

News from Canine Support Teams

MAY 2016

Happy Mother's Day

Everyone at CST extends warm and appreciative best wishes to MOMs - *2-legged and 4-legged* - who show us the meaning of love!

If you are sending flowers to YOUR mom, how about [ordering through our partners](#) at iGive. "From You Flowers" will make a donation to CST that is equal to TEN PERCENT of your purchase. ***Make Mom proud!***

Contest Winners!

THANK YOU to all the folks that participated in our "***Name That Puppy***" drawing. Winners: Barbara Bice, Tom & Becky Hoffman and Lisa Nuegebauer. We WELCOME Cosette (by Lisa), Cleo (by Tom & Becky) and Shamrock (by Barbara) to the CST family of future Service Dogs! They will spend the next 12-14 mos with their Puppy Raisers (pictured right).



Video PREMIER:

In September, 2015, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) conferred the CHALLENGE AWARD to SW Riverside Juvenile Hall and Canine Support Teams' "Apprentice Dog Trainer Program". More recently, the program was featured in video and statewide blog. You [can see the finished video](#) and [read the blog](#) by David Liebler, the Director of Public Affairs & Member Services for the CSAC. The state is now submitting the program for **National recognition!**

Pictured here are the Riverside County Probation Department staff who work within the program. L-> R, Stacy Adams-Metz, Patty Mendoza, Brian Grasberger of CST (with PJ & HUMU), and Renel Gaines.



Memorial Day ~ May 30, 2016 All gave some, some gave ALL.



*Our **MISSION** is to provide specially trained service dogs to support the personal, social, and occupational independence of those with disabilities.*

Over 60% of CST clients are disabled Military Veterans. We currently have EIGHT disabled veterans on our waiting list for Service Dogs in 2016 with another EIGHT receiving training for their OWN dogs (*Outside Certification*) and the list grows every day. All of these services are provided to our veterans at no charge to them. While the experts continue to study the benefits of Service Dogs for disabled veterans, our CLIENTS have no doubt. John M. (with TRAVIS) says, "I am not the same person anymore. My wife, my family, my co-workers all see the improvement since I got TRAVIS." Gloria K. and ANYA are an inseparable team. ANYA allows this double-amputee, US Air Force veteran to enjoy greater social interaction and activity. Dathan, a 20 year USMC veteran, says, "I haven't been able to shop at the mall without someone with me since I got back." He and TEYO now visit the mall with confidence! Your ongoing support ensures our ability to provide service dogs to [OUR CLIENTS](#) and in turn allows someone with a disability a new "leash" on life! Please give to the [PAWZ for Wounded Veterans](#) project to help us serve those who served our country.

Every gift makes a difference!

When to get a successor dog ... grieving and beyond.

The hard reality that every dog-lover eventually faces is the death of our dear fur-iend. Once you've shared your life with a dog, you'll likely find it hard to live without one. So the question presents itself; when is the right time to get another dog?

Here are Canine Support Teams, our service dogs are an integral part of our clients' lives. One client told with us, "Losing my service dog was like losing an arm!" Our most recent Team Training included **three** "SUCCESSOR" dogs - because we know that no dog can *REPLACE* another. This is an experience that many of our long-time clients understand too well. If you have lost your beloved dog, we extend our sincere condolences. When you are ready, let us offer you these guidelines for a successor dog for you & your family.

This is a personal decision and one that should be made very carefully. The entire household should be involved in deciding the best time to commit to a new relationship. For some, there is no better medicine for a hurting heart than the love of another dog, while for others, the best medicine is time. The grieving process is different for everyone; try not to rush into making a decision until you have sorted out your feelings and grieved the loss. When you see a new pair of yearning eyes looking into yours, you will know when you are ready.

During your time of grief, remember to pay attention to any other animals in the home. They also will be affected by the loss of their companion, as well as by your grief and stress. They may react in various ways, including exhibiting personality or behavioral changes. This is usually temporary. Try to keep their routine as normal as possible and lavish them with attention at this time.

If you feel you have grieved and your heart is telling you to open yourself up to another relationship, you are probably ready. One of the greatest legacies you can give your passing dog is to provide your love and compassion to another dog that so desperately needs it. Many people find comfort in going to a local animal shelter to adopt. But, even if you select a dog that is the same breed or appearance as the one you lost, each dog is different. Every dog has so much to offer and will surely enhance and bring joy to your life in its own unique way.

CST Client Ruth with her Successor dog DOLLY and CST Trainer, Deborah



Professional Training by CST Trainers

Whether you are choosing a successor dog or adopting your first, some guidance from a professional can help you make the best decision. Our trainers provide "**Pound Puppy Evaluation**". Dogs in shelters are stressed and it can be hard to determine which dog would be most successful in *your* home. Our trainers know breed requirements & temperaments and understand the subtleties of canine body language. They can assess the dogs and help you make a decision for the dog that will fit best in your household and circumstances with greatest success of a FUR-EVER home.

[Contact Trainer Deborah Norman for more details.](#)





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Canine Support Teams Relies on YOUR Gifts

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Thank you for your continued support of Canine Support Teams. We're so grateful for the opportunity to serve with you in providing our life-changing service dogs to those in need. To learn more about items in this newsletter, contact us at (951) 301-3625 or email us at cstmain@caninesupportteams.org

Sincerely,



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