

**ALL PAWS ON DECK: FEATURING THE
PADOC PRISON PUPS!**



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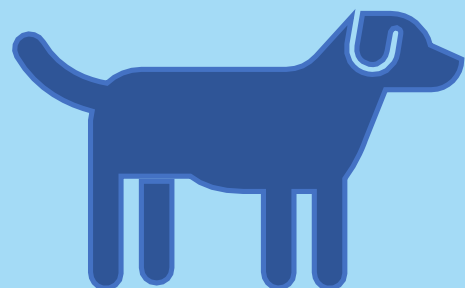
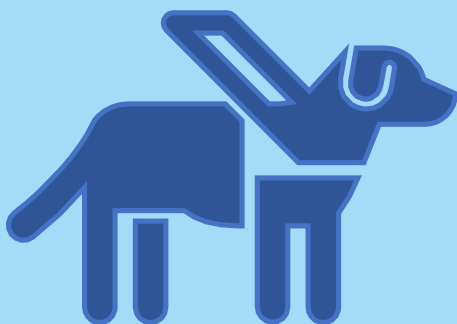


Introduction



The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections operates 23 state correctional institutions and one motivational boot camp—19 of which host specialized dog programs. These programs pair inmates with dogs, offering inmates structured training in animal care and obedience. Each participating institution partners with an animal shelter or canine service provider that supplies dogs for the programs.

Incarcerated handlers are taught how to care for and train the dogs, helping prepare them for meaningful futures, whether as service animals or beloved pets in adoptive homes. Most programs focus on training service dogs or socializing dogs to ensure they are ready for adoption into their forever homes.





SCI Benner Township



SCI Benner Township is partnered with Canine Partners for Life (CPL). CPL is a nonprofit organization dedicated to training and matching service and companion dogs with individuals who have physical, developmental, and cognitive disabilities.

CPL's mission is to enhance the independence and quality of life for these individuals by providing trained dogs that assist in various different activities.



SCI Benner Township started their dog program with CPL in 2022. Since then, it's been home to 30 dogs. Currently, SCI Benner Township has five dogs in their program. Their names are Penelope, LC, Enzo, Honey, and Maui.



SCI Benner Township Testimonials



“First I’ll start a little about myself so you get a better understanding of what this program has done for me. So first off, I’m an inmate at SCI Benner, I’m here for a drug conviction and I’ve been here for three years. I suffer from depression and PTSD from the loss of my brother in 2009 and most recently my youngest son in 2023... *This program has given me a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction knowing that I’m doing something that is going to help someone else in a way that I could not in the past...*It feels wonderful knowing that I’m doing something that is giving back to the community... *Being in this program has helped me in so many ways grow to be a better person and has helped me to look forward to tomorrow...* This program is important to me.... And this program is very important to all the people that could truly use the dogs...*CPL is awesome, these people have not only dedicated their lives to these wonderful animals they’ve also dedicated them to the people that receive these animals...*” – Program Participant



“...Since my incarceration started in 2016, I have found myself to be fortunate in the opportunities presented...I might have a shot at getting in the program. It took some time before it happened but in 2019, *I was in!!!* Fast forward three months... Pandemic! Another two years and we hear about Canine Partners for Life and training service dogs. Excitement ensues... Now let's face it prison sucks, no matter how “good” your days can get in here we're still stuck with our thoughts every waking hour and even during sleep... but *here comes a chance not only to have some companionship*, and the affection of an animal, but the kicker, to be able to use my time constructively to put energy and knowledge into preparing this dog to go out there and assist someone... *And having a chance to impact someone's life in such a positive way, I couldn't think of anything else I'd want to do with my time here...* So, what does this program mean to me? *Everything*, this has given me so much, *a new found purpose* while in here, a sense of giving back to the community. Spending my time helping someone else, no matter how indirect it feels good when I see a dog I trained and spend countless hours with go on to help someone live a better life... *Thank you CPL for choosing our prison and sticking with us...*”

-Program Participant



**Enzo attended the 2025
Special Olympics Law
Enforcement Torch run
opening ceremony in State
College, PA. Enzo was loved
by the special Olympians and
law enforcement personnel in
attendance. Enzo did a great
job! CPL has been invited
back to participate in the
event next year.**





SCI Dallas



SCI Dallas is partnered with America's VetDogs (Hounds for Heroes). America's VetDogs is dedicated to providing service dogs, free of charge to veterans. Since 2006, more than 350 assistance dogs have been trained and placed with disabled veterans.

