

Help more dogs help people like Amanda



Amanda cried when Circle Tail paired her with Quinta, making her dream of 15 years become a reality. There was an immediate connection.

Amanda's parents are always there for support, but Quinta makes her feel much more independent. They are always finding new ways that Quinta can help her.

"The gentleness, patience and love shown by these two was the foundation for their relationship," said Amanda's mom.

Helping Dogs Help People isn't just a tag line at Circle Tail, it's simply what we do. Give today to help dogs who help people regain freedom, independence, and security.

Kroger's Community Rewards

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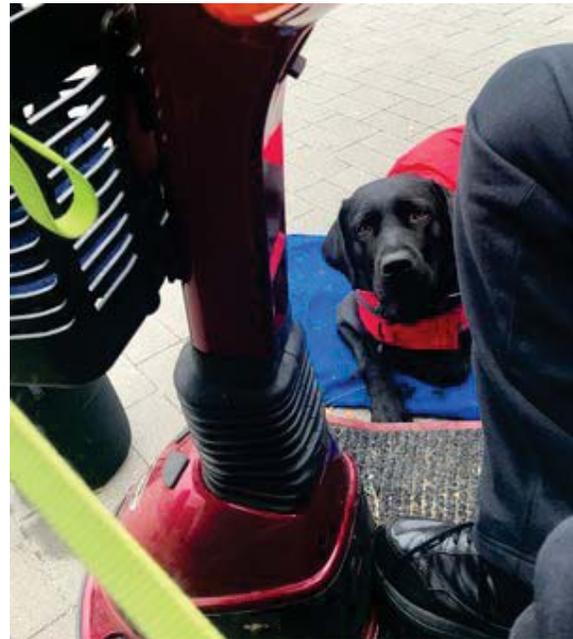
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- Under Community Rewards, search for Circle Tail or enter our charity number of 80690.



Team Spotlight Melvin & Service Dog, Landen



Melvin and service dog Landen were partnered in 2017. Landen is the brother of Quinta and Clem, who are also working service dogs.



Melvin writes, "Landen serves multiple roles. He helps me get dressed, picks up after me, retrieves things I can't reach, helps me with my PTSD, and of course provides great companionship. Landen means the world to me. We have such a strong bond. He knows when I'm having or going to have a bad day and is there to comfort me. He's also a knuckle-head and a chow-hound! He bounces on his hind legs and looks like a merry-go-round horse, he leaps, bounces, and snorts like a horse that ran a fast mile until I put his food in front of him. Then he eats and is ready to get back to work!"

Check out Circle Tail's **CALENDAR** for:

Pet first aid classes, dog training classes, campus tour, community education events, and fundraising events!



Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteer spotlight shines on Nathalie



Nathalie, center, writes, "I joined Circle Tail as a volunteer in June 2017 and as a board member in September 2017. Originally from Belgium, I have been working in Information Technology for 25+ years. Having three kids, my life was all about work and caring for my family. My kids are now grown up and two are in college. I reached a point in my life where giving back to the community and being able to impact people's lives in a different way is very important to me.

I love pets because I think they bring the best out of people, especially dogs. That is what led me to discover Circle Tail and its wonderful mission. I am proud to represent Circle Tail in the community. I enjoy the interaction with the puppies - how can you possibly not fall in love with all of them? My husband Dominique also volunteers at Circle Tail, and our goal is to be able to foster service dogs in training.



We share our home with two dogs: Balou and Mika, four cats: Coco, Channel, Cacharel, and Delicate, and 20,000 bees (we do not name them ☺).

Partnership Spotlight

Courtroom Dog, Dao



Circle Tail is about finding the right job for the dog, and 18-month old Golden Retriever Dao seemed better suited for therapy work than service work. So, in December 2017, he began his career as a courtroom dog for the Portage County Municipal Court's STAR Court. His job is to help ease tension for clients.

His handler Theresa says, "I can honestly say Dao is changing lives in Portage County. His sweet demeanor and love of people make him the perfect fit for us. Our clients and staff light up when he is around and they look forward to seeing him as much as he looks forward to seeing them. In the short amount of time he has been with us, we have had clients in distress and he has instinctively gone over to them and put his head in their lap. It is so heart-warming to see their tears turn to smiles. We have had comments like, "He made my day" and "I just love seeing him".

He is spending a lot of time with the Drug Court clients - they have really connected with him. He LOVES the children, and the children are so excited that there is a dog at the Probation Department they can pet. The Mental Health and Drug Court clients have Dao right beside them in court when addressing the Judge. It comforts them to be able to pet him and reduce their stress. We couldn't be happier!

Our Service Pup in Training was a cover girl for City Beat. She just can't stop looking at herself! Visit citybeat.com and search for Circle Tail to read the article!

