Learning and Growing at Paws & Affection
Service Dogs and Education

Mission Statement
“Paws and Affection is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to train and place service dogs with children who have physical disabilities in the Philadelphia region. Our goal is to empower children with independence and confidence by matching them with amazing dogs.”

Philosophy
“We believe puppies raised with love, rewards-based training, and a heavy dose of socialization early on make the happiest, most capable service dogs. All skills and behaviors are taught using rewards-based methods backed by scientific research to foster confident, creative, cooperative, amazing dogs.”

My Work at the Organization
• Learning and using training techniques
• Feeding, walking, and grooming
• Assisting with and leading outings
• Creating promotional posters and brochures
• Organizing a campus event which raised $500

Connecting to My Major & Career in Education
• Introduction to Disabilities Studies
• Processes of training service animals
• Roles of service animals in both private and educational settings
• Disability & service animal laws

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