America's VetDogs mission is to help those who have served our country honorably live with dignity and independence.



SCI Dallas is currently training their 55th dog since the program started. Each dog is assigned an inmate primary handler and a secondary handler for training. The dogs stay with the program at Dallas for approximately 14 to 18 months depending on their training. Then they go to Long Island, NY. At the America's VetDogs company headquarters the dogs complete their last step in their training then are paired with a disabled vet!



SCI Dallas currently has six dogs, three of which are puppies that arrived earlier in the summer! Welcome to SCI Dallas Kory, Duke, and





America's VetDogs: "...we honor those who served with courage and dedication, *like Mollie Stone, a retired police officer* whose life was transformed by her service dog Nahoa... from nightmare interruption to a constant source of comfort, Nahoa has been Mollie's rock."



"Nahoa isn't just my companion; she's my lifeline."

“From serving on the front lines to conquering athletic arenas, resilience and determination is nothing new to Max. After sustaining serious injuries, Max found himself facing new challenges once returning home. But with the support of America’s VetDogs he found a lifeline in his faithful companion, Luce.

With Luce’s assistance, Max has entered a new chapter, tackling obstacles with unwavering courage, from managing PTSD to navigating crowded spaces, Luce stands as Max’s partner, ensuring he never walks alone.

Together, they’re rewriting the narrative of strength and perseverance, proving that with the right support, anything is possible.”





SCI Rockview



SCI Rockview is partnered with Villalobos Animal Rescue. Villalobos works to give Pitbulls (and other types of dogs) another chance in life. They work patiently to re-acclimate fearful dogs to the care of people in hopes of the dogs being adopted.

“My mission is to rescue. My hope is that one day I won’t have to.”

Meet Fred! Fred is a large, loveable St. Bernard whose first 5 years of life consisted of abuse and neglect. Fred entered the prison program and quickly developed a strong bond with his handler. He was a staff and inmate favorite! Fred’s handler had his sentence commuted, with Fred being best with his handler, Fred too had his sentence commuted. Governor Wolf gave Fred his own commutation certificate! Fred and his handler navigated the outside world together wonderfully. Sadly, Fred passed away from bone cancer, but in honor of Fred, his handler adopted another St. Bernard mix.





Meet Tiggs! A beautiful Lab who was rehomed multiple times then ended up getting hit by a car and left to suffer before a rescue was able to help him. Tiggs underwent surgery to repair a broken leg then entered the prison program. Tiggs handlers had to focus more on physical rehabilitation rather than routine dog training that is done. Given Tiggs history he developed severe separation anxiety, his handlers did their best trying to help Tiggs develop his confidence and work through this issue. Tiggs was adopted but unfortunately returned to the rescue. A Rockview staff member and his family stepped up and initially fostered Tiggs, but the family fell in love with him and adopted him! Tiggs has since been living his best life.

Meet Tony! Tony is a handsome hound mix who was in the first Rockview prison dog program. Tony's training was focused on one of a service dogs. His handlers trained him well and Tony went onto second stage service dog training, eventually becoming a certified service dog! He has been with a young lady who credits Tony for her quality of life now. If not for him, she would not be able to do simple things that a lot of us take for granted.



Meet Wilson! a super smart Poodle mix! His placement in the dog program was geared more towards service dog training. His handlers did an amazing job, and Wilson went onto second stage service dog training, eventually becoming a certified service dog. He was placed with a young girl whose disease kept her in a wheelchair. Wilson also attended school with her, even earning his own picture in the yearbook!

Meet Bruce! A stunning pit mix! The Rockview dog program has played a major role in Bruce's life multiple times. Bruce was part of the first dog program at Rockview. The rescue had hopes of using Bruce as a service dog, he completed his training at Rockview successfully. Unfortunately, Bruce did didn't complete stage 2 training. Rockview was asked to take Bruce back in and he was quickly adopted through the rescue but rehomed again and again... eventually volunteers with the program found Bruce an amazing home! Sadly, his owner passed and he now lives with a retired Rockview CO's family and is living an amazing life.



