Diamond Clover Project
RAISING, TRAINING, AND WORKING A THERAPY DOG

GARRETT GEIDEL

April 17, 2018
Diamond Clover Level 6 Service Learning Project (PART II)
Project Process – Routing Form

1. 4-H member completes Service Project Proposal form and submits to their County 4-H Educator
   Date Completed: 1/4/2017

2. County 4-H Educator Review; sets up County Committee based on guidelines
   Date Completed: 1/16/2017

3. County Committee meets and reviews project with 4-H member; Committee provides suggestions or changes to 4-H member
   Date Completed: 1/16/2017

4. Member updates project based on suggestions/changes; submits revised project proposal to County 4-H Educator for review
   Date Completed: 1/16/2017

5. County 4-H Educator review; submits revised project form to State 4-H Program Leader for review
   Date Completed: 1/16/2017

6. State 4-H Program Leader review; approval provided to 4-H member (Project can begin at this point)
   Date Completed: 1/16/2017

7. Member works on project to complete; at project completion, 4-H member completes the Diamond Clover Final Report and submits to their County 4-H Educator
   Date Completed: 4/17/2018

8. County 4-H Educator review; submits form to State 4-H Leader for review
   Date Completed: 4/18/18

9. State 4-H Leader Approval of service learning project
   Date Completed: 4/19/18
Diamond Clover Final Report

Name: Garrett Geidel

4-H Club: Peach Blossom 4-H 4-H County: Kent

Name of service project: Raising, Training, and Working a Therapy Dog

This report is accurate, complete and an honest representation of my work.

4-Her Signature: Garrett Geidel  Date: 4/17/2018

I have reviewed this report and find it to be accurate, complete and an honest representation.

Parent Signature:  Date: 4/17/2018

Club/Group Leader Approval

Signature:  Date: 4/18/18

County 4-H Educator Approval

Signature: Kristin Coen  Date: 4/18/18

State 4-H Leader Approval

I have reviewed this report and find it to meet the Diamond Clover Award requirements.

Signature:  Date: 4/19/18

PROJECT SUMMARY (Provide a detailed summary and narrative of your service learning project – Limit to 3 pages)

I have spent the past year and a half raising and training a puppy to be a therapy dog through the National Capital Therapy Dog organization. I began my project in the summer of 2016. With my family, that summer, I researched dog breeds that make good family pets that also might have the personality for therapy work. While any dog breed can be a therapy dog, as the temperament really depends on the individual dog, my family and I decided that we wanted a Golden Retriever because they are known for their sweet personalities. As a family, we researched breeders, and we found a reputable breeder of American Kennel Club (AKC) registered Golden Retrievers in Pittsburg, PA. After a long drive to Pittsburg and back, I began working with my Golden Retriever puppy, Rory, in the fall of 2016 when Rory was only 11 weeks old. I researched therapy dog organizations in my area, and I chose National Capital
Therapy Dogs over some of the others because they work in facilities in Kent County where the others focus more on work in New Castle County. I read through all the material on the National Capital Therapy Dog website, and I found a trainer in Dover that works to certify dogs and their handlers.

Once I found the program, I began training Rory. Throughout 2017, I completed three classes with Rory to teach him basic obedience, advanced obedience, and tricks. Each class ran for eight weeks and was eight hours long, and I worked with Rory for at least five hours a week outside of class to teach him the basic skills that he needed. Through these classes, Rory and I earned the AKC certifications of STAR Puppy, Canine Good Citizenship, and Novice Trick Dog. The Canine Good Citizenship certificate is a necessary requirement for achieving certification for National Capital Therapy Dogs, and the trick class allowed me to work with Rory on more detailed obedience and to build a “bag of tricks” to use when he visited after his therapy training. Rory could not begin the therapy training until he was a year old, in August of 2017, and then we had to wait until the next class was available.

