



Winter 2004

South Bay Champions

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Los Gatos Holiday Parade

The 40 people and 17 dogs that participated in the 48th Annual Los Gatos Children's & Holiday Parade can proudly say they are winners. We won a *FIRST PLACE* trophy this year in the animal division!! CCI was represented by three Service Teams Carol P. & *Hoshi* and Melissa L. & *Winger*; plus retired Service Dog Rio; two Skilled Companion Teams Alicia R. & *Honey* and Joshua F. & *Bebe*; three Facility Teams Carol A. & *Alma*, Kim K. & *Giann*, Diane R. & *Ovelle* plus Facility Dog *Tarzan*; three breeders *Faith*, *Calla* & *Persia* and five puppies *Yulie*, *Wye*, *Glennon*, *Benali*, and *Anise*.

In addition, Breeder Caretaker Joyce F. and her friends, Diana, Kristi, and Vanessa were dressed as CCI Dogs and Claire and Bronwen were elves. All the adult costumes were made by Joyce. (Melissa was also an elf.) This year we also had two little puppies. We finally had some children young enough to wear our puppy costumes. Claire's daughter Gabrielle and Max were our young puppies. Max was one of five students from Green Hills Preschool who marched with us. These students and their classmates (with some help from their families) had been raising money for CCI since October. They raised over \$4,000 so far and plan to start another fund-raiser for CCI next year. So it seemed appropriate to invite them to join us in the parade. To help inspire the children, Service Team LeeAnn L. & *Jeannie*, Skilled Companion Team Joshua and Kisha F. & *Bebe*, and Puppy Raiser

Libby C. & *Kiowa* made separate visits to the school to do presentations. An article about the children's project and Joshua & *Bebe* appeared in the Los Gatos paper.

During the parade, there were a lot of cameras pointed at our dogs, including television cameras. Wendi and *Benali* were on Channel 11's 5:00 News. I'm sure *Benali's* Santa suit caught the cameraman's attention. Actually, it was *Winger's* but it was too small. Fortunately, it fit *Benali*.

It was a beautiful day with clear skies so the streets were packed with cheering families. This was the seventh year we have participated in this parade and each year we move closer to the beginning of the parade line-up. This year we were #40 (out of nearly 200). The parade was fun. If you missed it this year, join us next year. It's always the first Saturday in December.

Calendar

January

29 Hearing Dog Graduation
Schulz Campus

February

26 NW Graduation 1 p.m.
Luther Burbank Center

March

6 Celebrity Chef
Rohnert Park

Check website calendar for additional events as they are scheduled.

Free Dog Bathing for Graduates
First Monday of the Month*
Petco/El Paseo de Saratoga

Free Classes for Puppy Raisers
Every Tuesday*
Hope Services Center
Santa Clara 6:30 pm
*Call first - 408 257-6860



More photos are on page 2 & 3. If you think some of the dogs are with different people or visa versa, you're right. A few dogs were there with people other than their normal handlers (they didn't want to miss the parade) and some graduates had new partners.

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Rudy, Persia, Tarzan and Doug



Joshua & Bebe with parents



Joe, Jack, Chet, Gabriel, and Max



Wendi, Benali, Glennon, Cheri and Calla



Benali decided she'd rather carry the hat than wear it

Los Gatos Children's and Holiday Parade



Diana, Kristi, Joyce, Claire, Vanessa, Bronwen and Faith



Facility Teams: Tarzan, Carole & Alma, Vanessa, Diane & Ovelle and Kim and Giann



Breeders: Joyce, Bronwen, and Rudy with Calla, Persia and Faith



Skilled Companion Teams Alicia & Honey and Kisha, Joshua & Babe



Mama Joyce with puppies Gabrielle and Max with Max's dad and Faith



Puppies Ann & Yulie, Lucy & Wye, Gabrielle, Cheri & Glennon, Wendi & Benali and Audrey & Anise



Service Teams Rio with Carol & Hoshi and Melissa & Winger

So. Bay Happenings

October

Breeder Caretaker Marianne D. & Kristin registered So. Bay Chapter in the *Dog Day Afternoon* event in Castro Valley. This was another dog fair with contests and prizes. Kristin entered the dog obedience contest and *won first place*. Last you think this was unfair competition for the other dogs, there were several dogs being handled by dog trainers and one was a local judge in dog shows. So Kristin didn't just walk away with first place, she earned it.