Current dogs up for adoption from Villalobos Animal Rescue as of July 2025! All dogs are vet checked, spayed/neutered, crate trained, house broken, and trained in basic obedience.



Adoptable Dutton💙
Kid & Dog Friendly



Adoptable Pecan💙
Kid & Dog Friendly



Adoptable Bushwacker💙
Kid & Dog Friendly



Adoptable Droup💙
Kid & Dog Friendly



Adoptable Spears💖
Kid & Dog Friendly



SCI Somerset



This year Somerset's dog program celebrated 10 years of partnership with Canine Partners for Life! This partnership has resulted in 17 full-service dogs, five companion dogs. Three demonstration dogs, one court house dog and over 80 puppies being weaned! These number do not include the dogs that have had career changes to other agencies or those best suited for a pet lifestyle.



Currently seven dogs ages six months to two years old are being trained at SCI Somerset by 18 inmate handlers. In addition to these seven adult dogs, the handlers have weaned three litters already in 2025 with the potential of more to come! Two of these litters overlapped resulting in 12 puppies being cared for simultaneously. During the weaning process the puppies are temperament tested and begin age-appropriate training.



Billy



Chazz



Mack



Laura



Rain

**SCI
Somerset's
current dog
trainees!**



Persey



Savannah





SCI Frackville



SCI Frackville is partnered with DAWGS Prison Program! DAWGS stands for: Dogs Achieving Wellness and Good Structure. The mission of DAWGS Prison program is to rescue dogs from high-kill shelters, offering them a lifetime, and to simultaneously provide incarcerated individuals with an opportunity for growth, purpose, and redemption.



Pictured are prison pups who have recently been adopted through the DAWGS Prison Program!

Dog Handler Testimony from SCI Frackville

“The DAWGS (Dogs Achieving Wellness and Good Structure) Prison Program at SCI Frackville is one of the most enriching, rewarding, and therapeutic programs that the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections offers to women and men who are currently incarcerated. This program also gives dogs that come from overcrowded kill shelters a second chance to find their forever home where they will be loved, appreciated, and cared for.

The DAWGS program has a very *beneficial impact on the overall mental health of inmates and is extremely therapeutic*. It brings the handlers, and the men and women who get to see, pet, and interact with the dogs a sense of worth, and purpose. Caring for these dogs teaches *patience, compassion, and a positive work ethic*. The program also *brings joy and hope* in a place where sometimes individuals can feel helpless... It can be difficult to find a way to positively connect with others in this environment, but dogs are a shared love, and creates many more opportunities to have open, and constructive dialogue, with others that might help them begin to transform their own lives.

The volunteer trainers who run the program do an exceptional job, and their love for dogs is evident to everyone. The community members, and the staff who adopt the dogs are truly grateful for such a program.

Overall, the DAWGS Program is a win for everyone included. *The feedback, and experience, are very positive, and the program also allows members of the community to see that despite these women and men incarcerated that they can truly transform their lives in a meaningful and positive way.*”

-Program Participant



SCI Laurel Highlands



SCI Laurel Highland is partnered with Canine Partner's for Life! Recently, Laurel Highlands had two pups graduate from their program and were placed with recipients this past month!

Irwin



Meet Irwin! Irwin will be assisting his recipient with providing steadfast companionship, emotional support, and symptom regulation!

Meet Booth! He will be assisting with retrievals around the home and his gentle, loving companionship. Booth is an easy-going, incredibly sweet dog and will improve the life of his recipient!

Booth





SCI Mercer



SCI Mercer is partnered with New Hope Assistance Dogs. Their program started in 2022 and have had eight dogs since the start of their program. Dogs that enter the facility have various ages and all stay for different amounts of time.



Noko and Fia are the newest pups to arrive, their arrival was in May 2025. Their training is going very well! They are learning basic commands and socialization. The progress they have made so far has all team members optimistic on their potential!

Star and Kanga have been at Mercer since June 2024. Both are anticipated to graduate their training phase at Mercer in August 2025! Based on their training progress and overall calm demeanor; they are intended to be assigned to an emotional support service role in the community.



SCI Houtzdale



SCI Houtzdale and United Disabilities Services (UDS) celebrated 10 years of partnership in 2025. To date Houtzdale has assisted with training 100 potential service dogs for UDS with too many success stories to count! Currently, there are 10 service dogs in training at Houtzdale with 23 inmate handlers assigned to work with them.

