

Allyn Barclay and Fleur



Towards the end of my corporate career, I completed the Human and Animal Interactions Certification through the University of Denver. I was really looking for a course to learn how to train dogs! This year-long, on-line course, was very fascinating. Through this program I visited different animal therapy programs and became interested in becoming involved with one or more of them.

Once my time was my own, I started volunteering with Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) fostering and dog walking. I was able to progress through several levels of dog walking which required attending multiple dog training classes. When FSD started their own breeding program they developed a Puppy Raising program. My daughter and family were originally raising Fleur, but then COVID hit. With two children, a move, and a sudden death in their family, my daughter

couldn't provide Fleur with the training she required. We were able to take over and raise Fleur for the next six months attending more training and puppy outings through FSD.

At approximately one year old, Fleur went to FSD for full-time training. She did very well in the program and since she was still in training after four months, we thought for sure she would be successful. One day we got a phone call saying Fleur had been released from the program and as her puppy raiser, we got the first option to adopt her. Fleur was released due to her prey drive; she so loves to chase those squirrels!



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We had just adopted a ten-year-old Husky who was deaf, my daughter had adopted two small dogs, and we were puppy raising Flint for FSD. Was there room for Fleur? YES!

Since Fleur had been through extensive training at FSD, I felt she needed a job! Another volunteer at FSD, Lori Bowen, recommended Denver Pet Partners. What a perfect opportunity to utilize what I had learned through the Human and Animal Interactions Certification and having a well-trained dog. We were evaluated in the Spring of 2022 and started volunteering at Rocky Vista University.



We've visited Elizabeth Middle School, University of Denver and Arapahoe Community College stress days and Camp Wapiyapi for two summers. We currently regularly visit Rocky Vista, UC Dental School, Encompass Rehabilitation Center and Tallyn's Reach Library. We're still evaluating the best location for Fleur to visit. We are looking for another school for her to visit.



We recently acquired a beautiful Samoyed who also needs a job. I hope to get her evaluated in early 2025. She loves everyone, where Fleur especially loves to work with children. Thank you, Denver Pet Partners for all these wonderful opportunities.

