

**Cascade Chapter
For CCI**

September 2005

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Applause

Tallon turned 12 sometime this last week (don't know for sure, just the end of May....). Wishing all of his littermates a very happy, relaxing, healthy week.

Tallon came to me last September, his graduate needed to retire him but wanted him nearby so they could visit. They were together for 10 years, and he was one of Gwen's (North Central) early dogs! I learned the "old commands" like "Better go now" (a VERY important one!). More importantly, I learned, yet again, how important CCI is. Not just for what they do, but how they do it - and they do it best.

Tallon's graduate received a successor dog from another organization. Her health prevented her from making the long drive from MN and staying for the 2 week training. I didn't know Tallon or his graduate until the inquiry came to us MN puppy raisers if anyone could take Tallon. After much consideration, I decided I could share my house with another dog.

His graduate and I talk at great length about

the incredible differences between Tallon and her new dog. When she applied to the other organization, just hearing that she had a CCI dog put her on a very short application process. Eerily short - she barely filled out the questionnaire and she received a call to come for training.

Eerily short training - a few hours a day for a week. All alone - no other graduates to support her, or for her to offer support to. No other dogs to work with, no dogs to see if there would be a bond....

After a year now, she and her new dog didn't pass the public access test that the new organization gives. She's gone back for more training, and now could possibly get another dog. Oh, how she misses CCI and the rigors the dogs go through. On a walk this past weekend, the new dog went squirrely at a turtle..... Tallon would have glanced and walked on.

Her new dog is needy - having lived with her "trainer" from 8 weeks until the leash was handed over to her. Although CCI dogs are bred to be social, they also need to be quiet in a kennel when others are nearby, not solicit attention, take a snooze when the opportunity presents itself under a table. As a puppy raiser, I've cringed a little when the

dogs are turned in for advanced training because the new environment of a kennel with a cement floor seems somehow contradictory to our loving, warm homes we've provided. But again, I now understand even that a little better. Tallon's graduate so much appreciated the fact that Tallon can sleep on any surface, didn't want to be on the couch or bed unless invited, couldn't care less that she was busy doing something else.

She most certainly appreciated that CCI professionals (the other organization's trainers work full time at other jobs, and "train" the dogs on the side...) train the dogs, and make the final evaluation for a match (although I'm sure CCI trainers use a little bit of their heart, it's their heads that make that final decision). She appreciated the grueling 2 week training when she could do it, it prepared her to be a better guardian for the most important thing in her life. She knows more about dogs than I probably do.

So I feel better about turning in those little sweethearts to those cement kennels. And to all those puppy raisers that have turned one in - is it not the worst when they trot off to explore their new worlds and don't look back??? And once more I have affirmed that getting the call that one of those sweethearts are released, only means the ones remaining will be the best of the best.

Happy Birthday Tallon and to all your brothers and sisters that have come before you, and will come after you. May you retire with a pillow under your head, and be allowed off-leash in a fenced yard to explore all the turtles you want, and swim in lakes in the summer, and snooze on any surface you want..... and use the excuse of age to make me suspect of your selective hearing!

Lois Bauer

Tassia and Tilden

Within about two weeks of each other, Tassia and Tilden both received their CCI

dismissal slips and have joined the ranks of the change-of-career dogs. Both dogs have been placed with families here in Oregon.



State Fair

We have been invited to help at the Oregon Veterinary Medicine Association's booth at the Oregon State Fair this year. We have set up two dates - Aug. 29 (Monday) and Sept. 3rd (Saturday). We have plenty of volunteers to help staff the booth (thank you, volunteers!). However, bringing your older pup to the fair is a Wonderful socialization experience for them. Stop by our booth! Looking forward to seeing many of you!



Annual CCI Volunteer Appreciation Picnic Sept. 24th - noon to ?

It's almost time, once again, for our annual CCI volunteer appreciation picnic. Heather has graciously offered to

host this event in her new home and her newly remodeled back yard.

As in the past, CCI will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers as well as buns, plates, plasticware, cups and napkins.

Please bring a salad if you live within ½ hour of Heather's home, a dessert if you live between ½ and 1 hour away or chips and dip if you live farther away than that.

Don't know how long it will take you to get there? Heather lives on NE Fremont and 29th in NE Portland.

This celebration is for **all** CCI volunteers, puppy raisers and Grads.

Contact Heather at (503)281-8878 or heather@gooddogsit.com

or Martha at (503)255-8995 or marthaemcg@teleport.com for more details.

FYI

CJ, a long-established dog obedience trainer teaching in Vancouver, WA, has graciously consented to hold special public classes to work with us and our CCI pups-in-training. CCI grads are also invited to attend CJ's classes. These classes are optional but can be counted towards your required number of classes.

CJ's classes will generally be held the First and Third **Friday** evenings of the month. However, in September only, the classes will happen on Sept. 9th and

Sept. 16th. The cost is \$20 per month or \$10 per class. Pups 6 months old and younger will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Pups 7 months and up will come to class at 7:30 and train until 8:30. Call CJ at (360)696-1992 for more information.

Melody continues to hold classes for CCI puppy raisers as well. Call Melody at: (503)475-6926 for further information.

Many of us have taken regular dog obedience classes from CJ and have found her to be knowledgeable and very good at explaining dog behavior.

Please check the Cascade Chapter web site for directions to CJ's dog training facility on the SW corner of Evergreen and V Street.

Please contact Melody for her training site and times/dates
bluemooncanine@juno.com



Photo Opportunity:

Just in case you have some good ones, I thought that you might want to consider this.

Subject: RE: [cci-people] submit photos for CCI calendar? Send photo's for consideration for the calendar and other CCI publications to:

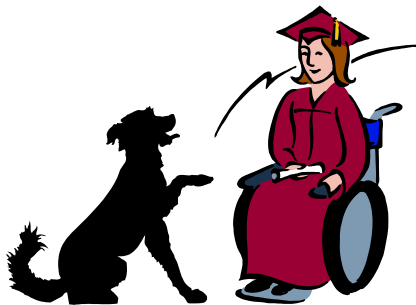
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Unofficial CCI Chat Groups

I thought that some of you might want to know that there are several unofficial CCI e-mail chat groups available to you through yahoo. The original list is called "cci-people". It was established about 7 years ago. To join please contact Rosemary Mathias at: rgmathias@earthlink.net

The more recent list has more stringent chat rules and was created more recently. It is called CCI_Miracles. To join that list contact Marty Carvour at: carvour1@juno.com



TEAM TRAINING AND GRADUATIONS 2005

Team Training **November 7 – 18**
Graduation **November 19**
Luther Burbank Center

GRADUATIONS 2006

February 18, 2006

May 27, 2006

August 19, 2006

November 18, 2006

These are scheduled for the same time and location as our current arrangement:
1pm at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts

I understand that there will be a **Hearing Dogs graduation in January of 2006**. Those Graduations are held on-campus.