In 2024, UDS started a breeder program and Houtzdale was able to assist with training puppies of previous dogs that were trained in the RUFF program. UDS Ambassador Dog Lacey has had two litters of pups. Houtzdale received four puppies from her first litter and referred to them as “The Jackson Four”. This is because their father Jackson was also trained at Houtzdale and is now a service dog for a 10-year-old boy. Houtzdale currently has Lacey’s second litter of pups and are service dogs in training!





SCI Muncy



SCI Muncy is partnered with Canine Partners for Life and just celebrated their 30th year for their program last year! They currently have six dogs in the program; five yellow labs and one golden doodle.

Success story Alert!

Meet Doug! Doug is a two-year-old pup that is employed at the Lycoming County District Attorney's office. He is a trained electronic storage detection canine for their digital forensic unit. Doug is able to detect electronic devices by sniffing out a chemical called triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO) which is a chemical commonly used in electronics. Doug is dual certified as a therapy dog allowing him to comfort victims of crimes and be present with them during interviews, specifically children victims.





SCI Greene



SCI Greene is partnered with CPL Paws for a Purpose! In March they celebrated the 11th year anniversary with their dog program. Currently Green has six pups in their program: Misty, Trixie, Pete, Chelsea, Cousin, and Jayme!



Currently, SCI Green has fifteen inmate handlers and, to date, have trained forty-seven pups! SCI Greene's program is blessed with numerous staff and community volunteers who spend countless hours socializing the pups during their first year of training. Greene is very grateful for all of their support!

Meet Chelsea! She is an 11-month-old standard poodle. She is really smart and full of energy! Her favorite games are fetching and tug but her best skill is finding hidden balls. She is sweet, fun-loving and knows her skills. She continues to work on socializing in new situations.



Meet Misty! Misty's handler refers to her as a "little sour patch kid!"

First, she is sour, then she is sweet. She gets into things, chews on dirt and rocks, then she is sweet and affectionate and makes him laugh. She's extremely smart and well on her to becoming a full-service dog. She opens and closes doors, drawers, and turns on lights.

She even brings her handler his slippers. Misty turned one on June 27th. The pups all celebrated with pup treats and the volunteers enjoyed some delicious cake and ice cream!



Misty



Pete

Meet Pete! He is an eight-month-old gentle soul! His handler reports, he has been attached to his hip since the day he arrived at SCI Greene.

He is super chill and although he doesn't move quickly, he is a fast learner and very well-behaved. He

likes to get up early and if his handler does not, he will stare at as if to say "get up, I'm ready to work!" Pete recently aced his eight-month evaluation and is on point with his skills. Way to go Pete!

Meet Cousin! She is a five-month-old “Goldador”. She is a mix of Golden Retriever and Labrador. She brandishes some “golden” brindle in her back foot that appears as though she stepped in mud. Cousin is extremely intelligent and enjoys learning new skills. She loves to give kisses and cuddle! She also enjoys splashing and playing in the pool to keep cool in the warm weather.



Cousin



Trixie

Meet Jayne! She is a 14-week-old pup that arrived at SCI Green at the end of May. They consider her their “grand dog”, since she is from the litter of a pup, Chewie, that was previously trained at Greene! Jayne is super silly and incredibly ticklish. She is on schedule with her training and loves to nap. She also loves playing with the other pups chasing them around while hanging onto her sister’s tail.

Meet Trixie! She came to SCI Green in October and celebrated her second birthday on June 25th. The handlers report she is quite the loving dog and will do just about anything for a treat. She wakes the handlers up at six AM with a bark as if to say “good morning!” She also retrieves their sneakers. She makes the handlers smile when she lies down and crosses her front paws as it makes her look very lady-like. Trixie is doing remarkably well and continues to show improvement daily. She will be returning to CPL in the coming months and Greene is excited for her to find her forever home!



Jayne



SCI Waymart



SCI Waymart is partnered with New Hope Assistance Dogs. New Hope Assistance's goal is to provide a fully trained assistance dog to a person with a disability. With having high standards in training and placement, they hope to mitigate the disability and provide the recipient with a greater independence in life. Waymart has multiple dog programs. They have pups that live in the institution as therapy dogs and pups that come for service dog training.