We took our last eight week, eight hour class that specifically trained us for therapy dog work in January and February of 2018. In this class, I learned the rules and regulations that govern National Capital Therapy Dogs as a nonprofit, volunteer organization, and I learned about how to patiently and compassionately visit with people with physical, cognitive, or emotional special needs. As part of this process, I also learned about HIPAA laws, since many of the facilities where we visit as an organization are health care facilities. I also learned through this class the physical and emotional benefits that clients can receive from visits and interaction with a therapy dog, and I learned the difference between animal assisted therapy and animal assisted activities. I learned that, even though the name of our organization has the phrase “therapy dogs” in the title, and Rory’s designation is that of therapy dog, the work that we primarily do is animal assisted activities as therapy must be prescribed and supervised by a medical professional. After we finished the class, Rory and I had to complete and pass the test to be a therapy dog team. We “graduated” in February of 2018. We then had to apply for membership in National Capital Therapy Dogs so that we were covered under their insurance policy, and we were ready to start visiting!

First, we had to visit with an experienced mentor. We worked with our trainer, Beth, and her dog, Jack, and we visited the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill and the assisted living communities in both Dover Place and Milford Place. After these visits, Beth gave us her approval to begin visiting on our own. Actually, Rory and I don’t visit entirely on our own. Because I am not yet 18, my mother had to be certified as a handler as well, and she must accompany us on every visit. Our first solo visit was to the Dover Place assisted living facility, and we have made this our primary visiting site. We visit the residents in both assisted living and Memory Care every Friday. I particularly like visiting with the Memory Care residents. They love when Roy and I come in because they don’t get many teams in this section of the facility, and most teams that do go in have small dogs. Rory and I visit at least once a week, mostly with the elderly, to hospitals and nursing homes, but we have also worked special-needs children’s events. We have attended an Embrace Respite night that provides an evening of rest for parents with special-needs children by caring for the children and their siblings for a couple of hours. These events only occur once a month, and Rory and I intend to attend as many as possible. The kids as these night love Rory! We’ve attended a “Pet Party” at the Pinnacle...
Rehabilitation and Health Center and at Dover Place. At pet parties, several teams come at one time so that there are many dogs to visit with residents at one time.

Regardless of the type of visit, each visit lasts for an hour, and generally requires about an hour of travel. It is important for me to keep visits to this time frame because I have an obligation to Rory as much as I do to the clients. After about an hour, Rory is usually very tired, and I have to watch him to know when he is ready to conclude a visit. I have learned from my training to watch his cues, for example, when he turns into me instead of a client, and to end a visit when he is ready. By paying attention to the needs of both my dog and my clients, I ensure that everyone has a positive experience and Rory and I are meeting the goals of the therapy dog visit. On average, I continue to work with Rory at least five hours a week to make sure that he is healthy, calm, obedient, and well-trained for his visits. In addition, I spend another hour each week bathing and grooming Rory so that he meets the grooming standards for visiting as set by the organization and the hosting facilities. Rory must be bathed no more than 48 hours before every visit. It is not his favorite part of being a therapy dog!

In addition to training and working with Rory, part of my project has been outreach. I very strongly believe in the value of animal assisted therapy and activities, and I have travelled the county and the state giving speeches and creating educational displays about the benefits of therapy dog work in order to increase awareness of this volunteer service and to encourage others to train their pets for this important work. Working with therapy dogs helps clients emotionally through the nonjudgmental interaction with both the dog and the handler, and physically if the client is physically interacting with the dog. Sometimes, the physical act of petting is strenuous for clients with muscular difficulties and petting Rory helps to develop these muscles. I am very interested in healthy living and the idea that mental and physical health are both very important and are interrelated. I know that Rory helps clients because of all the times that I have been told that the visit with Rory made the client’s day, or when a health care provider tells me that the visit was the first time that a client has smiled all day. In order to promote this work that I know most people do not know a lot about, I’ve given several speeches about training a therapy dog. Mostly, I have worked with 4-H audiences. I gave my demonstration speech for both the county and the state on raising a therapy dog, and I took Rory to the fair! I also gave this speech to my high school English class. Then, I gave my public speaking speech on the physical and emotional benefits of therapy dogs, and I presented this speech to my club in a public speaking practice and to the audience at the county competition. I also created two posters about the work and benefits of therapy dogs for the fair, and these were on display in the 4-H building.

