

Sue Raney and Bailey



I am so surprised and so honored for us to be chosen as a Team of the Month. We have been members for two years, and I am so impressed by how wonderful this program is and am in awe of all the good it does around the metro Denver area. We are just a little piece of that work, but it seems to be Bailey's niche for sure.

Bailey came to us as a wee puppy right at the beginning of the COVID lockdown. He arrived at our home just before Thanksgiving in 2020. Being a 'Christmas nut' I named him after

my favorite holiday movie character, George Bailey. It seems fitting that a dog with that namesake has turned into such a loving pup who loves to make people smile with his warm eyes and cozy lean-ins for pets.

Bailey is a three-year-old Newfoundland who has an active home life with family and dog events. His ears prick up and that tail wags and wags once he realizes that the purple vest is coming out. He remembers all the places he visits, and counts as friends everyone he meets.



His bond with his friends at Easter Seals is so strong, he pulls me to the door each time we arrive in the parking lot. From walking with clients who are re-learning balance, to just siding up to clients with love in his eyes, he helps bring a little different fun into stroke rehab and adult day programming. Just this last month, as we visited with their Explorers group which was exploring dinosaurs, he was dubbed "Bailey-o-saurus".

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Bailey is an “avid reader” and loves to visit with students at the library. Reading with Bailey can involve cuddling up and using him as a ‘Pillow” to a young reader stretching out on the floor next to him and showing him all the pictures to “Hungry Caterpillar” and he loves all of it.

Bailey also has created a strong bond with students at Arvada West High School, where he supports the Significant Special Needs program, and works with



student groups when students are struggling.

He enjoys the wonderful greetings and soft hugs that high school students share and never fails to make them smile.

He absolutely loves visits to the Denver Airport with the CATS program, where he has helped many a stranded traveler see some humor in their extra-long layovers,

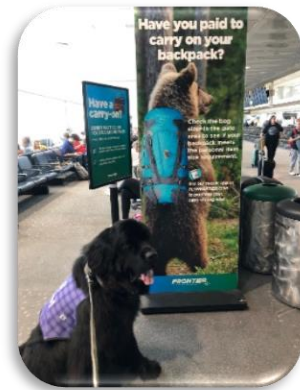
helped stressed ticket counter reps when customers are difficult, and welcomes visitors to Colorado as they pause to make sure he’s not a bear.

For me, these experiences are like no other. To be able to share this silly, drooly, goofy Newfie with so many and see their faces light up in times of stress or need is such a gift for



me to give back to our community for all the blessings Bailey brings to us. It truly is “It’s A Wonderful Life” time for us every time we venture out and make new friends through Denver Pet Partners.

Thanks, Denver Pet Partners, for making these joyful moments possible!



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