

Team Update: Eileen & Jex

Eileen writes, "Jex not only helps me with my disability, he is building my confidence to be brave and feel safe when home alone or going places without someone accompanying me.

I am so grateful to the magnificent people at Circle Tail for providing me such a loving and dedicated partner to help me enjoy life again.



Jex and I started weekly training sessions together at Circle Tail in February. By mid-March, Covid-19 was so bad halting in-person training classes temporarily. Five weeks later we were able to restart our training and it was as if we had never separated. Jex was focused and looked to me for each command.

Jex was partnered as my Hearing Dog in July and though it's only been a short time; he is already alerting me to the alarm clock, phone, doorbell or knock and name being called. We enjoy our daily routine of walks, playtime and training sessions. He is sweet, calm and playful but becomes serious and professional when wearing his service vest. Jex loves to work! I look forward to many years together as we become a bonded team.

Thank you to Marlys, Jackie, Trainers, Fosters, Volunteers and those behind the scenes for providing those with disabilities a safer and happier life in which to live."



Service Dog in Training, Winx, is bouncing into November 2020! This little gal is one year old and doing well in training when she is not bouncing with joy! Her foster family says she is a happy pup and eager to learn. She enjoys working with her handler and has very good confidence!

Dinner Art & Wine Update

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

With your support, our 10th annual Dinner, Art, & Wine for Canines was able to raise over \$75,000 this year!! This was an incredible feat in a year of enormous change. We are forever grateful for your continued investment in Circle Tail.

Thank you for joining us virtually this year, and we hope we can safely see you in person for our next one.



Staff Spotlight

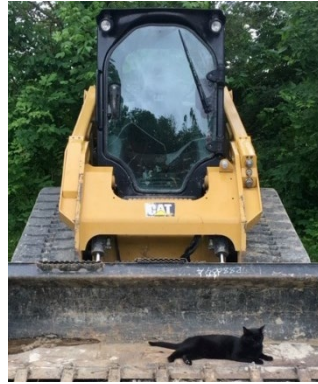
*Service Dog Trainer / Kennel Assistant,
Destiny*

Our staff spotlight shines on Destiny. Destiny writes, "Hi, I'm Destiny, a kennel assistant and trainer. I help handle the dogs by feeding and exercising them by playing fetch or doing brain work. I have learned over this past year that working with dogs isn't as easy as it sounds, but it's really rewarding. I enjoy teaching dogs new commands and learning their different personalities."



Where's Miles Monday

Starting this past summer, Circle Tail started a weekly Facebook post named "Where's Miles Monday"! Miles is a 3-year-old cat who joined the Circle Tail team in the Fall of 2018. He continually shows that he is one of the most essential workers at the facility. He supervised construction of the new building, greets staff, volunteers and workers to the kennel area, and most importantly, helps socialize puppies. He is extremely tolerant with the pups but gives appropriate corrections when they get too rough. BEST CAT EVER!



Looking for Fosters

We are always looking for more weekend and longer term Foster Families. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Foster, check out our website, <https://circletail.org/get-involved/foster-a-dog-pup>.



Check out Circle Tail's website and calendar for:

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

www.circletail.org



Picture Taken Pre-Covid

Volunteer Spotlight: Chris

Due to COVID-19, we stopped all volunteer activities onsite in March. Chris, one of our trusty volunteers, was one of the first to get back to Circle Tail to volunteer.



Chris writes, "I've been aware of Circle Tail for many years and did temporary volunteer work there both with Scouting service projects and P&G community service efforts. As I approached retirement in September 2018, Circle Tail was high on my list for 'encore'

engagement in my local community.

I am so sincerely impressed with Circle Tail's mission, partnering people who need assistance with talented canine support. I've worked with dogs for my entire adult life. My interest in working dogs and a desire to contribute to my community helped me to focus on Circle Tail as a good investment of my time. Once I retired, my dear partner Laurie did point out that I needed to make the next connection myself; it was unlikely that Circle Tail would know what I had in mind... So, I did.

In the 2 years I've now spent as a regular Circle Tail volunteer, I couldn't be happier with the opportunity. More than anything else, I have a true sense of making a meaningful contribution to the development of these dogs and their relationship with their human clients. I also have established new friendships with some amazing folks, deeply committed to this cause. As a volunteer, I have felt embraced and valued as part of this mission. And, I have continued to learn so very much about the intricate dance between humans and their canid companions.

Especially in the challenging environment we all now endure, my days at Circle Tail provide a wonderful respite and a reason for hope. I look forward to my visits each day I come to campus. The play with the puppies is a whole lot of fun. Watching these pups emerge as committed companions to their human partners is a rewarding experience. I leave with a smile on my face every time I visit."