This year, I intend to give my demonstration speech on how to conduct a therapy dog visit, and Rory and I are leading a workshop at my club’s overnighter on all aspects of therapy dog work. I have also attended my first continuing education session with Rory since our certification, and I will continue to attend these sessions twice a year to learn about new practices, gain assistance and advice from experienced teams, and maintain our certificate. While we have officially completed the work that I outlined in my project proposal for my Diamond Clover project, Rory and I are certainly not finished! We will continue to visit at least once week, which is more than the required once a month for our organization, and we look forward to visiting new facilities and meeting new clients.
Rory’s training required many expenses with his purchase, feeding, health, certifications and licenses, and his and my training. We chose to use a local trainer who focused on serving facilities in Kent County so that I could most efficiently manage my time, and Rory would not have to spend too much time in the car. Because Rory is also our family pet, my parents and I decided that we should pay for all of the costs associated with Rory ourselves because we, as a family, benefit from Rory’s training as much as the clients that we are serving. This is different from my original proposal. We also added a class, combined two other classes, and added my mother’s training into the actual data.

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<td>Because this puppy is also going to be a family pet, my parents purchased the puppy.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>$156.00</td>
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<td>Foundations</td>
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<td>Garrett Geidel</td>
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<td>Puppy Class and AKC STAR Puppy Certification</td>
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<td>I covered the cost of Rory's training from my savings.</td>
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<td>Advanced Dog Training Class and AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification</td>
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<td>My parents paid for this class so that Rory could have additional training.</td>
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<td>Trick Dog Training Class and AKC Novice Trick Dog Certification</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
<td>Jon and Tammy Geidel</td>
<td>My parents paid for our final certification. They helped me because this expense ended up being more than I thought because my mother also needed to be trained.</td>
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<td>National Capital Therapy Dogs Therapy Dog Training and Volunteer Training (My trainer combined these two classes into one, longer class.)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
<td>Jon and Tammy Geidel</td>
<td>My parents paid for our testing fees. They helped me because this expense ended up being more than I thought because my mother also needed to be trained.</td>
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<td>National Capital Therapy Dogs Team Evaluation</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
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<td>My parents paid for our testing fees. They helped me because this expense ended up being more than I thought because my mother also needed to be trained.</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Capital Therapy Dogs Official Shirts and Dog Vest</td>
<td>2 shirts</td>
<td>$60.00</td>
<td>Jon and Tammy Geidel</td>
<td>My parents paid for the “attire” that Rory, Mom, and I needed.</td>
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<td>National Capital Therapy Dogs Membership (Three-year membership with insurance)</td>
<td>1/adult</td>
<td>$125.00</td>
<td>Jon and Tammy Geidel</td>
<td>My parents paid for the registration fees for membership for both me and my mom.</td>
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**Timeline:**

We had already purchased Rory when I began my project, and I had already started training him with basic commands. We had already been feeding him and bringing him to the...
I thought that training would take a total of six months, but it actually took closer to 12 months. My original intention was to visit at least twice a month, the organization’s requirements are once a month, but I have been visiting at least once a week, occasionally more. From here, even though my project is complete, Rory and I will serve our community as best as we can as a team for as long as he is able.

