



## Kate Kielsmeier and Buddy



I was introduced to Buddy's breed by a friend who knew we had just endured the sudden loss of a puppy. Buddy's breed is half Bichon Frise and half Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. The combination - Cavachon - brings the best of both. Non-shedding, hypo-allergenic, easy to train with a touch of spunk and stubborn.

After a year with Buddy, we realized he had too much love and fun to keep only with us, so we found Denver Pet

Partners. A great day for dog and human. After sampling reading programs and airport visits, Susan Horecki introduced us to Adams County 17th Judicial District - a perfect fit. Susan is the perfect mentor.



For those who are not familiar with the Adams County 17th, there are two areas where DPP volunteers, the Victims Advocacy reception area and the Truancy courtroom.

The staff at the 17th are some of the best people in the world - as you may expect and each one showed Buddy love and kindness. Starting at the front of the building with the security guards, through victim advocates and judges, all were people and dog friendly. Really excellent all the way around.

Buddy's personality is loving and cheerful. He has soulful eyes, as if he is tuned into whatever a person is going through. This made him a perfect dog for the judicial system. With one exception - of Buddy's - not an exception where the 17th is concerned. He knows how to work a crowd and by work, I mean get attention. He does this with his particular yelp. Maybe it's the breed, maybe it's his housemate - a younger, but larger pointer. But the yelping does, on occasion, make

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people think they have done something when they haven't. I quickly reassure them it's Buddy's special quality and the petting continues.



Buddy and I are on hiatus right now to care for a little family member. I can tell he misses the DPP/17th Judicial District. As a dog who does NOT enjoy riding in cars, he still goes to the door when I leave as if to say, "Is it visiting with great people day"? His DPP vest and my backpack are his real cues, so he awaits the day we are back to visits.

As members of Denver Pet Partners already know, our Board of Directors and staff are exceptional - above and beyond

exceptional. Every interaction I have had over the past three years is with a person of talent, integrity and a very generous heart. Particular kudos to Laura Ackerman for starting me out/answering multiple questions and to Susan Horecki for coming alongside in a spectacular way to coach.

Wonderful dogs and great people - what a country and what an organization!

