x-ray to confirm delivery of puppies was complete. We were thoroughly impressed with their staff, care and commitment to the well-being of our dogs. The feeling was mutual as their staff shared, “We had such a positive interaction and found that CPL shared our same goals of best medicine and excellent care.”

Since that first visit, Pine Creek has continued to provide services, at a discounted rate, to numerous CPL dogs. They care for all of CPL’s breeders and litters of puppies and assist with surgical procedures such as spays, neuters and orthopedic evaluations. In addition to all of the services their dedicated staff provides in their vet hospital, one of their veterinarians, Dr. Jennifer Morris, makes a trip out to CPL every 1-2 months, donating her time, to care for the dogs in our kennel. Dr. Morris always bring a vet tech with her and we love getting to interact with all the different members of the Pine Creek team.



Pine Creek’s mission is “to create a veterinary practice that is the authority on veterinary care in our community and is available when they need us. We will do this with happy, long-term, efficient team members that enjoy their jobs, by having highly educated clients and offering best medical advice, and providing excellent service to every client. We’ll continue to offer contemporary technology for the ease of our workflow, communication, and record keeping.” **We are truly grateful for Pine Creek’s commitment to our dogs and our mission. If you would like to learn more about Pine Creek, please visit their website at [pinecreekah.com](http://pinecreekah.com).** To see a full list of CPL’s veterinary sponsors, visit [k94life.org](http://k94life.org).

## CPL PARTNERS WITH A NEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



Our Prison Puppy Raising Program (PPRP) is an integral part of our training program. Inmates from correctional facilities across Pennsylvania and Maryland help raise and train our puppies during their first year of life and recently, we added another facility to our program, **State Correctional Institution (SCI) Benner!** SCI Benner is a men’s correctional facility located in Centre County, PA but they aren’t new to the dog training world. Prior to starting a program with CPL, SCI Benner inmates and staff worked with a rescue to help teach basic obedience to dogs, which in turn helped those dogs become better prepared for adoption. Some of the staff from SCI Benner were already familiar with CPL’s program so when they approached us about working together, we were thrilled!

Due to working with the rescue program in the past, SCI Benner’s facility already met a lot of CPL’s requirements. They had easy outdoor access, a play yard for the dogs, and handlers that already had significant dog knowledge. After initial meetings, further preparation and additional training from CPL staff, SCI

Benner welcomed their first group of CPL puppies on May 2, 2022. They have 10 inmate handlers in the program, several staff members trained and are currently raising Izzy, Maisel and Missie. They do have the capacity to train five puppies at a time and are excited to welcome more CPL puppies in the future. We want to give a big thank you to the administration, staff, and inmates at SCI Benner for opening their facility and hearts to our pups. We look forward to working with them for many years to come!



# SUPPORTING CPL RETURNING TO IN-PERSON EVENTS

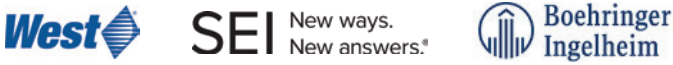
CPL has been thrilled to return to in-person events in 2022! The support of staff, volunteers, donors, and graduates was so very appreciated as we successfully opened the CPL campus to visits and tours, Team Training, and special events! In May, we held **Unleashed & Uncorked: Growing Possibilities** on campus for the first time. Though the weather was warm, there was a lovely summer breeze and we were surrounded by flowers. Guests heard from graduates, enjoyed a PAWction of over 100 items, and were able to tour the campus, experiencing a greater understanding of all that goes into furthering our mission.

CPL hosted **Summer Graduation** in-person and it was wonderful to see everyone celebrating new partnerships as they began hopeful and bright futures together. We had 5 full service teams, 2 home companion teams, and 1 courthouse companion team graduate this summer.

Get ready for **Fall Festival featuring Cow Bingo on September 17, 2022!** We hope to see you there!

