



Hello!





Introductions

The Gold Rush Chapter





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Our Mission



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.



> Our History, our Regions

Established in 1975, our headquarters is in Santa Rosa, CA

- The first service dog organization in the US serving people with physical disabilities
- Accredited by Assistance Dog International (ADI)
- Canine Early Development Center (CEDC)
- Labrador and Golden Retrievers and crosses of the two breeds

There are six regional training centers

- Northwest Region – Santa Rosa, CA
- Southwest Region – Oceanside, CA
- South Central Region – Irving, TX
- North Central Region – New Albany, OH
- Northeast Region – Medford, NY
- Southeast Region – Orlando, FL

Who do we serve?

> Our Teams

Service Teams

Adults and children aged 5 and over with physical disabilities

Adults and children aged 5 and older with cognitive or developmental disabilities

Adults and children with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities that require the assistance of a caregiver, parent or spouse

Adults with hearing loss or deafness

Veterans affected by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

- Completed professional training with Canine Companions
- Trained in 40-50 task-based commands
- Have public access rights with their handlers

> Our Teams

Facility Teams

Professionals
working in
healthcare

Professionals
working in
education

Professionals
working in
criminal
justice

- Completed professional training with Canine Companions
- Trained in 40-50 task-based commands
- Required to work at least 20 hours a week with their handlers
- Do not have public access rights



