



Donate for a Chance to Win!



As we approach the end of our fiscal year on June 30, every gift makes a difference in helping us continue providing highly trained service dogs to Veterans with disabilities. To help us reach our goal, we're excited to announce a special June fundraising

giveaway!

Anyone who makes a donation of \$50 or more during the month of June will automatically be entered to win a Canines for Service swag bag filled with CFS merchandise and goodies. Your support directly impacts the lives of the Veterans we serve — and gives you a chance to show off your CFS pride, too. Thank you for helping us finish the year strong and continue changing lives, one service dog at a time.

Donate

May Partnerships

ARMY VETERAN MICHELLE & SERVICE DOG LEGION



MEET MICHELLE

Michelle honorably served in the U.S. Army for 20 years with a specialty in Intelligence. She joined the military with a long-term goal in mind - utilizing the GI bill to get her degree. Having an affinity for nature, she now plans to study Wildlife Resources with Legion by her side.

Michelle formed a quick bond with Legion and is excited to utilize his taskwork in the classroom and beyond. She is also looking forward to Legion joining her on an upcoming trip to Scotland.

We're incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work that both Michelle and Legion have invested in building this meaningful new partnership.

MEET LEGION

Legion is a highly trained two-year-old Labrador Retriever, specifically trained to assist Michelle by performing tasks that help mitigate the effects of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Legion's tasks include picking up dropped items, providing deep pressure therapy, and offering coverage for increased situational awareness. Passing the leash to Michelle is a moment of great pride for Canines for Service, and we are excited to see all the future has to offer for this duo.



A special thank you American Legion 10 for naming and sponsoring Legion and to all of the volunteers and staff who fostered, walked, and trained him. CFS could not do this life-changing work without all of your support.

Thank you

AIRFORCE & ARMY VETERAN JENN & SERVICE DOG SANTOS



MEET JENN

Jenn honorably served in the U.S. Airforce and Army for 7 years with a specialty in Personnel. She enlisted in the military due to her family's history of service.

With Santos by her side, Jenn is hopeful about getting better sleep and gaining greater confidence in public settings. She also looks forward to eventually returning to activities she has avoided since her service, including outdoor concerts and sporting events.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment, perseverance, and hard work that both Jenn and Santos have shown in forming this remarkable new partnership.

MEET SANTOS

Santos is a highly trained two-year-old Labrador Retriever, specifically trained to assist Jenn by performing tasks that help mitigate the effects of PTSD.

Santos's tasks include interrupting nightmares, offering coverage for increased situational awareness, and retrieving items. Passing the leash to Jenn is a proud and meaningful moment for Canines for Service, and we can't wait to watch this incredible duo continue to grow and thrive together.

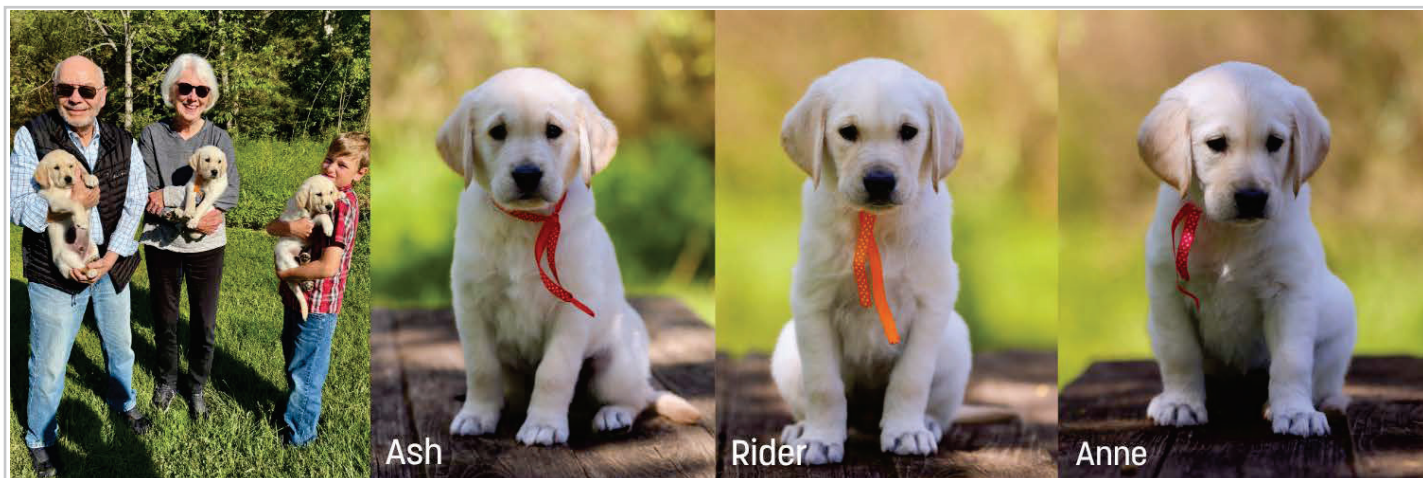
FleaBody's

Antique Mall

A special thank you Flea Body's Auction House for naming and sponsoring Santos and to all of the volunteers and staff who fostered, walked, and trained him. CFS could not do this life-changing work without all of your support.

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New Members of the CFS Family



Doug and Suzanne Thatcher recently helped welcome three future service dogs to the Canines for Service family by providing transportation for the newest puppies in training — Anne, Rider, and Ash. Their support ensured these pups arrived safely and ready to begin their journeys toward changing the lives of Veterans in need.

We are also excited to recognize the generous naming sponsors behind each puppy. Anne was named by Paula Davis, Rider was named by Sons of the American Legion Post 129, and Ash was named by Optimum Fire & Security. We are incredibly grateful for the community members and organizations who make our mission possible through their support of these future service dogs.

[Ways to Volunteer](#)

Canines for Therapy Certification Course



Our Canines for Therapy program is giving community members and their beloved pets the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Through this certification program, therapy dog teams visit places such as hospitals, schools, libraries, and long-term care facilities to provide comfort, companionship, and emotional support.

Our next 6-week certification course begins June 20th at our Wilmington facility. Eligible dogs must be at least one year old, have lived with their handler for at least six months, be current on vaccinations, and pass a Canine Good Citizen test prior to the course.

This program is a wonderful way for dog lovers to support the mission of Canines for Service while helping spread the healing benefits of pet therapy throughout our community. Learn more at [Canines for Therapy Program](#) or contact Emily Lamm at elamm@caninesforservice.org for registration information.

Upcoming Events

JUNE 1 | START OF SUMMER MENU KICK BACK AT PORT CITY JAVA UNTIL AUGUST 31



STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON ON OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

JUNE 5 | FOSTER CLASS @ CFS FACILITY 5PM-6PM

JUNE 10 | COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING @ CFS FACILITY 4PM-5PM

JUNE 13 | LILLY PULITZER MAYFAIRE % DAY • MENTION CFS 10AM-7PM

Lilly Pulitzer

JUNE 26 | VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION • GREEN BEAN COFFEE @ CFS 7:30AM-10AM



You Matter



Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

If you or someone you know needs support, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is available

anytime for talk, text, or chat, offering someone to listen when things feel overwhelming.

For Veterans, active service members, and their loved ones, you can reach the Veterans Crisis Line 24/7/365 by dialing **988 and pressing 1**, texting 838255, or [chatting online at the link here](#).



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