



NORTHWEST ISD
**Career & Technical
Education**

Canine Companions for Independence

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About CCI

- Founded in 1975, Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships, **free of charge**
- Canine Companions® has 6 regional centers across the country. The Canine Companions at Baylor Scott & White Health – Kinkeade Campus, located in Irving TX, is the newest and the first to be connected with a major healthcare system.



Who does CCI serve?

SERVICE DOGS



HEARING DOGS



FACILITY DOGS



SKILLED COMPANIONS



THERAPY DOGS



VETERANS



CCI Dogs

Canine Companions service dogs are expertly trained in over 40 commands to assist with daily tasks, such as retrieving items, opening and closing doors, pulling a manual wheelchair, alerting to sounds and much more.



Puppy in Training vs. Pet

- This is not a "pet". Puppies are on a strict program of nutrition, training and public exposure to prepare them for their future career.
- They sleep in their kennels until they earn house freedom and can sleep outside of their kennels on their own beds.
- Not allowed on any furniture (bed,couch,chair,ect.)
- They are only able to play with approved toys.

Understand that these dogs are property of CCI and if seen as necessary a dog can be moved to another raiser for the betterment of the puppy.

Becoming a Puppy Raiser

- Volunteer puppy raisers raise and train future service dogs to provide a solid foundation for their futures.
- For approximately 18 months, volunteer puppy raisers provide...
 - Safe homes
 - Obedience classes
 - Healthy diet
 - Socialization opportunities
 - Lots of love
 - Work closely with Canine Companions to monitor the puppy's progress



Requirements

- All members must be members of the FFA and in a full year ag course
- All members must attend the monthly meetings
- All members must be in good academic standing
- All members must keep up with monthly reports and communicate any issues or concerns.

How to volunteer to be a Puppy Raiser



The Informational Meeting (Today)

NISD APPLICATION
DUE NOVEMBER 5, 2021

(once you get approved by the District)
CCI APPLICATION

Once Approved by CCI you are now in the *NISD CCI Club*



GETTING A PUPPY:
You have to commit to attending the meetings as well as go to all CCI training sessions and have had puppysat/taken a dog to classes.

CCI TRAINING SESSIONS:

Online as of right now, once you are in our program you will get a login into their portal that takes you to all online trainings and youtube videos. Once they start opening up you will be going to the campus based in Irving for your puppy's training

GETTING A PUPPY

Puppy Raising

- Fill out NISD Application (*Get Approved*) Check puppy Raiser
- Fill out CCI Application (*Get Approved*)
- Home visit (*Get Approved*)
- YOUR IN NISD CCI CLUB
- Get your login and go to online training
- Come to NISD CCI Club meeting
- Take home/ to class one of the club puppies for experience
- Once our Club leader thinks your ready, we will have a one on one meet to discuss you getting a puppy

Puppy Sitting

- Fill out NISD Application (*Get Approved*) check puppy sitter
- Fill out CCI Application (*Get Approved*)
- Home visit (*Get Approved*)
- YOUR IN NISD CCI CLUB
- Get your login and go to online training
- Come to NISD CCI Club meeting
- Now you are a puppy sitter !!!!

Just because you are accepted into the program does not guarantee that you will receive a dog

What does being a Puppy Raiser Require?



MEETINGS:

We will have meetings bi-weekly with CCI, as well as once a month with NISD ASTs. Meetings will go over upcoming events and any training questions as well as puppy check ins.

GRADES

Your grades must pass UIL standards and will be checked at the end of every Nine weeks. If you start to fail you may be kicked out of the club

Contact Information

Once you are in the club you will need to join our "Remind" to be updated with info and questions. You will also need to have a paper signed saying you can only contact your leader with CCI information only. You will also need to contact CCI campus for any big emergencies or big questions

EXPENSE



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- Kennel
- Food/Water Bowls
- Toys
- Leash/collar
- Long Line
- Vet bills
- Grooming Supplies
- ID Tag
- Food
- Monthly Heartworm and Flea Preventative

DON'T HAVE TO PAY

- Puppy
- CCI ID tag
- Microchip
- Bait Bag
- Puppy & Adult vest
- Gentle leader
- First doses of Flea/tick & Heartworm
- ToothBrush & Paste
- Information packet
- Starting supply of Firm-up & Pro Pectalin



VET



All Vet bills will be on you and your family

YOUR VET

Have a Local vet and a emergency vet of your choice. Keep all vet receipts / bills. Give a copy of all vet information to the club leader



Vaccinations

Canine Companions provides a vaccination schedule that must be followed. When you take the puppy to your veterinarian for the first time, bring the Canine Companions vaccination schedule with you. Puppies must be vaccinated on time and according to Canine Companions specifications.

Spaying and Neutering

The intact status of the puppy you are raising is on your puppy raising agreement. If a puppy is targeted for “placement,” this means the dog should be spayed or neutered prior to the puppy returning to the regional center for professional training. Puppies that are targeted as “breeding” will stay intact until Canine Companions staff have had the opportunity to evaluate them for our breeding program. Puppy need to be Spayed or neutered at the age of 12 months

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdl1ySIRPkE&list=PLE1B37886620A8D67>



Questions?



QR Code to Application



<https://tinyurl.com/CCI21-22>