



Cindy Slovik and Sadie



To all the wonderful Denver Pet Partners and the people and places we visited since 2007 we are going to miss you all.

As many of you have probably heard Sadie, has been retired. She showed me that she just did not want to reevaluate. So now we are both retired and can enjoy the long naps and late nights.

It has been a great pleasure being part of the Pet Partners family there is not a more loving and dedicated group of selfless, loving humans and animal volunteers.

I was asked to write a little about Sadie and me. When I wanted to bring a dog into my life, (Sadie being my first dog), I wanted to have a partner that together we could give back to the community. I have always been a caretaker, and while being a care taker of family members for many years, I was blessed with those that gave to me in many different ways, I call them my angels.

I got Sadie on the long Thanksgiving weekend, 2004, in a major snow storm. It was sunny and warm on the way to the middle of Kansas. My best friend loaned me her husband, to drive to get Sadie. We expected some weather but not the 12 inches of snow and traveling only 30 miles per hour for 12 hours on the way back. The gate to Limon was closed shortly after we got through.



But I had my companion; she was only six weeks old and a little over 2lbs. Boy did I have a lot to learn. Having been a Vet Tech in my younger days is why I was able to take her home at such an early age.

I started looking for a Pet Therapy organization, for us to volunteer. In 2007, I found Denver Pet Partners. I signed me up for the training class and upon meeting Diana and other members, I knew we were in the correct organization.

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Sadie and I volunteered mainly with kids programs, Night Owls, and Englewood reading program. We also helped at special events to make the public aware of Denver Pet Partners and what the organization was about.

We were listed a sub, because we were helping my daughter and her family raise three wonderful grandkids. Sadie loved playing Goose Goose, Duck Duck with them, but really did not ever get the hang of sitting in the circle again.



One of the most wonderful special times was during a secession of Night Owls. A child that had not smiled in a very long time, per the staff, smiled and laughed. Sadie was on double leash, while some of the kids walked her in the hall. I asked if they wanted to walk Sadie. The child was in a wheelchair, the staff and Sadie and I walked in the hallway with the child holding onto the leash, (this was one of the few time he was like the others) He was walking Sadie. He smiled so big and gave out a huge laugh. It was really great to have him connect with us.

One child at the Englewood reading program stands out, at the beginning of the summer she could not read without stuttering at the end of the summer she was reading and smiling. What a difference when you get encouragement and not judgement.

I have always said that if Sadie and I bring some joy to others, even if only one person connected with us, and we made their life a little bit better it was worth all the time and effort that got us to that time.

There have been so many great times, while representing Denver Pet Partners, that we were blessed to have had. Thank you for the honor of our nomination of Pet Partner Tem of the Month.

God Bless

Love

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