Waymart also has a therapy dog program that is a little different! Waymart has four dogs that are institutional dogs. They do rounds throughout the institutions daily to provide therapeutic services to both staff and inmates.

Waymart receives new pups about one time per year. A dog trainer visits the institution each week to work alongside program participants in training the pups. After training at the institution, the pups are returned to New Hope and become Service dogs!

Nixie



**Institutional
Dogs!**

Zane



Maya



Louie



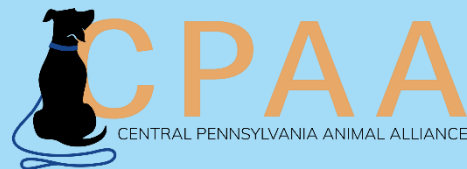
Tigger, Sassy, and Eeyore (top, left to right) spent time at SCI Waymart and recently went back to New Hope Assistance Dogs to further their training to become service dogs! Shortly after, Rose, Kati, and April (bottom, left to right) arrived at the institution to start their training!



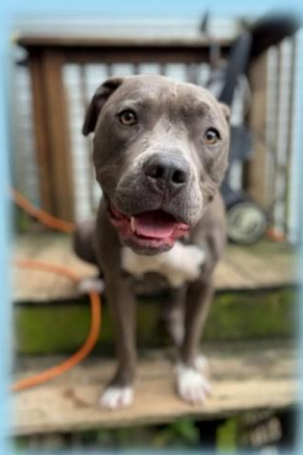
**Superintendent
Wahl with Zane
and Rose!**



SCI Camp Hill



SCI Camp Hill is partnered with Central PA Animal Alliance (CPAA) HOPE (Hounds of Prison Education) program. CPAA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to save the lives of dogs and cats in central PA through rescuing, spaying and neutering, fostering, adoptions, training, and public outreach. Camp Hill currently has 6 prison pups in their HOPE program!



Meet Booker! Booker is an adorable blue-grey bully mix and is such a sweet boy! Booker is laid back in general, and would do best in a home with a female dog or no other pets. Booker loves to go on meet and greets, he even has been a spotlight on Pet on the Set with Fox43 Furry Friends Network! Booker will be your best adventure friend and then cuddle up with you for movie night.

Meet Shadow! He is a playful, smart, energetic dog... at six years young! Shadow is always eager to make you happy and is quickly building on to his basic obedience knowledge! He is friendly with everyone he has met so far and shows interest in other dogs, especially if they're calm!



Meet Charlie! He is Camp Hill's newest HOPE dog. He has a sweet soul that deserves a big yard and active family. He plays well with all the dogs on the block. He is excited to meet his furever family!



Meet Ruby! Ruby loves being with people and will be your shadow. She is very affectionate and loves laying on or near you. She is a great blend of active but also enjoys sitting on the couch for a few hours just to hang out with you! Ruby is the perfect blend of sweet, smart, and spirited. Ruby is ready to find the loving home she's been waiting for!

Meet Sherman! He is a three-year-old staffy mix with the best ears and the softest coat! He ended up at his rescue when he was abandoned tied to the fence and found by the morning shift volunteers! Despite his rough start with rescue, Sherman is happy to be at Camp Hill! He loves to chill and just vibe!



Meet Ellie Mae! She has had several meet and greets but hasn't found the right family yet. She also went to a Harrisburg Senator's Baseball game on 6/18/2025! Ellie Mae is an approximately one year old terrier mix, around 28lbs. She's got boss girl energy and loves everyone she meets! She's great with other dogs, although she can come on a little strong at first.



SCI Coal Township



SCI Coal Township's dog program, Fostering & Improving Dogs Obedience & Survival (FIDOS) is partnered with Mommy and Me Rescue. Coal Township's program started in 2014 and since then they have had approximately 850 dogs come through their program. All their dogs go through a minimum of six weeks of training.

Baby's Story

Baby, a Pitbull mix was running in Sheppton, PA for three months until she was finally able to be secured by police and taken to Mommy & Me Rescue. It was believed that Baby was approximately eight years old. She was taken to the vet to be evaluated. The vet recommended euthanizing her because she was in such poor health and 20+ pounds underweight.

