

# PAWS WITH PURPOSE

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## LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

I am honored and humbled to be President of Paws with Purpose. It is a wonderful agency to lead. The organization trains and places assistance dogs for adults and children with mobility issues, combat PTSD, and children with high functioning autism. The dogs live at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) during the week with selected inmate handlers who train these dogs for two years. PWP relies on volunteers in the community for socialization on weekends. It is a win-win situation for all: the KCIW handlers, the PWP volunteers, and the recipients who receive these dogs free of charge. The organization is always looking for volunteers who want to help raise a puppy on the weekends and recipients who could benefit from having an assistance dog.



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## JUNO'S PUPS GO TO KCIW

Juno's litter was recently taken to the Kentucky Correctional Institution. The litter of 11 5-month-old pups were paired with inmate handlers at KCIW to begin their training journey. We look forward to seeing their training take off with five new wonderful trainers at the facility.

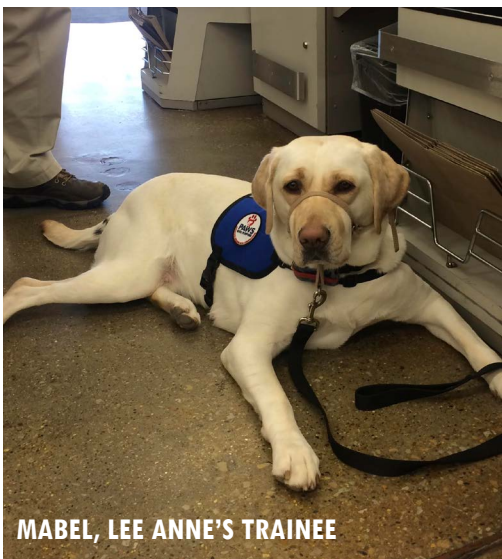


# THE **DANGERS** OF RAWHIDE

When looking at ways to reward your dog, be sure to take into consideration their diet and gastrointestinal build. Most dogs have trouble digesting rawhide treats. These treats can also get stuck in their throat and they could potentially be contaminated. Some preferable substitutes are small slices of meat such as cooked chicken, beef or liver.

For more information regarding the dangers of rawhide, [click here](#).

>> Important resources for ensuring your dogs' safety with treats are common review sites like Petmd.com, consumer reports and trusted non-profits.



MABEL, LEE ANNE'S TRAINEE

## FEATURED TRAINING TIP

Training is all about your relationship with your dog. Keep it fun, positive, and short. Train off leash if you have a safe enclosed area. Then you can see if your dog willingly comes back for more interactions with you and is enjoying the training. Use games to train - ask for a "sit" or "down" before you toss the ball. Mix it up to keep your dog engaged. But more importantly of all - have fun with your dog!

**LEE ANNE EMBRY | PWP TRAINER**

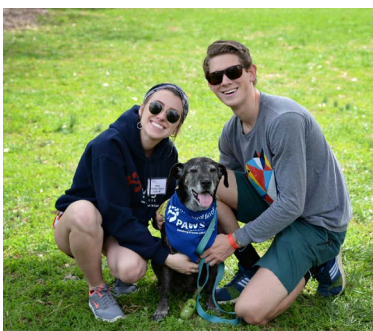




# SECOND WALK A SUCCESS

On April 22nd, we hosted our second Paws with Purpose walk. We raised a whopping \$11,000! All of our latest trainees were out in full-force. We are always happy to have the trainees interact in various environments around

people. Parks are a great place where activities could easily distract the dogs, but the more we reinforce their training in parks, stores, and other communal locations, the better they will be able to help those in need once training is done.





## FEATURED TRAINER

# Carolyn Cappiello: What it's all about

I have been an animal lover all of my life and spent years working with and showing horses. During the week, I worked as a hospice nurse but my weekends were filled with animals ..and still are. I had many pets — from horses to hamsters — growing up and especially loved my dogs. I was always fascinated with seeing working dogs in action. I thought that training service dogs would be the most rewarding job ever.

One day I met a weekend volunteer puppy trainer with PWP. She and her puppy were out in public training and while talking to her I learned about how Paws with Purpose was always interested in finding additional volunteers to raise the puppies and help train them! Wow.

As volunteer work it is demanding but very rewarding also. Puppies require a lot of attention and care and I have had to learn, starting with the basics, how to train them, which was a big learning curve for me. We have regular classes with the puppies and receive direction from knowledgeable teachers.

PWP touches people's lives on many levels. The most obvious is when we are finally able to give our puppies to the recipients who need them. These highly trained dogs bring so much joy to people's lives.

We also spend a great deal of time working closely with the inmate trainers at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women. I see how their hard work and love of the dogs gives meaning to their lives. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to give back to the community.

Another reward for me is that I get to spend time with these beautiful, intelligent



**PHOTO BY BOB HELVEY**

**CAROLYN CAPIELLO AND HER TRAINEE, OAKLEY.**

creatures. I get lots of cuddles and licks and slimy tennis balls as gifts from them.

Oakley was my first PWP puppy. He is a great dog filled with personality and enthusiasm. He loves to train and learn new things. We spent a year and a half working together about 3 days a week and formed a true friendship. The hardest part of being a puppy trainer is saying goodbye to them when they are placed. I can't emphasize how much we love these dogs. But seeing him working with his new person and watching the independence, care, and joy he brings to her is what it is all about.

I have really enjoyed PWP and all the wonderful people who give so much of their heart to make this happen. I am so looking forward to having the opportunity to learn more about training and can't wait to hug another beautiful wet-nosed puppy.

# PUPDATE: JONATHAN & IAN

**UPDATE PROVIDED BY JONATHAN'S MOM, JANELLE.**

Before Ian was even officially placed with us, he started staying with us pretty much full-time in February 2017. The bond he and Jonathan developed is incredible. It became Jonathan's job to stay with Ian and hold on to the handle on Ian's vest when we are in public. Ian is trained to stop at doorways and before going into a parking lot or street. So, Jonathan just started stopping, too! We had tried so many different behavioral interventions to try to decrease the instances of eloping (running away), but nothing worked. Jonathan eloped an average of 20-30 times per month. He has had zero (ZERO!) instances of elopement since February 25, 2017. All it took was Ian!

Ian is still a rock star! Jonathan recently had Pediatric Surgery for several procedures as well as an MRI. Ian was with him through everything except actually going into the OR. He stayed right by his side, got on the bed to help keep him calm, and gave him kisses to



help him wake up in recovery. They both were amazing, and Jonathan got through everything without getting agitated. Ian makes such a difference every day but especially on the stressful days. We're home now, and Jonathan's sleeping comfortably. Ian is watching over him.

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## KANSAS AND PUPS FIND NEW HOME AT KCIW



Kansas celebrated Derby Day by delivering nine healthy Labrador retrievers. After four weeks of in-home care and support, Kansas and her litter of nine went to KCIW to be part of the Puppy Prison Program. In the photo on the right are Vanessa Kennedy, Deputy Warden of Security, and Kevin Hayes, Deputy Warden of Programs.

# SIMPLE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

It takes approximately \$20,000 to train a full service dog.

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