*A special thank you to all our 2022 event sponsors!*

### Unleashed & Uncorked: Growing Possibilities



Tory Kitchell; Michael, Linda, and Mimi Dzuba; Jeff and Stephanie Gorris; Tom and Jennifer Madden; Grafton and Deenie Reeves; Rebecca Bradbeer; Arthur Goldman; C. Raymond Davis & Sons, Inc.; John and Jeannette Collins; Brandywine Valley Sports and Recreation; The Lavin Real Estate Group – NextHome Synergy; A Taste of Olive; Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Emmons; DuVall Bus Service; Walter Griffiths; Pickel Landscape Group; Alfred and Tammy Sauer; Christine Gordon, CRPC and Helen O’Hara, CFP, Wealth Management Advisors, Merrill Lynch; Brenda’s Flowers; IT Edge; Leading Forward – Dr. Kim Marruci; Patone Cellars

### Summer Graduation

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### Corporate and Community Partnership Program

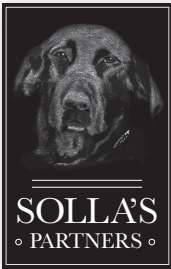
Do you work at or own a business that supports community non-profit organizations? We invite you to become a part of this singular program to help us achieve our mission. Build or expand your business while giving the gift of independence to those with disabilities or in other situations of need. Reach a new audience, boost company morale, and be viewed as a business that helps people and the community. **Please consider partnering with CPL today! Contact Suzanne Geouque at [sgeouque@k94life.org](mailto:sgeouque@k94life.org).**

### Thank you to our Corporate and Community Partners!

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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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The Independence Society

a tradition of giving

Independence Society members belong to a distinctive group of generous and compassionate friends of Canine Partners for Life. Members make an annual leadership financial donation of \$1,000 or more to support CPL's general operations during our fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Many choose to contribute their support via automated monthly giving.

Members receive special invitations to exclusive member events throughout the year and are also invited to provide ongoing feedback and guidance pertaining to the future of CPL.

We are incredibly grateful to our Independence Society members for their belief in our mission!

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(10% of a donor's capital campaign gift is also included).

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Dog	Namer	Puppy Home
Bando	Baldwin & Obenauf, Inc	Sharon Webb/Lafayette College/SCI Somerset
Braver	Carol Gaston	Jenny Jackson/SCI Somerset
Bridget	Donald Pflieger	Cheryl Jackson/SCI Greene/SCI Benner
Chester	Donna Sayah	Lindsay Reinhold/SCI Muncy
Cheyenne	Joe and Tera Mountain	Andrea Sands/SCI Greene
Chief	Patricia Kaczmarczyk	N/A
Chunk	Lisa Keeley	Jean Rosenbaum/SCI Laurel Highlands
Colton	Jim Faust	Dorothy Looby/SCI Somerset
Dodger	Kellie Carpenter	Julie Gerhardt/SCI Laurel Highlands
Fenway	Gary and Leslie Rowe	Dorothy Looby/SCI Muncy
Fozzie	Van Knox	SCI Somerset
Fritzi	Bill and Barbara Denk	Jenny Garten/SCI Greene
Gronk	Gina Goldblatt	Christine Coughenour/SCI Somerset
Hershey	Don Norton	Donna Sargent/Lafayette College/SCI Somerset
Indee	Becky Bradbeer	Donna Sargent/MCIJ
Marie	Stephanie Rossino	Sue Fleming/SCI Greene
Meadow	Cindi Chamberlain	Brenda and Jessica DeSaro/MCIJ
Necco	Leslie Ginn	Kim and Katie Blatz/MCIJ
Padamay	Rick and Amy Graver	Jenny Prusisz/SCI Somerset
Pickle	Alessia Siracusano	Barb Dealy/MCIJ/SCI Muncy
Pippa	Wesley and Beth Emmons	Lyndsey and Zack Sorg/MCIJ
Talon	N/A	Cindi Chamberlain and Buck Bullen/MCIJ
Tribute	Cambria Veterinary Care	Lindsay Reinhold/SCI Laurel Highlands