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<td>1.4.17</td>
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<td>Proposal Review Meeting</td>
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<td>1.16.17</td>
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<td>Need approval</td>
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<td>Researching breeds and breeders to choose a puppy suitable for dog therapy</td>
<td>6.1.16</td>
<td>10.29.16</td>
<td>20 hrs.</td>
<td>Completed with purchase of puppy.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vet visits</td>
<td>11.11.16</td>
<td>1.2.17</td>
<td>1.5 hrs.</td>
<td>Completed with course of puppy vaccinations and rabies vaccination.</td>
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<td>Delaware Dog License</td>
<td>1.3.2017</td>
<td>3.31.2017</td>
<td>.5 hrs.</td>
<td>Delaware Dog License must be acquired for dog over the age of 6 months by the end of March.</td>
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<td>Kent County Public Speaking Contest: Speech on value of therapy dogs</td>
<td>1.3.2017</td>
<td>1.22.2017</td>
<td>5 hrs.</td>
<td>Present speech at the club practice public speaking and the county competition.</td>
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<td>Puppy Foundation Class/AKC STAR Pup Legacy Certification</td>
<td>2.2017</td>
<td>4.2017</td>
<td>8 hrs.</td>
<td>Complete basic puppy obedience training and acquire AKC STAR Pup Legacy Certification</td>
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<td>Advanced Dog Training Class/AKC Canine Good Citizenship</td>
<td>4.2017</td>
<td>6.2017</td>
<td>8 hr.</td>
<td>Complete advanced dog training and acquire AKC</td>
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<td>Trick Dog Training Class/AKC Novice Trick Dog Certification</td>
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<td>Complete advanced obedience training and trick training.</td>
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<td>National Capital Therapy Dogs Handler and Dog Training Combined (Retest for AKC Canine Good Citizenship Certification)</td>
<td>1.2018</td>
<td>2.2018</td>
<td>8 hrs.</td>
<td>Complete the dog and handler portions of the NCTD required training.</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Capital Therapy Dogs Team Evaluation</td>
<td>2.2018</td>
<td>2.2018</td>
<td>2 hrs.</td>
<td>Complete the team evaluation to be certified as a NCTD therapy team in order to begin therapy visits.</td>
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<td>Volunteer Therapy Visits</td>
<td>2.2018</td>
<td>4.2018 and continuing</td>
<td>20+ hrs.</td>
<td>Once my dog and I were certified as therapy team, we began therapy visits in NCTD sites in Kent county including Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, Dover Place, Milford Place, Pinnacle Rehabilitation and Health Center, and Embrace Respite. I visit at least once a week.</td>
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**Approvals and Permits**

I needed to receive approval for my project from the Diamond Clover Committee to begin. Before Rory could begin serving as a therapy dog, Rory needed his AKC Canine Good Citizenship, Health Certificate, and NCTD Team Evaluation Certification.
**Time Log:**

Because my project lasted twice as long as I expected, required some elements that I didn’t anticipate, and required my mother’s assistance due to my age and status as a minor, I have a lot more hours in my final data than I did in my original proposal. For the value of my time, I used the price of $8.00/hour.

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<td>Motely Acres Farms</td>
<td>Dog Breeding</td>
<td>100+</td>
<td>$1500.00</td>
<td>$1500</td>
<td>Because this puppy will also be a family pet, my parents covered the cost of acquiring the puppy.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Garret Geidel</td>
<td>Research and travel</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$120.00</td>
<td>This is my donation</td>
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<td>Peterson’s Positive Pups in conjunction with National Capital Therapy Dogs</td>
<td>Dog Training Classes and Certification (32 hours for me and 8 hours for my mother)</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
<td>My parents and I covered these costs.</td>
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<td>Brenford Animal Hospital</td>
<td>Veterinarian services and Health Certificate</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>$260.00</td>
<td>$260.00</td>
<td>My parents will donate the cost of veterinarian services.</td>
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<td>Delaware Dog License</td>
<td>Administrative services</td>
<td>.5</td>
<td>$15.00</td>
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<td>My parents will donate the cost of the license.</td>
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<td>Public Speaking and Demonstration Speeches to promote dog therapy awareness</td>
<td>Public Speaking</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>$64.00</td>
<td>This is my donation</td>
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<td>Garret Geidel</td>
<td>Volunteering (2 hours/visit 1+ times a week for the past 10 weeks since we were certified. I intend to continue to volunteer after)</td>
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<td>$160.00+</td>
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<td>Garrett Geidel</td>
<td>Daily Training</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>375 hours since</td>
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<td>Garrett Geidel</td>
<td>Weekly Bathing and</td>
<td>1 hour/week</td>
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<td>Grooming</td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
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<td><strong>460+ of my</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,150.00</strong></td>
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**CHALLENGES (Briefly described any challenges you experienced with your project – limit 500 words)**

