

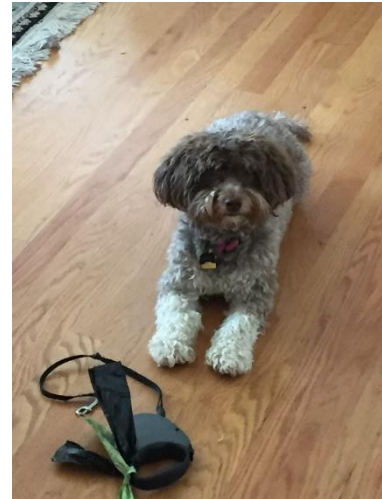
Beverly Williams and Loli



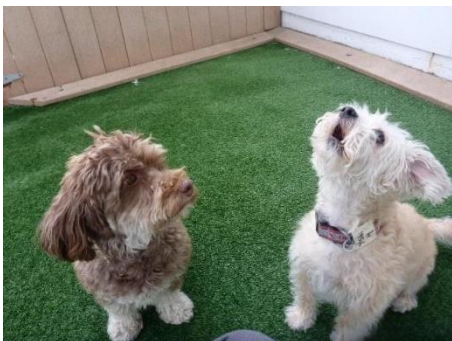
From Prison to Pet Partners

Loli (aka Lollipop) is my third therapy dog. My past pet partners were Shelties, but after a 10-year gap of not having a dog, I started to feel the need for a new companion. My mom fell in love with Havanese (a breed I knew nothing about) so I started to investigate.

Coincidentally or miraculously my brother was friends with a woman involved in a Havanese rescue. In 2016 I got an email about a 2-year-old Havanese for adoption. The family was located right here in Colorado and were moving to Barcelona and couldn't take Loli with them.



I went for a meet and greet to see if I would be a good fit and it was love at first sight. Well at least for me it was! I didn't hear back from the family after my visit so had decided it wasn't meant to and Loli went to another family. But my mind wouldn't stop, so I reached out to the family, and they let me know that yes, they wanted Loli to be mine! She came to live with me on July 12, 2016, less than a month before her 3rd birthday.



Now, where does prison come in? In 2014 Loli's original family felt that she needed training and enrolled her in the Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program at the Canon City Prison – she went to jail! Loli was there for 3 months and lived with and was trained by an inmate. I have a journal of her daily activities and training. The inmate wrote at the end of the journal that he had trained several dogs, but Loli

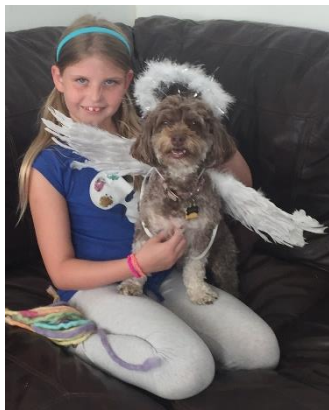
stood out as a favorite and was always upbeat, happy, and loved other dogs and people. It was a gift to have this journal and what a wonderful program for the inmates and the dogs.

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Once Loli got acclimated to life with me I knew that she indeed had the personality and demeanor to be a therapy dog. We were registered in 2017 and have visited at special events, corporate events, college destress events and most recently we visit regularly at Ability Connection Colorado School with 2 separate preschool classes.

Loli was raised her first almost 3 years with a family with 3 kids, so she naturally gravitates to kids so these preschool visits each week are a treat for all. She is excited on Wednesdays when I put her vest on and get to the parking lot -- it is "go time". We spend time in the classroom where the kids read to her, brush her, or just pet and talk to her. Then it is outside time where we go for walks and talk with her.



I am grateful to have Loli in my life and of all the dogs I have had she is my soul dog. Thank you to all at Denver Pet Partners for all they do to make this program such a success!