After some discussion we decided to bring her into FIDOS, since this would be the best chance at reversing the damage that had been done to her poor body. We started the process of feeding her six very small meals a day until we could get her on a normal eating schedule. The vet was shocked when he saw her two months after her arrival to FIDOS and stated that FIDOS saved Baby's life, there's no way she would have thrived like this without her handler and the program!

We had Baby in FIDOS for five months and she THRIVED!!

No matter how frail she was and how many people failed her time and time again her tail never stopped wagging and she consistently sought out love and affection from everyone!

Fast forward to March 14, 2025 Baby was finally adopted into an amazing loving home and now has a fur-brother named Rebel. Here is an update from her new forever family:

She's a smart little bugger... I think she is loving her freedom! She has not spent one minute in her crate. She sleeps on a dog bed and blanket on our bedroom floor because the bed is too high! She is loving exploring the farm, and she's a fast runner!



Baby and her brother Rebel!



SCI Fayette



SCI Fayette has established a meaningful partnership with Animal Friends in Pittsburgh to provide shelter dogs with a second chance at life. The D.A.W.G program (Developing Animals with Goals) focuses on dogs that face challenges adjusting to shelter environments or require foundational obedience training. During their minimum six-week stay at the institution, the dogs receive consistent, hands-on training from inmate handlers who teach them basic manners/skills and some engaging tricks. Following this period, the dogs are listed for adoption on the Animal Friend website, with clear identification of their participation in the program.

Since it's inception, the program has demonstrated remarkable success. In 2024 alone, 18 dogs were enrolled with 17 finding loving homes. This year, 15 dogs have been enrolled with six still actively training. While the majority of dogs are Pitbull mixes, the program has welcomed a variety of breeds.



If you are interested in seeing our current adoptable dogs, please visit the Animal Friends website: thinkingoutsidethecage.org

A significant milestone occurred in July 2024 when the program transitioned to a general population housing unit. This shift broadened access to the dogs, allowing more inmates to witness and engage with the training process. Notably, this change facilitated the inclusion of the first “lifer” handler who has been incarcerated since 1996. He expressed both the responsibility and reward of his role, emphasizing the positive emotional impact the dogs have on the inmate community.

The program also incorporates monthly classroom sessions led by shelter staff, offering handlers theoretical insights that complement their practical training. These educational efforts deepened the handlers understanding of canine behavior and enhance training effectiveness.



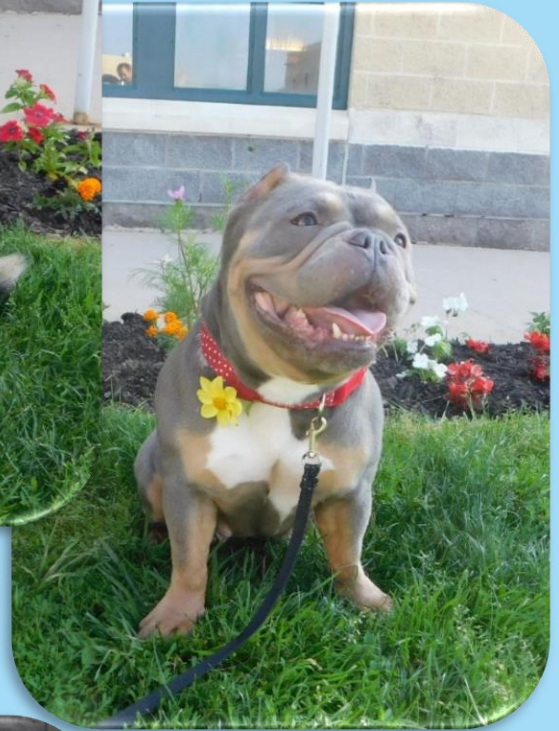


SCI Mahanoy



SCI Mahanoy is partnered with DAWGS Prison Program. DAWGS is a non-profit organization that rescues dogs from high-kill shelters and pairs them with incarcerated individuals for training in basic obedience. The program provides both the dogs and inmates with valuable life skills and opportunities for growth.

Since Mahanoy's program started in 2016, they have saved over 500 dogs. Currently, the program has eight prison pups and eight inmate handlers.