Training a dog definitely had its challenges! Besides the unpleasantness associated with the many, many accidents Rory had when he was housetraining and the difficulties involved in basic obedience training with any puppy, I found that I had to be very patient and repeat directions and commands over and over again. At some times, it was very frustrating when Rory was much more interested in playing than learning. In fact, Rory did not pass the AKC Canine Good Citizenship test, which is required for the admission to the therapy dog training class, the first time that we attempted it. We then enrolled in the trick class in hopes of strengthening his obedience when walking on a leash, and walked miles and miles and miles, and he was able to pass on the second attempt. Another challenge that I faced was my age. I did not realize when I started my project that I would not be allowed to go through the training and certification on my own since the organization does allow student memberships. Though I was permitted a student membership at the age of 16, because I am not yet 18, my mother had to go through the training with me and she had to get an adult membership. She also has to accompany Rory and me on all of our visits until I turn 18. Rory’s age was also a problem as we were ready to proceed with the training class during the summer of 2017, but we had to wait until the fall so that he would meet the requirement of being a year old. Timing became another issue in trying to find a class with our trainer that met our family’s schedule, and this put us behind our goal by another couple of months. Another challenge that I have with working with Rory as a therapy dog is the fact that he doesn’t particularly like to travel in the car. Our visits often end with me cleaning dog vomit out of my mom’s truck! He enjoys visiting, but he doesn’t much like the ride to get there! Finally, I found visiting in the facilities that had clients with the most severe disabilities a challenge as they were often uncommunicative, and I was uncomfortable in these environments. I believe that the visits to these clients are just as important, if not more so, as the visits I made to more able-bodied and communicative clients, but I found the visits to be very difficult. I have not shied away from this challenge and still visit these facilities, but Rory and I have found our home in the Memory Care facility at Dover Place and in the respite nights for Embrace.

**IMPACT (Describe the overall impact of your service learning project – limit 500 words)**

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I, to date, have committed approximately 460 hours of service to this project, and Rory and I continue to devote time to this ongoing project every week. I spent 32 hours in four, eight-week classes between the class hours and the testing for the certifications. I spent another eight hours preparing presentations and educational materials and presenting speeches. I spend, on average, five hours a week explicitly working with Rory on his care and training. I devoted 40 hours of time in this daily training in 2016, 260 hours in 2017, and another 75 hours so far in 2018. Rory’s training is an ongoing process that requires regular work on obedience and visiting etiquette. I have also spent approximately 10 hours just in bathing and grooming Rory to prepare him for visits as he must be bathed within 48 hours of every visit. So far, Rory and I have completed, counting travel time, 20 hours in visiting. We will continue to accrue hours in our service every week as we visit the different facilities, and we will devote more hours to education in this service through the outreach activities that I have planned for this year. I have learned how to interact with special-needs children and adults, and I always strive to be caring, considerate, and respectful in my interactions with the clients at all facilities. Rory and I visit with people with physical, cognitive, and emotional difficulties, and we offer companionship, conversation, friendly smiles, and physical interaction by petting a dog. According to National Capital Therapy Dog’s website, it has been proven that animal assisted activities help to relieve stress, depression, and anxiety and to improve self-esteem and social skills. Petting a companion animal, in our case, Rory, also can help improve motor skills and muscle development and can help people to manage pain and recover from surgery and illness faster. We offer these benefits to our clients with every visit. While the visits always last an hour in time, the number of people impacted varies greatly depending on the nature of the visit. When visiting residents in their rooms at Dover Place, Rory and I may only interact with ten residents in a visit; in the Dover Place Memory Care common room, we may work with 30 residents at a time, and when we visit at an Embrace Respite night, we can easily encounter 50 children in that one hour. So far, Rory and I have impacted 176 people, children, adults, health care providers, and visitors, through our visits, and crowds of people at 4-H events and the Delaware State Fair with my educational outreach. We will continue to add hours every week for as long as Rory is physically able, and I will continue to do everything that I can to inform people about this wonderful service to encourage others to train their pets for animal assisted activity work.