Kristen didn't use magic to win



PRs Michelle, Sue & Glennon and Donna & Yasmin did a session for the *San Jose Library's Literacy* program on Halloween Safety

This year we participated in two *IBM Charity Drive* promotions at two IBM facilities. Pat W., Betty Q. & Izzy and I did the Almaden Research Lab and Libby & Kiowa, retired SD Rio and I did the Silicon Valley Lab facility. IBM employees pledged over \$12,100 to CCI in 2005.



Kiowa and Rio

Pat W. and PR Chelsea G. with borrowed pup Kiowa staffed a booth at the Santana Row shopping center for the *Muscular Dystrophy Walk* event.



Chelsea and Kiowa



Winger

The hit of *NW's Black Tie & Boots* gala was Melissa's Service Dog, *Winger* in a western outfit, which she wore all evening. Other dogs wore hats and/or kerchiefs but *Winger* went all the way including chaps and a lasso, courtesy of Nancy S. who loaned her the outfit. (It is now in a collection of So. Bay costumes for future use when needed.) Other So. Bay grads attending were Pauline H. & *Butler* and Sue H. & *Helga*. Part of the program was a demo by a Service Dog in training and it turned out to be Chelsea's *Breeze*. She did a great job.



New mom, Katie, *Wayne* and PR Cindy (Doesn't he look happy!)

Service Dog *Wayne* retired but not before Sandy gave him a big *Retirement Party* with both his human and canine friends including his puppy raisers and his new family. *Wayne* is spending his retirement with one of Sandy's friends. After ten years of service, he earned his time to relax and play. He will be 13 in January.

South Bay Happenings

November Presentations

Melissa Lucia & Winger and I spoke to a Multiple Sclerosis Support group in Palo Alto. They were a very interested group. I know that at least one attendee has already made contact with CCI to initiate an application.

LeeAnn L. & Jeannie, Wendi H. with both Breeder Persia and puppy Shiley and I did a presentation to the *Francisca Club*, a 100-year-old women's club in San Francisco's Nob Hill area. We received a \$250 honorarium plus several members told us they were sending individual donations to CCI.



Wendi, Persia, Shiley and LeeAnn & Jeannie with the current and former presidents of the Francisca Club

Santa Paws

This year we did two Santa Paws, thanks to the support of two local businesses. Elizabeth Heyenga, owner of *Doggone Good* in San Jose allowed us to use her facility for our photo shoot. Patty L., Donna B. and Pat W. were our photographers and were assisted by Marian S. and Resa A. A big thanks to Scott M. for being our Santa again. Four hours of photo taking yielded \$420.

Karen Hudson, owner of *The Family Tails Photography* studio in Redwood City offered a portion of her fees to CCI on photos taken the afternoon of December 4. This brought in an additional \$150.

You Lucky Dogz Doggy Day Care



This is a new business enterprise for the clients at Hope Services. Hope is where Facility Team Betty Q. & Izzy volunteer. *Izzy* helped introduce the animal-people bond to clients at Hope. Some had never had contact with a dog before. Early sessions focused on how to approach and pet a dog and later on dog handling and dog grooming. Years later this interest in dogs developed into an actual business for the clients to run. It's located at the Hope campus in Santa Clara. In a joint effort with a professional dog trainer and an owner of a doggy day care business, a training program was developed that provides certificates so these clients can get jobs outside of Hope. Also benefitting from this business are students in continuation programs at Fremont Unified School

District (Cupertino) that have a career interest in animal care. A side benefit to CCI is that Hope offered our puppy class the use of this new facility. The puppy class already meets at Hope but is currently using their sheltered workshop space.

