



## Puppy Raising Program

### The Basics

- CCI puppies are raised by volunteer Puppy Raisers from 8 weeks of age until they are about 16 to 18 months old.
- Puppy raisers provide basic necessities such as food and shelter, veterinary care, clear leadership, and of course, lots of love!
- Socialization begins around the home, by going for walks, visiting friends, and exposing the puppy to the world gradually.
- Once the pups are 5-6 months old, many Puppy Raisers bring the puppies with them to work, to do grocery shopping or even make a doctor's visit. This helps the puppy become accustomed to various activities such as riding in a car, waiting patiently under a desk, or staying calm in an active environment.
- Puppy Raisers attend regular puppy classes, and teach the puppy to ignore distractions and follow the handler's directions in all situations.
- CCI puppies must also have time set aside each day for play, exercise, and the opportunity to "just be dogs!"

**For more information, please call  
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