DOCUMENTATION (Provide pictures with captions to document your service learning project – limit to 4 pages)

Because of HIPAA laws and National Capital Therapy Dog rules, I cannot take pictures of Rory and I actually in a facility on a visit. Instead, I have pictures of us outside of facilities and in our training classes and testing.
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<th><strong>We got Rory when he was 11 weeks old after I researched dog breeds and breeders.</strong></th>
<th><strong>This is Rory and me at the very beginning, on our way home from the breeder all the way in Pennsylvania.</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Rory got big fast! We started obedience training right away.</strong></td>
<td><strong>I trained Rory to be a therapy dog, but he is still very much our pet, too.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Even though we travel with Rory a lot and started traveling with him very young, he does NOT like to ride in the car!</strong></td>
<td><strong>I gave my speech about the benefits of therapy dogs to my club at our practice public speaking.</strong></td>
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<td>Rory’s biggest weakness was learning to walk on a leash. We practiced all the time, even in the house! He still didn’t pass the first time he took his CGC test.</td>
<td>Rory and me at puppy obedience class working on our STAR puppy certificate. We took two obedience classes and a trick dog class with our trainer to prepare for therapy dog training.</td>
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<td>Our trainer, Beth, helping us to learn to greet people correctly and politely. There was a lot to learn for the adult and the human in our training!</td>
<td>My sister, Rory, and I are practicing our demonstration speech on training a therapy dog.</td>
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<td>My sister, Rory, and I giving our demonstration speech at the county contest.</td>
<td>Taking Rory for a ride! He doesn’t love the car, but we keep trying. He likes Dad’s convertible a lot better than our truck!</td>
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<td>I took Rory to a lot of places to teach him socialization. Here, we are at our town's ice cream stand.</td>
<td>My sister, Rory, and I giving our state demonstration on training a therapy dog at the fair.</td>
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<td>Rory loved the fair! He met with a lot of 4-Hers! This was great practice for all the children he would meet on visits.</td>
<td>I made a poster about the mental and physical health benefits of therapy dogs for the Delaware State Fair.</td>
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<td>When Rory is at home on the farm, he gets to just be a dog!</td>
<td>Rory and I did the First Hike at Killen's Pond together as part of his socialization. The halter is a training tool to help with walking on a leash; it isn't a muzzle!</td>
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<td>Rory has to get a bath every week before he can visit. He doesn’t love it, but he is good about it.</td>
<td>Our trainer, Beth, took us for our training visits at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill.</td>
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<td>I gave my speech on the health benefits of therapy dogs at the county public speaking contest.</td>
<td>Beth put Rory and I through our required stations when we tested for our National Capital Therapy Dogs certification.</td>
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<td>We are “visiting” with Beth. HIPAA laws and NCTD rules won’t allow us to take pictures with our clients.</td>
<td>Walking on a leash gave Rory a lot of trouble, but now he has it down! He passed his CGC the second time he took the test.</td>
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We passed our test, and we graduated! A smaller version of this picture is on the badge Rory and I each wear when we visit.

Rory and I went to Milford Place Assisted Living with Beth and her dog Jack as our mentor team.

Rory and I work hard, at least 5 hours training, 1 hour bathing, 1 hour traveling, and 1 hour visiting every week, but we play, too!

Rory and I visit in several places, but mostly we visit in Dover Place Assisted Living and Memory Care.

Dover Place’s staff made special Valentine treats for all the therapy dogs that came to the Pet Party for the residents.

Rory and I are an official therapy dog team with National Capital Therapy Dogs. Here, we are wearing our “uniforms.”
Certificate of Achievement

Garrett & Rory

To the Team of

Congratulations on building such teamwork with your young pup as to successfully complete each of the 20 behaviors that make up the AKC STAR Puppy award requirements.

This incredible teamwork has led to your award-winning accomplishment of all class requirements and the 20-station evaluation held in a distraction-rich environment.

Beth Peterson DCVA, CPDT
Peterson's Positive Pups & Ponies Learning Center

March 28, 2017
Certificate of Achievement

Garrett & Rony

Congratulations on earning your American Kennel Club Trick Dog Novice (TKN) title. The love and enthusiasm involved in teaching, learning, and earning Trick Dog titles brings joy, fun and a greater relationship with your dog. You are continuing your lifetime of incredible experiences and accomplishments - always with joy and fun.