Besides Betty and *Izzy* another link to CCI is that Betty and Noel L. who do the bathing for our graduate dogs are assisting Hope staff develop their dog bathing service. Betty & *Izzy*, Betty and Noel L. and I attended the "shower" Hope had for their board members and the groups that helped launch this business venture. A reporter was there interviewing people and after talking to me, she decided that she wants to do a separate story on CCI. There is plenty of material for a story. Besides Betty & *Izzy* and our puppy class, we have two breeder caretakers (for *Faith* and *Calla*) and two puppy raisers (for *Glennon* and *Nerice*) in Santa Clara. She will be contacting us after the first of the year.



Izzy checks out the dog house in the play area



Service Dog *Hoshi*

CCI Doggy Care

Just a reminder to our new So. Bay CCI people that when you travel and need foster care for your CCI dog, we can arrange it. We have former puppy raisers here who are now volunteer dog sitters for CCI dogs. It's better to leave your dog with a CCI person rather than a relative or friend because they are not likely to enforce CCI expectations for behavior. We can also assist with transporting dogs to or from CCI. There are So. Bay people going up to CCI almost every week. Call the Info Line.

Breeder News



Calla.



Calla's and Hanford's litter got some extra TLC thanks to some volunteer help. Calla became ill with mastitis and was unable to nurse so the puppies had to be bottle fed. This was a real challenge for Linda S. who works during the day. However, Cheri V. who works nearby came over on her lunch break with a coworker to feed the pups and Pat. W. also took shifts. In addition former PR Cheryl B. was doing a graduate project with the litter so she and some of her project team helped too. The puppies' names are *Betina, Bradley, Blaine III, Barbara IV, Brione, Bridie, Belin III, Brinks, and Bingham*. This was Calla's last litter; she is now retired.

Stork Report

Rosy had her pups on November 12 . The sire is *Avi* who was raised in the So. Bay by Jeannie and Ron J. These pups are Lab/Golden crosses and they were featured in a recent article in the *Oakland Tribune*. Their names are *Portia, Pavi, Puma, Plymouth, Paisley, Pico, Pippi, Pisces and Palco*.

Rochelle also had 9 puppies Thanksgiving week; seven survived.. The sire is *Perry*, a full Golden. so these pups are LGXs. This is an R litter. Both litters will be going to puppy raisers in early January.

A proud breeder is *Persia*. One of her pups, *Marcie*, graduated as a Service Dog in the North Central Region.

Takia's and Ben's pups names are *Eska, Euka, Esa, Ellery, Elan II, Evan III, and Elkin*. This is really a So. Bay litter. Not only is *Takia* a So. Bay Breeder, she was also born here (*Faith's* pup) and *Ben* was raised here. Former BC Carol O. helped whelp and litter sit the pups.



Takia.



Kate, Inez and Jan



Our newest breeder is *Inez*. Her Breeder Caretakers are *Jan S.* and her children *Kate* and *Ben*. *Jan* administers the *Calpine Foundation*. *Melissa & Winger* and I met *Jan* last year when she invited us to a Board meeting to do a presentation. This year, her children became volunteers which led to their becoming Breeder Caretakers.

Puppy Class

We have some new pups in class. Cheri V. is raising her 5th puppy, one of *Calla's* pups *Brionne*; Suzette S. is raising her second pup, *Pilar*; Terry and Kathleen W. are raising their third pup, *Hardin II* (Aka *Hardy*), Jeannie H. is raising her second pup, *Beverly* and our newest PR is Melissa's mom Patti L. who is raising *Georgia*. In the East Bay, Helen W. is raising *Haller* who is *Hardy's* littermate. Chelsea G. is picking up her second pup, *Nina* this week.



Kathleen, Terry & Hardin



Suzette and her girls
The four-legged one is *Pilar*



Jeanne & Beverly



Cheri & Brionne



Helen & Haller



Patti & Georgia.



Huberta & Kelven
Finding Treats



Michael & Ry Doing "Roll"

In October, the puppy class was visited by former PR Jill L. and her children along with several of their classmates for a socialization experience with young children. The dogs played several games with the children.

The big event was the Halloween party when the pups came to class in costume. The dogs were very tolerant of wearing clothes and the PRs were very creative. Space doesn't permit showing all the clever costumes but the winners were *Therese*, *Benali*, *Wye* and *Anise*. All the dogs looked great.



