

SERVICE DOGS



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November Greetings, Paragon Family!

We've carved pumpkins and dressed up for treats, and now it's time to say goodbye to the last of the golden leaves! This month, we have so many exciting stories, photos, and milestones to share. So, get comfortable, and let's dive into November's adventures together!



Invest in Paragon's Future: Through Colorado Gives Day!

You can help us change lives one pup at a time–through Colorado Gives Day! As we continue to place service dogs, at no cost, we are reliant on our wonderful supporters, like you. The best way to donate is now–through Colorado Gives Day!

How it works: Early Giving has started!

From November 1 through December 10, every donation you make will be boosted with a \$1M+ Incentive Fund, made possible by Colorado Gives Foundation and FirstBank. Each nonprofit will receive a share of the fund based on their percentage of the total raised.

Plus, if you set up a new monthly donation, Colorado Gives Foundation will match your first monthly donation up to \$100 and up to \$250,000 in total across all organizations! This is a fantastic opportunity to double your impact and support our efforts.

How to Get Started:

Visit our donation page at https://bit.ly/SupportParagon

Choose the option for monthly giving **and** your donation will be matched automatically.

Click Here to Donate!

Paragon Service Dogs thrives because of the incredible support of people like you. Together, we're breaking barriers for individuals with disabilities nationwide and inspiring possibilities for their lives by addressing daily challenges faced, from education to personal relationships to quality of life, through partnerships with extraordinary service dogs—free of charge.

Halloween Fun!





Doc Embracing Ocean Life!

Shandy says "Alakazam!"

Dressing up our dogs is one of the simple joys of Halloween! There's just something delightful about including our furry friends in the festivities. This year was our first Halloween in our new home, and the golden leaves and grass made for some wonderful photo moments! We're so excited to see how this space welcomes new opportunities each season!



☐ Milestones in Motion!







Prison Pup Line Up!

Lunch Time!

Recently, our trainers enjoyed an outing with our wonderful Wyoming Pups! Four of our puppies, Echo, Eddie, E. A. Pruitt, and Epic are currently training at the Wyoming Medium Correctional Facility with our dedicated Master Inmate Handlers. During the week, these handlers work closely with the pups on obedience and skills, and each weekend, the puppies go home with our incredible weekend puppy raisers.

We were thrilled to have all of these devoted volunteers join the outing alongside our trainers. It was inspiring to see just how far the dogs have come!

The day was packed with adventure! First, they took on the challenge of the grocery store, where the pups practiced obedience despite all the delicious smells. Then, everyone headed out to lunch, with the pups impressively fit under one table, a huge achievement for young puppies! Later, they went to a hotel to practice navigating elevators. The day wrapped up with a fun play session, as all good training days do, with their Master Inmate Handlers.

Hearing Dog Team Triumph!



Terrific Team!

At Paragon, a key part of our mission is to provide lifelong training and support, both virtually and in person, for every client throughout their entire journey together. We're continually inspired by the progress we see, and we're thrilled to watch each team grow and reach new milestones!

One shining example is the hearing dog team of Ruth and Grayson, who have been thriving since they were matched! They've recently added new sound alerts to Grayson's skills, including messenger/Facebook notifications, and their progress has been a joy to witness. They recently passed their recertification with flying colors. Congratulations to both of them! We sent a new Paragon Service Dog vest, and they took a beautiful new team photo.

Seeing Ruth and Grayson's journey is a true reminder of why we're passionate about what we do!

Grayson has improved my life greatly. I am so thankful to have him. I can't imagine ever being without him now...Having him alert me [to sounds] is amazing. — Ruth

Dog Diaries: Danny's Day





The Perfect Hiding Spot!

Dressed and Ready!

Could I eat this?

Hi Friends,

I'm Danny! In just a few months, I'll be starting advanced training, and I couldn't be more excited! I've been practicing my skills every day to get ready. I used to pull on the leash during walks, but thanks to a Paragon Trainer, I've learned excellent leash manners! Just in time to impress everyone when I get to advanced training.

While I wait for advanced training to begin, I'm spending my days with my puppy raiser. I even go to work with her, which is helping me grow more confident in an office setting.

I can't wait to share my next adventures with you all!

Thanks for Reading!

We're grateful to each of you for being a part of our Paragon mission and for sharing these exciting moments and stories with us! We can't wait to share next month's adventures with you — stay tuned for more milestones, celebrations, and of course pictures!

With gratitude, The Paragon Team □❤



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