SCI Pine Grove



SCI Pine Grove has been partnered with New Hope Assistance Dogs since 2018. Since the start of the program Pine Grove has trained a total of 54 prison pups! The pups enter the facility when they are eight to 10 weeks old and stay for 11-18 months for training. After training at the facility, the pups go back to the agency to complete their secondary training.





SCI Chester



new leash on life

Since January 2024, SCI Chester has partnered with New Leash on Life (NLOL) to rescue, train, and find new homes for dogs at risk of euthanasia! NLOL's mission is unique, in addition to saving dogs, they also provide reentry preparation and services to the participants in the program. Chester's goal is to rescue dogs from euthanasia—sometimes saving dogs minutes before it happens.

Chester has had 14 successful adoptions, and the handlers look forward to stories of their success! One handler said in their Emotional Wellness class, “I was once the kind you’d lock in a cage and forget about. That’s why I love these dogs so much. I am really thankful to be in this program because these dogs get a fresh start and so do I.”



A handler that's been incarcerated for six years shared "the reason prison is so hard is because there is no love in here. With a dog, you always have love. You go to class and come back to love. You go to the medication line for just a few minutes, and the dogs act like you've been gone for hours. You can't buy that kind of love."





SCI Chester



In addition to dogs, Chester also has 21 cats! Chester is partnered with the Community Cat Club in Bellmawr, NJ. The program, “Feline Foster Fathers”, consists of 21 inmates who foster cats while they are incarcerated and adopt the cat upon release!





SCI Forest



SCI Forest's Canine Service Provider Program- Pups are Worth Saving (PAWS Program) is responsible for training over 100 dogs since 2016, many for specific assignments. Forest also had multiple dogs be part of the program that have come to with their own problems. The handlers work with these pups over time to assist them in learning how to become awesome family pets! The pups are taught attention, leash walking, basic manners, and obedience.

Forest currently has four dogs in their program. Each dog is receiving specific training for what their end goals will be, from working dogs to service dogs. Once through the program, they will be assessed and placed into loving homes. This program offers the opportunity for the individual handlers to build their skills, do something in which they are able to give back to others, a truly meaningful job. It also teaches the handlers to have patience and the ability to develop their own self-discipline and requires them to learn to problem solve. Unlike others jobs within the facility, handlers are on the job 24/7 when they are assigned to a dog. Each handler offers their own unique contribution to the program.

Notable placements:

- ***Zeke***- a Malinois, was placed with the District Attorney in Columbiana County to work with victimized children.
- ***Nala***- a mixed breed, now works at the center for abuse in Allegheny County
- ***Diana***- an Austrian Shepherd and Ice, a mixed breed, were trained for emotional support.
- ***Mojo***- a Bernese Mountain dog, became a mascot for the charity Michael's Mission
- ***Simba***- a Golden Retriever, now works with an individual with Multiple Sclerosis
- ***Stark***- a mix breed, now provides emotional support for a disabled veteran with PTSD
- ***Mei***- a boxer mix, assists a veteran with PTSD
- ***Leah***- mixed breed, became a service dog for a veteran with PTSD
- ***Lawrence***- mixed breed, also adopted as an emotional support dog
- ***Loki***- Belgian Malinois, became a service dog for a fire fighter



“Harley wasn’t just a dog- he was full-blown personality. We adopted him at 10 years old, thinking we might only have a few good years together. Instead, we got seven wonderful years. From the start, Harley proved that age is just number. He was a goofball through and through and had the dramatic flair of someone who always had to have the last word- especially when he didn’t get his way. He was a world class complainer: loud, opinionated, and absolutely hilarious. Whether it was dinnertime (five minutes late), having to go outside in the rain, or someone sitting in his spot on the couch, Harley always made sure we knew how he felt. But beneath all that sass was a heart made of gold. He adored kids and played gently with kittens. His goofy antics brought so much joy and laughter to our lives. Harley reminded us that it’s never too late to start a new chapter. We miss him deeply, but we’re grateful for every single moment he gave us. He was one of a kind.” - Adoptee

“My time in the dog program has been an AMAZING experience. Giving dogs the tools to help people is a wonderful is for me to give back to the community. Seeing the families’ reactions has been one of the best moments for me. My life has been changed by learning how to train dogs and be highly effective at it. They have the ability to change lives just like we do.” (T.B. K-9 trainer 1.5 years)