

Your support of Circle Tail helps us help dogs like Keen, who help people like Renee.

Donate toward their care and training at [circletail.org](http://circletail.org).



### Staff Spotlight

Our spotlight shines on Chiaki



Chiaki writes, "I came to the United States in 2003 from Japan to learn how to train service dogs. Since 2005, I have found a home at Circle Tail.

My main job is training the service dogs before they are placed with clients. I get great joy seeing a puppy grow and learn skills and then matching well with a client.

I also enjoy fostering service dogs and taking them on outings. The outings also give me a chance to educate people about the importance of service dogs.

It is always hard for me to place the dogs with clients because I love them and will miss them, but it also makes me very proud. I know these dogs will enhance the client's life. I love to see the clients' smiles and the dogs' wagging tails while they are working."

### MadTree Yappy Hour

Monday, May 20  
6 - 9 PM

MadTree Brewing, 3301 Madison Rd.



Circle Tail is the MadTree Charity of the Month for May! Toss-A-Buck throughout the month of May, and Circle Tail receives the donations.

And join us for a Yappy Hour and Trivia on Monday, May 20 from 6 - 9 PM (trivia starts at 7 PM).



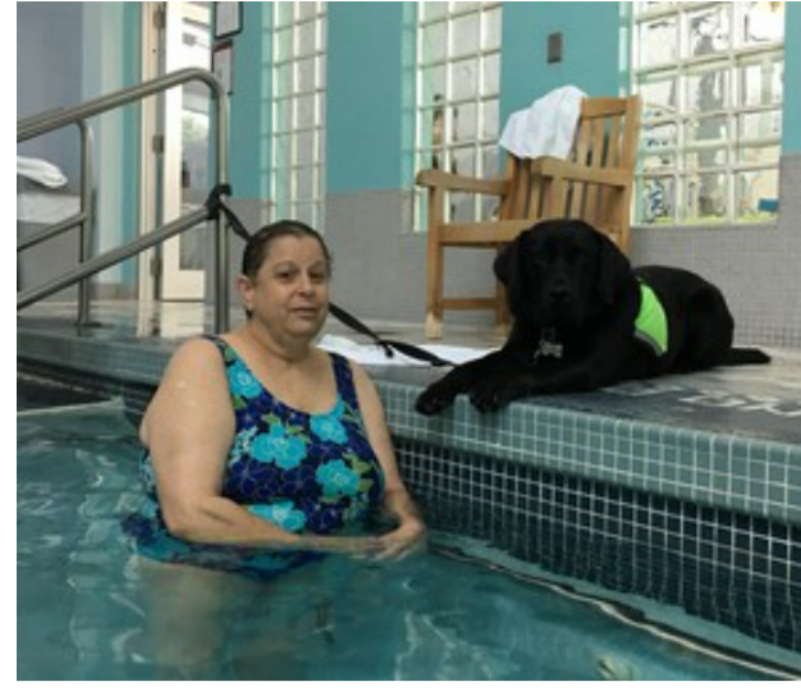
Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Help us help dogs who help people.

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### Team Spotlight

Renee & Keen



Renee was partnered with service dog Keen in 2018. She writes, "If not for my Circle Tail dogs, I would not be the person I am today. I would not be as mobile, confident and capable. They gave me back my life.

In 2002 I had a surgery go horribly wrong. Instead of waking up the next day, I woke up from a coma three months later. I was left with some serious deficits: traumatic brain injury, loss of cognitive function, PTSD, balance issues, decrease in motor skills, and more. I thought my life was over.

In July 2004, Nixa came into my life. Nixa picked up the hundreds of things I dropped in a day, leaned into me when I started to lose my balance, and gave me the confidence to push myself to walk. I began to think with Nixa's help perhaps I could have a life. I was not defective or unworthy. I was one-half of team Nixa. Nixa crossed over the rainbow bridge in 2010. I refused to go back to pre-Nixa days.

Mario came into my life March 2011. I had high expectations for him. Mario exceeded them all. Mario gave me the confidence to travel more; his extroverted behavior helped me be more social.

Mario retired in April 2018. He now lives with our vet, is well loved, and enjoys retirement.

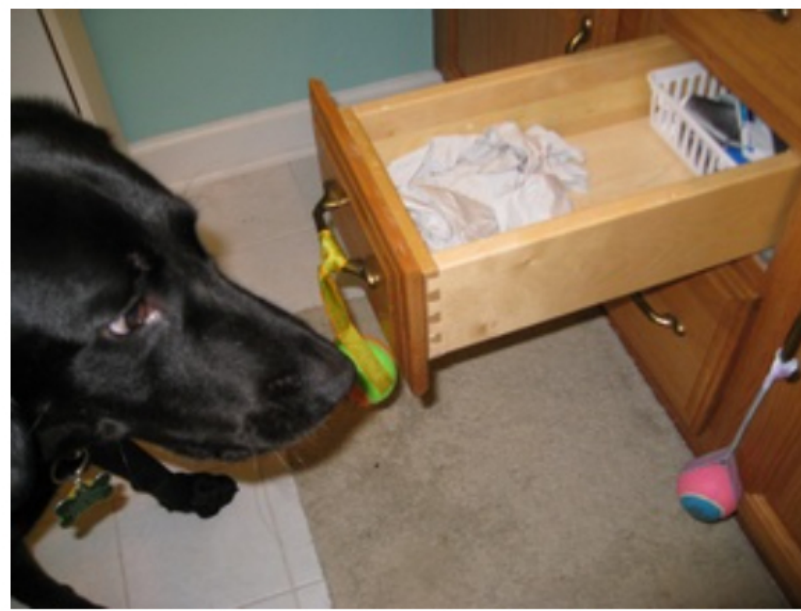
Keen and I have been matched almost a year now. Keen is sweet, calm, charming, and an astounding service dog. He knows what I'm thinking, almost before I do. Keen's eyes draw me in and envelop me in support and love.

Nixa, Mario, and Keen have given me far more than I ever expected. Each has given me safety, confidence, bravery, joy, smiles and laughter."

Read their full story [here](#).



Nixa at the store



Mario opening a drawer

Check out Circle Tail's [CALENDAR](#) for: Pet First Aid classes, dog training classes, campus tours, community education events, and fundraising events!



Circle Tail Ambassador Ozone spreads smiles at Beechmont Toyota