

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER

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President's Column
What a wonderful time of the year!

It is certainly hard to believe that 2006 is almost half over! It is even harder to believe how active our chapter has been. From social gatherings to "puppy-get-togethers;" from multiple educational demonstrations, fundraisers and informational meetings our group is alive and well.

I enjoy speaking to folks from across the state of Indiana who desire to understand the role that service dogs play in the lives of those with disabilities. I enjoy even more hearing from graduates whose lives have been changed by their companion! CCI makes a difference and you make it possible.

We are entering a very busy time and we need your help. Please stay up-to-date on our upcoming events by visiting www.cci-indy.org. There are numerous ways to get involved with the efforts of Canine Companions for Independence in the Indianapolis area.

Please never hesitate to contact me if you are in need of additional information regarding our chapter activities. Thank you so much for all you do!

Scott Fogo

May Graduation

The May graduation was held at the Dublin Recreational Center in Dublin, OH. Eight teams graduated including six Skilled

Companion teams, one Service team and one Successor Service team.

There are two new teams from Indiana. **Michael Archer and Skilled Companion Dog Kenji** from Greenwood, IN. and **Jacob Gooding and Skilled Companion Dog Mc Covey** from Noblesville, IN. Congratulations to these new teams.

Michael Archer was the spokesperson for the graduating class. His speech was awesome!

It was wonderful seeing many friends in our CCI Family.

Before the presentation of the new CCI teams, the matriculating dogs and their puppy raisers were recognized. The three Indiana puppy raisers recognized were **Pam Chelf, Teresa & Kristin Buchheit** and **Nannette, Nate and Jeffrey Kinney**.

Our chapter welcomes six new CCI puppies

Maggie IV, yellow female Labrador Retriever (Nannette Kinney – puppy raiser)

Hamill, yellow male LGX (Barb Kindred – puppy raiser)

Nestor, yellow male LGX (Pam and Mike Chelf – puppy raiser)

Neville, black male LGX (Deb Saks – puppy raiser)

Destiny II, yellow female LGX

(John Simpkins – puppy raiser)

Dolene, yellow female LGX i Claudia Fagan & Jack Okon – puppy raisers)

Sam's Club Gathering

Due to the great success we had last year at Sam's Club and because we just had too much fun, the Central Indiana chapter will once again set up the display, pass out literature, and visit with folks as they leave Sam's Clubs.

Last year, we raised a record amount through the Sam's Club Matching Grant Program. For every dollar we receive, Sam's matches it dollar-for-dollar (up the \$1,000 per year per store). What a great opportunity!

The dates for this summer are:

Sam's northeast

(96th and I-69) June 10-11

Sam's Greenwood

July 15-16

Sam's northwest

(86th and Michigan Road) Sept. 16-17

This is a fun way to interact with people, educate the public, and get to know other CCI

volunteers and their dogs! Please e-mail Mary Klee at mekhands@yahoo.com to volunteer your time for this great cause.

Annual CCI Picnic

Please plan to attend the annual CCI Central Indiana Chapter picnic Sunday, July 23, at the wheelchair accessible home of Dan and Ginny O'Brien at 6650 Yellowstone Parkway, just 10 minutes north of Greenwood Mall.

CCI service dogs, puppies and release dogs and their handlers and family members are invited to participate in the wet T-shirt contest and other fun and competitive events! The area is fenced and clean-up bags are available!

Paper goods, drinks and grills are also provided by the O'Briens.

Please bring a dish to share, some extra lawn chairs or blankets and dog towels might be a good idea! Our phone is 317-783-4727 or email us at danginnyo@sbcglobal.net.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two graduate teams from the CCI Central Indiana chapter graduated in May.

Katrina Gossett graduated from Notre Dame with a B.A. Degree in Theater. Katrina is going to the University of Chicago Law School in the fall. She graduated May 21, 2006.

Brandon Scott graduated May 27 from Lawrence North High School. Brandon's CCI Service Dog, Elaine, had her own stole she wore over her CCI vest and her name was called with Brandon's. She received an official diploma (Academic Honors) even though she slept through every class Brandon and Elaine will attend

Purdue in the fall.

Grow Old With Dogs

When I am old I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...
and a bandana over my silver hair....
and I will spend my social security checks on sweet wine and My Dogs....
and sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen to my dogs' breathing.

I will sneak out in the middle of a warm Summer night and take my dogs for a run, if my old bones will allow...
and when people come to call, I will smile and nod as I show them my dogs...
and talk of them and about them...
The Ones so Beloved of the Past and the ones so Beloved of Today....

I will still work hard cleaning after them, mopping and feeding them and whispering their names in a soft loving way....

I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel and I will be an embarrassment to all...
and my family...

who have not yet found the peace in being free to have dogs as your Best Friends....

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...
and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to

greet you as if you are a God.
With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will stay.
I'll hug their big strong necks...
I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...
and whisper to their very special company....

I look in the Mirror...
and see I am getting old...
this is the kind of person I am...
and have always been.

Loving dogs is easy,
they are part of me,
accept me for who I am,
my dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...
when I am old this will be

important to me...
you will understand when you are old...
if you have dogs to love too.
~Author Unknown

Dog Truths

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.
-Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.
-Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.
-Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.
-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.
-Josh Billings

What is CCI?

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and by providing ongoing support to ensure the quality partnership.

Who are Chapter Volunteers?

Chapter volunteers support CCI with their time, talent, energy, and dedication. Volunteer chapters exist across the U.S and work together to develop ideas and projects that support their CCI

regional training center. Chapter members include puppy raisers, CCI graduates, breeders/caretakers and all other individuals willing to give their time, talent and energy to this great mission.

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DATES TO REMEMBER: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 10 & 11, 2006

Sam's Club Fundraiser at 7235 E. 96th Street
Contact Mary Klee at mekhands@yahoo.com to volunteer

June 17, 2006

Meet the Graduates, 1:00-4:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian Street. Park on the West side and use the West entrance.
All CCI puppies in training six months and older are welcome to attend.

June 24 & 25, 2006

Annual CCI Graduate/Puppy Raiser Retreat Workshop, Recreation Unlimited, 7700 Piper Road, Ashley, OH 43003. RSVP to Suzanne by June 19th at 1-740-548-4447 or email Suzanne at Suzanne@cci.org

July 15 & 16, 2006

Sam's Club Fundraiser at Sam's Club in Greenwood, IN
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July 23, 2006

Annual CCI Chapter Picnic, 12 noon at the home of Dan and Ginny O'Brien, 6650 Yellowstone Pkwy, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Please bring a dish to share and your own meat for the grill. All CCI graduate dogs, puppies and release dogs are welcome.

August 6, 2005

First annual CCI Chapter Pool Party, at 12 noon at the home of Becky and Peter Qualy, 6552 Lana Court East, New Palestine, IN 46163. All CCI graduate dogs, puppies and release dogs are welcome. Someone who can ensure their safety must accompany all dogs that go swimming. Please bring a dish to share and your own meat for the grill.

August 19, 2006

CCI graduation, 11:00am at Dublin Rec Center, Dublin, OH. All CCI puppies six months and older are welcome to attend.

September 16 & 17, 2006

Sam's Club Fundraiser, Sam's Club at 82nd and Michigan Road
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