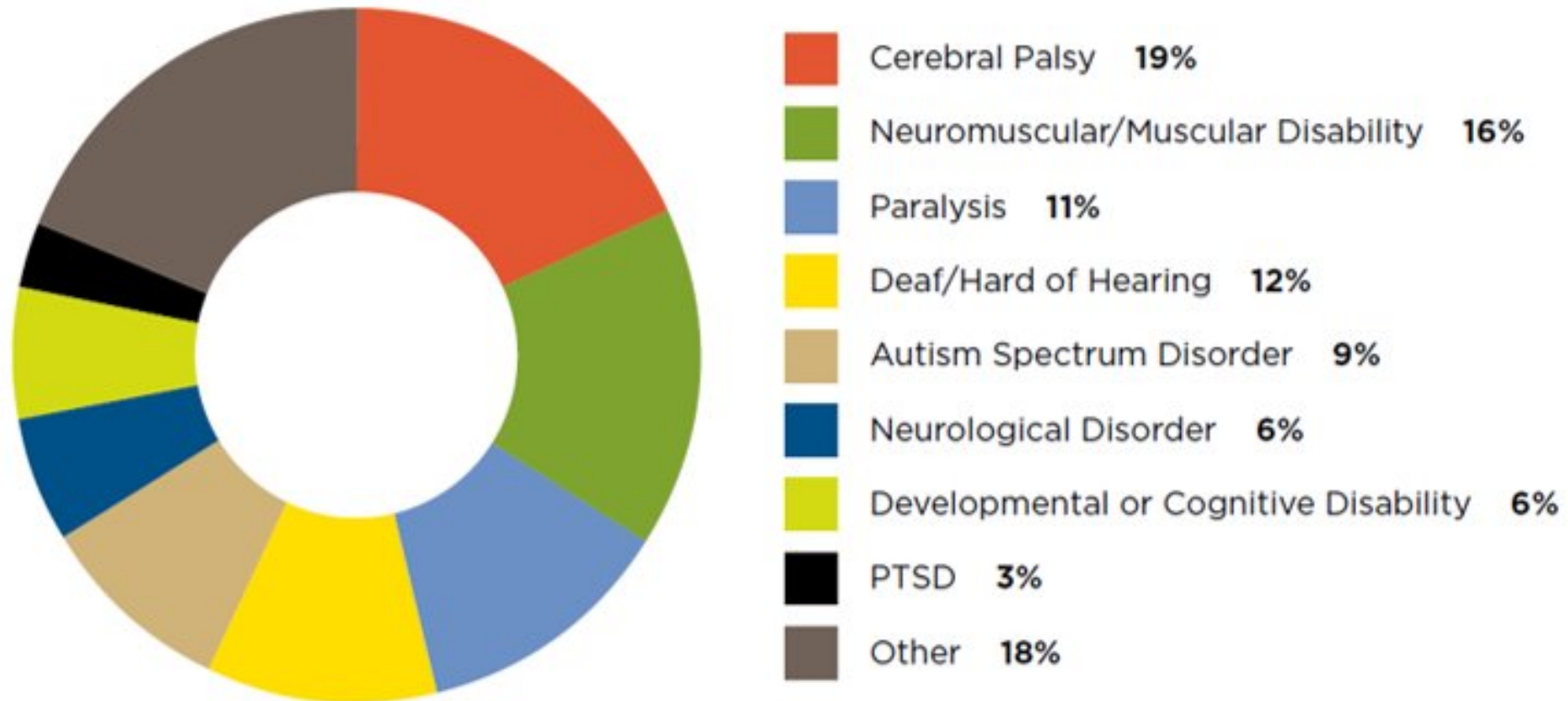
Therapy Dog Program

- While Canine Companions' mission is to provide highly trained service dogs to people with disabilities, we believe the dogs released from our program can still have an incredible ripple effect in the world through their work as therapy dogs!
- More than one-third of dogs released from service dog training became therapy dogs with other organizations.
- With this goal in mind, we have created this program to certify our amazing dogs to have the opportunity to provide support and comfort to members of their community.



> Increasing independence in our community

Most common disabilities served since 1975





Our Impact



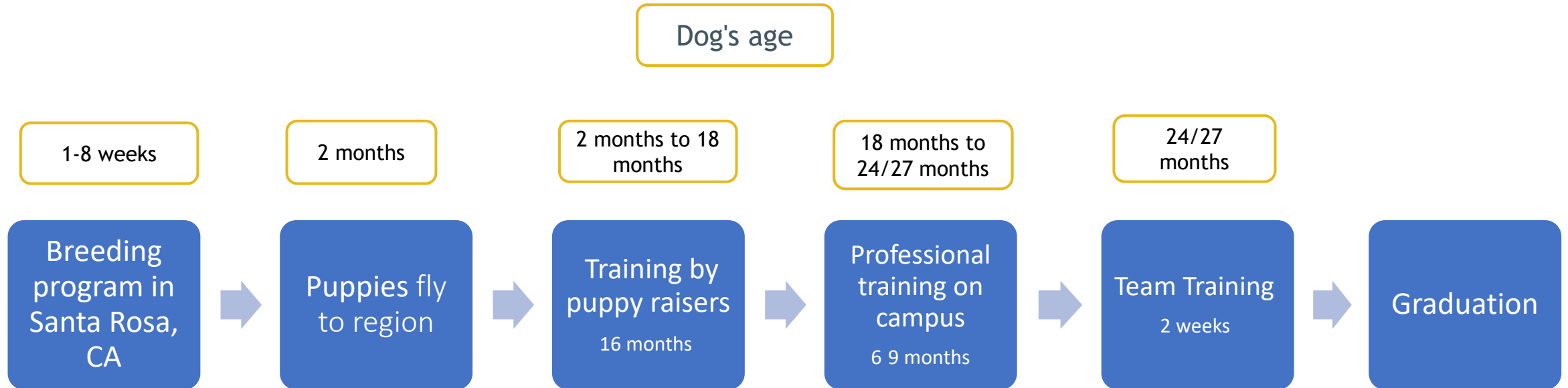
Our Impact (July 2023)

- **2,711 Active clients nationwide**
- **125 Teams graduated in 2023 to date**
- **479 Dogs supporting veterans since founding**
- **7,608 Teams graduated since founding in 1975**
- **125 Breeder dogs**
- **1083 Puppies being raised**





Service Dog Journey at a Glance





Volunteer Opportunities



How you can support!

Volunteer!

Spread the word!

Donate!

We provide our dogs free of charge to our clients, so we appreciate your support!





Questions?



Thank you!