DOGS IN HOME COMPANION TRAINING HOMES

Dog	Namer	Puppy Home	Home Companion Home
Trevor	Jackie Bradley	Donna Sargent/MCIJ	Angela Patterson/John and Grace Gosnay

PUPPY HOMES

Dog	Namer	Puppy Home
Aldan	Alison Brady	Arlene Bincsik/SCI Greene
Brandee	Undine Fader	Nancy Kelly/MCIJ
Cedric	Barb and Clifford Towson	Mary Beth Mytych/SCI Laurel Highlands
Chaos	SCI Muncy	SCI Somerset
Chewie	Kelly Ripa	Brenda and Jessica DeSaro/SCI Greene
Chum	Janet Cooper	Jenny Prusisz/MCIJ
Churchill	Roderic Showers	Sharon Silverman/SCI Somerset
Copper	George and Leah Gower	Judy Zeloyle/MCIJ
Gelsey	Christopher and Mary Jane Beck	Kaleigh Ferko/SCI Greene
Georgia	Ryan Seacrest	Karen Kral and John Sherman/SCI Greene
Gidget	CPL Staff	Rick and Amy Graver/MCIJ
Harry	Karen Kral and John Sherman	Cheryl Jackson/SCI Somerset
Ilya	Irene Van der Linden	Jean Rosenbaum/SCI Laurel Highlands
Izzy	Bill and Carol Morling	Lindsay Reinhold/SCI Benner
Jojo	Elizabeth Forti	Sue and Jose Reyes/SCI Muncy
Kip	Sarah Marx	Roxanne Kerr/SCI Laurel Highlands
Kokuma	Krystaleve Snow and Devon Miller	Gary and Kim Olsen/SCI Somerset
Kramer	Dan and Sandy Hansen	Kristy Douglas
Maisel	Deborah Holt Weil	Arlene Bincsik/SCI Benner
Missie	Peter and Joann Stack	Deborah Amspacher/Christine Coughenour/SCI Benner
Oscar	Joan Zahnd	Susan Fleming/SCI Laurel Highlands
Rusty	Joanne Brady (Diamond State Line Dance)	Emily Sauer/SCI Somerset
Splash	Susan Fleming	Donna Sargent
Tait	Kate Schroeder	Lindsay Reinhold
Uno	Thomas and Eleanor Few	Arlene Bincsik
Wiss Fiss	WSFS Bank	Kate Butcher
Ziggy	Ann and Barry Kleckner	Glenn and Marianne Moore/SCI Somerset

Dogs in Training as of July 25, 2022

IN OUR THOUGHTS

**Caper** – Home companion dog to Paul  
**Denim** - Home companion dog to Yelena  
**Jobie** – Full service dog to Wayne  
**Mandy** – Home companion dog to Mark  
**Mickey** – Retired service dog to Marianne  
**Sausalito** – Home companion dog to AnnaMarie  
**Wallace** – Full service dog to Jackie  
**Zoe** – Home companion dog to Larry

Tim 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.

Alice – CPL demonstration dog  
Courtney & Zido  
Danielle & Rollo  
Denise & Axle  
Jeff & Scoutie  
Jennifer & Smidget  
Judy & Tia  
Kortney & CorKey  
Lindsay & Amber

For more information about how to become a member of the Independence Society, please contact Kirstin Downie, Director of Development and Communications, at 610-869-4902 ext. 214 or kdownie@k94life.org.



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***A free, fun-filled day that includes:***  
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Food Trucks, Puppy Kissing Booth, Kid's Corner,  
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### **AND DON'T FORGET COW BINGO!**

1st square fertilized wins \$5,000  
\$10 per ticket  
1 ticket = 1 random square  
1 in 3,000 chances  
Cow released at 3:00pm  
(winner need not be present to win)  
Purchase tickets with cash or check using the  
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