AKC Trick Dog Novice (TKN)

Beth Peterson, DCVA, CPDT
Peterson's Positive Pups & Ponies Learning Center

July 15, 2017
AKC's CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® PROGRAM
CGC℠ TEST/REGISTRATION FORM

Mail To: AKC Canine Good Citizen Department, PO Box 900064, Raleigh, NC 27675-9064
Tel: 919-816-3637 • Email: cgc@akc.org • www.akc.org

FOR EVALUATOR USE ONLY
☐ Did not pass
Evaluator Number (required): 22601
Evaluator Name (print): Beth Peterson
Evaluator Signature: Beth Peterson

WITNESS SIGNATURE
(Witness may not be a member of dog owner's or Evaluator's household.)
[Signature]

Test Location:
Kennel Club, Event, Store #, etc. Peterson's Positive Pups Date of Test: 2/13/17
City: Smyrna State: DE Zip: 19977

REQUEST THE OFFICIAL CGC TITLE (includes certificate) OR CERTIFICATE ONLY
Choose one of these 2 options and include the fee:

☐ $20 Official AKC CGC title, listed on dog's title record, may list "CGC" after dog's name. Includes certificate.
   Must have a number of 1 of 3 types to get the title (AKC number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number).
   We create titles by attaching them to the dog's number.

Dog number here: ________________________________
Which type? ☐ AKC Number ☐ PAL ☐ AKC Canine Partners
AKC numbers (for purebreds) come from the breeder or previous owner. PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing) numbers are for purebreds unable to get AKC registration papers (such as rescues).
All dogs, including purebreds and mixed breeds, can get an AKC Canine Partners number. To apply, go to www.akc.org, click "Owners," then click "AKC Canine Good Citizen," then click "About CGC." Link is near the top of the page. For the reduced AKC Canine Partners rate, the CGC and AKC Canine Partners forms MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE SAME TIME.

☐ $10 Canine Good Citizen Certificate only (not the official title).

OWNER & DOG INFORMATION (List names as you would like them to appear on certificate.)

Owner’s Name: Jon and Tommy Geide
Street Address: 181 By Dutch Rd
City/State/Zip: Camden, DE 19934
Tel: 302 343 8365 Email: tgeide16@comcast.net

DOG’S NAME: Rocky
Dog’s Age: 1
Dog’s Breed (purebred or indicate mixed breed): Golden Retriever

Owner Signature: Tommy Geide Date of Test: 2/15/2018
Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date of Test: ____________________________
If handler is under 18 years of age.

Please make checks or money orders payable to: The American Kennel Club or complete the credit card info below.

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FINAL DIRECTIONS

OWNERS: The evaluator will give you the Top (original) and Bottom (with the test items) copies of the test form. Keep the bottom copy for your records. SEND THE TOP (original) COPY TO AKC with the fee to REQUEST THE CERTIFICATE OR TITLE WITHIN 1 YEAR OF THE TEST.

EVALUATORS: Keep yellow copy for 1 YEAR. Complete the 1 page "TEST SUMMARY FORM" at http://www.akc.org/cgc-test-summary-test/.

White Copies (top & bottom) - Owner Yellow Copy - Evaluator

G9TC1 (4/17)
Certificate of Graduation

Beth Peterson, CPDT-DCVA
Delmarva Regional Director,
National Capital Therapy Dogs, Inc.

February 19, 2018

Have successfully completed the National Capital Therapy Dogs 8-week educational course, written examination, and Therapy Dog Evaluation.

Garrett & Rory, CGC, TKN

To the team of

NATIONAL CAPITAL THERAPY
dogs, inc.
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that: Garrett Geidel & Rory, CGC, TKN are registered as an Animal-Assisted Therapy Team with the National Capital Therapy Dogs Inc. (NCTD). The team has undertaken standards-based training to the satisfaction of NCTD and has successfully passed the NCTD evaluation and annual reviews.