Therese
Homeless Dog



Benali
Fairy Princess



Wye
Clown



Anise
Pumpkin

November Graduation

Several South Bay people had reason to be proud after the November NW graduation. Out of the eight graduating dogs and five new breeders, nine had connections to the So. Bay.

Three of the new graduate teams are from the So. Bay. Sandy C. received her successor Service Dog *Menlo* who is one of *Calla's* puppies. Diane Rampelberg received her successor Facility Dog *Ovelle* who is one of *Ossa's* grandpups through her pup, *Keena*. Daniel S. received Skilled Companion *Leanna* whose dam and sire are both So. Bay Breeders, *Tara & Kadin*. *Leanna* also attended our puppy class. Her proud puppy raisers are Karen and Kitty R. Two other littermates also graduated as Service Dogs. *Lyger* is partnered with Erla H. and *Lyndall* is partnered with Michelle S. Another coincidence is that Erla and Sandy were in the same class when they received their first Service Dogs.

Skilled Companion *Calix's* mom is *Glenna* who was raised in the So. Bay. *Calix's* PR is a coworker of Nate T., *Glenna's* PR. Breeder *Terrell* made his mom *Faith* proud three times. His pups *Aman* and *Sammy II* graduated as a Skilled Companions and *Adah* was presented as a new breeder. *Faith* will soon have third generation offspring. Another new breeder is *Meeko* who is one of *Persia's* pups.



Service Team Sandy C. & *Menlo* w/PR



Facility Team Diane R & *Ovelle* w/PR



PRs Kitty and Karen R w/ *Leanna*



Skilled Companion Team Daniel S. & *Leanna*



BC Linda W. & *Terrell* with Skilled Companion Team *Kiah & Aman* and family



BC Nancy S. & *Kadin* with Service Team Michelle & *Lyndall*



Service Team Erla & *Lyger*



Skilled Companion Team *Harley & Calix*

November Graduations



BC Linda S. & Terrell with SC Team Mindy B & Sammy II and Family



Cheri and Family & Marika w/new pup Brione



Donna C & Martina



New Breeder Meeko Persia's Pup



Jenny & Bronte with Marti & Emmi

Forty-two pups matriculated to Advanced Training. So. Bay pups were Marika who was raised by Cheri V. & family and Martina who was raised by Donna C. An East Bay pup was Emmi who was raised by Marti H. So. Bay Breeders also had pups coming in: Elodie's Jaba, Jadra & Jewel III, Kauai's Seth and Shiloh and Ossas' Tami, Traci and Tremblay.



Kauai with Pup Seth (What did they feed that pup!)



Claire, Melly & Cory

Earlier this year, So. Bay pup Melly was sent to the SE Region (Orlando, FL) to complete her Advanced Training because they needed more dogs there. In November, she graduated as a Skilled Companion to a teen named Cory who is paralyzed from the neck down. Melly's puppy raiser Claire E., a student, didn't have the funds to travel to Florida for the graduation. To not be at your pup's graduation has to be a puppy raiser's ultimate disappointment. However, Claire was the surprised recipient of other puppy raiser's empathy and generosity. A puppy raiser in Texas gave her a voucher for a free plane trip, and two of her classmates in our puppy class covered her hotel and other incidental expenses so she could present Melly herself to Cory. Those had to be the best gifts she could ever receive. She was able to meet Cory and his family and spend some time with Melly whom she hadn't seen in a year. Cory and his family were happy she could be there too. It made graduation complete for them to meet the person who raised Melly for Cory. There couldn't be a better holiday story.

