

Ann Pollock and Monaco



I was a volunteer trainer and weekend foster with Freedom Service Dogs when Monaco showed up as a puppy, wanting to be a service dog. She showed great potential and learned quickly. She passed her Therapy Test and then passed Service Dog requirements. She was matched with a client, and we began training skills specific to her client. Training gets rigorous at this point. During this time, Monaco developed a rash. She was medicated, and we began testing for allergies. I was asked to take her home and give her a little Rest and Recovery to help her rash clear up. It cleared up, and I returned her to work. The rash returned, and tests didn't indicate any allergies or medical issues. Not

wanting to saddle a client with a service dog with unknown medical issues, we found another dog for the client. Monaco bounced back and forth from the kennel to my house, rash to no rash! It became clear that Monaco was looking for a career change! FSD honored her request, and I jumped at the chance to adopt her. She hasn't had a rash since!

She came to us as "Monaco"; all her littermates had been named after places in Europe. I attached "Princess of" as a nod to another talented girl who made a career change and became "Princess of Monaco" to everyone's surprise. Monaco also earned the nickname "Bearded Lady" from her frolics in the snow (see picture).

Once she was confident she was in a forever home, she got antsy to start working again. It was time to get out into the world and get a real job! I contacted Denver Pet Partners, and we became a working team.

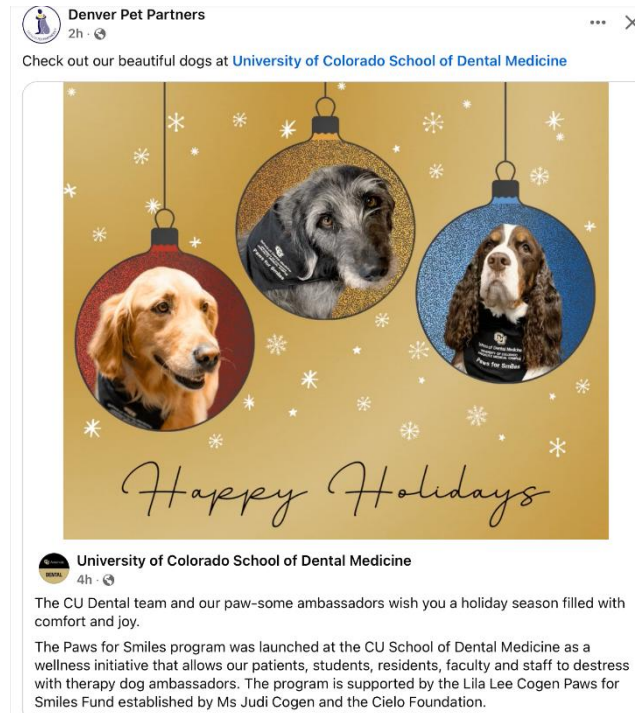


DPP Team of the Month (June 2026)



We work at CU School of Dental Medicine, loving on students, staff, and patients. On one of our first visits, one of the Dental Professors came out, a bit agitated, and said he wanted to see if our program worked. He checked his blood pressure with his Smart Watch, loved on Monaco for a bit, rechecked his BP and it had decreased significantly.

She earned his seal of approval!



We also work at the Ronald McDonald House in Aurora. Monaco loves to lay her head in residents' laps and hear stories about their pets back home. She also utilizes her skill at opening doors using the handicap button, always guaranteed to bring a smile to worried faces!

We both love our jobs and are glad to come home afterward and take a long nap!

Bravo to Denver Pet Partners for all they do to make this program a huge gift for so many!