December Graduation



Breeze with PR Chelsea & Family



Chelsea w/Service Team Jack & Breeze



PR Kim T. and Facility Team Karri & Vyda



Hearing Team Colette & Blanca



PRs Jim Y Melissa with Facility Team Christine & Brielle



Facility Team Jennifer & Millie



Facility Team Kristopher & Larice with her PR

On December 17, NW had an additional graduation of four Facility Teams plus two side placements of a Successor Service Dog and a Hearing Dog. PR Chelsea G.'s pup, *Breeze III* graduated as a Successor Service Dog to Jack W., a long-time CCI graduate, volunteer and supporter. *Breeze* is his third Service Dog. *Takia's* pup *Blanca* (also *Faith's* grandpup) is now a Hearing Dog for Colette C. *Tara's* & *Kadin's* pup *Larice* graduated as a Facility Dog to Kristopher D, a kindergarten teacher in an area with students who have low self-esteem and low motivation for learning. *Larice* is joining another Facility Dog there, *Carlotta* (*Kauai's* pup). Two East Bay pups were in this class. Jim and Melissa's pup *Brielle* (*Breeze's* littermate) will be working as a Facility

Dog in a District Attorney's Office in Washington. Her two partners, Page U., an attorney and Christine L., a counselor, work in a unit that investigates and prosecutes child molestation cases. *Millie*, who was raised by Kristi P. (next door to *Brielle*) will be working in a Children's Hospital with children with cancer. She is joining another Facility Dog there, *Hazel* who is *Giacco's* pup. *Millie* by the way is one of *Calla's* pups. The So. Bay gained another Facility Team. Occupational therapist, Karri K. & Vyda will be working at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, Fairmont Hospital in San Leandro and an Alzheimer's Facility. Karri was influenced to apply by Facility Dogs *Jake* and *Elwood* who used to work at Alta Bates. Now Alta Bates is back to two Facility Dogs. Karri and Vyda will join physical therapist Diana S. & *Lucy* who graduated in 2002.

Sad Good-Byes

Since October, we have lost three more canine friends. All are former South Bay dogs. The first was *Ashelby* (AKA *Shelby*), Service Dog to Sally S. *Shelby* was one of the original Service Dogs in So. Bay Chapter. She and Sally did many presentations and helped introduce Service Dogs to Hewlett Packard. One of *Shelby's* legacies is the many puppies that have been raised by HP employees. *Shelby* was 13 years old when she retired. Sally received her Successor Service Dog, *Kiltie* in May.

The other dogs were raised by So. Bay puppy raisers. *Ehreth* was raised by Ed and Marsh B. and graduated as a Successor Service Dog to Tim D. in 1998. *Ehreth* did a lot of presentations while a So. Bay pup and it was good training for him because Tim is a motivational speaker. *Ehreth* was the perfect Service Dog for Tim who leads an active life. Tim and *Ehreth* are one of the featured Service Teams in the book, *Love Heels*. *Ehreth* passed away from cancer before Thanksgiving.

Hearing Dog *Inglehart* (AKA *Snickers*) passed away last week from an undetected tumor so her death was sudden and unexpected for her partner, Ellen. *Snickers* was a Corgi and was raised by Diane B. CCI used to train Corgis and Shelties for the Hearing Dog Program.



Ehreth and Tim



Wendi, Horace and Kiersten

Last week PR/Breeder Wendi H. received two phone calls with bad news on the same day. First CCI informed her that her pup *Shiley* was being released early from the program. While she was being boarded during her heat cycle, she was evaluated and determined to have unresolvable issues with fear and barking. Although very loving and gentle, this behavior made her unsuitable to be a CCI Assistance Dog. *Shiley* was going to be placed in an adoptive home because Wendi wanted to raise another puppy. While dealing with this disappointing news, Wendi received another call from *Horace's* family that he was just diagnosed with a rare terminal illness similar to cystic fibrosis. *Horace* is the second puppy she raised and he just graduated last February as a Skilled Companion to a young girl named Kiersten. This was heartbreaking news to both families and to all So. Bay folks that know him as *Ace*. He is so young and in his prime.

The next day the heartache was tempered by Kiersten's family's decision to request to adopt *Shiley* and CCI's agreement. *Shiley* will be a pet but that will be okay because in the short ten months *Horace* has been with Kiersten, he already accomplished what her family had hoped – to bring Kiersten out of her reclusive shell. Kiersten has blossomed so much that it is hard to tell she has a disability. If it's possible for a tragic story to have a good ending, this is it. Kiersten will still have a dog, and Wendi can be confident that *Shiley* will have a loving home. The placement will take place after the New Year so that Kiersten's family can give their attention to meeting *Horace's* needs.