The team is authorized to visit any official NCTD facility after successfully completing the following initiation process:

1. The Director of Facilities will advise the handler which facilities have vacancies, and will help to select a suitable facility based on the handler's preferences, location and availability;
2. The handler will make one visit (without animal) to observe an experienced team in action, and to determine whether the facility/unit would be suitable;
3. The Team (both handler and animal) will make a minimum of one visit under the supervision of the NCTD Facility Coordinator or designee, who will make a final determination of the team's suitability;
4. The Team will successfully complete any orientation and health checks required by the selected facility.

When visiting any facility, the Team will be required to observe all NCTD protocols, including patients' rights and infection control. The handler will carry a copy of the animal's current rabies certificate and health status form. The team is covered by NCTD's general insurance policy while visiting NCTD facilities.

Restrictions: None
Date of Expiration: March 31, 2021

Rosemary Bennett
NCTD President
Issued February 17, 2018
Delaware 4-H Diamond Clover Award Program
Level Six (Diamond) - Plan & Report – Part One

Name: [Handwritten Name]
Phone: (302) 843-9365
Address: [Handwritten Address]
Town/STATE/ZIP: Camden, DE, 19934
4-H County or Military 4-H Program: Kent County
Club(s): Peach Blossom 4-H Club
Age: [Handwritten Age]
Birth Date: [Handwritten Birth Date]
Years in 4-H: [Handwritten Years]

Level Six Diamond Clover Plan (complete at the beginning of the 4-H year)

Check at least eight tasks/skills you plan to accomplish/learn this 4-H year:

- [ ] Attend at least 60% of club meetings
- [x] Serve as a club/group officers, committee chair or teen leader
- [x] Provide leadership for a club or community service-learning project
- [x] Provide leadership for a club or community fundraiser
- [x] Provide leadership for a local 4-H county or military 4-H program activity or event
- [x] Compete in a communications event
- [x] Attend at least one state 4-H event
- [ ] Participate in a national or international event
- [x] Help a younger member with a project exhibit or demonstration
- [x] Attend a resident county, regional or state 4-H camp representing 4-H
- [ ] Participate in an Interstate Exchange
- [x] Complete at least one 4-H project from a project area not previously worked in

I have reviewed Part 1 of this plan and find it complete, accurate and adequate to meet the first portion of the requirements of Level Six (Diamond) of the Delaware 4-H Diamond Clover Award Program. (Note: the detailed proposal and final report of the major service-learning project will be reported on a separate form).

4-H Member Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Date: 9/15/16

Parent/Guardian Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Date: 9/15/16

Club Leader Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Date: 9/15/16

I proposed my original topic in January of 2016. After meeting with the committee, though, I changed it and prepared a completely different project in January 2017. All the activities in this report took place during the two 4-H years that I worked on my project.
Level Six Diamond Clover Report (complete at the end of the 4-H year)

List the tasks completed/skills learned and the date completed below.

First Task/Skill: Serve as a club/group leader
Date: 2017-2018

Explain what you did/learned: In the past two years since I’ve been working on my Diamond Clover project, I have served as the recording secretary and the vice president of my club.

Second Task/Skill: Provide leadership for a club fundraiser
Date: 2016, 2017

Explain what you did/learned: Every year, I serve on the planning committee for my club’s Family Night which includes a live auction and a silent auction as a club fundraiser. I help to plan and run the event and make items for the auction.

Third Task/Skill: Provide leadership for a county event
Date: 12/2017

Explain what you did/learned: I was on the planning committee and helped to plan and run the county Holiday Fun Day as a junior leader with junior council. I also assisted at the county public speaking contest.

Fourth Task/Skill: Compete in a communications event
Date: 4, 6/2017

Explain what you did/learned: I gave my county and state demonstration speech on how to raise and train a therapy dog.

Fifth Task/Skill: Attend at least one state event
Date: 2016-2018

Explain what you did/learned: I worked as a junior leader assisting with the state ice skating party and the state leaders’ forum. I also attended, worked, and exhibited at the Delaware State Fair.

Sixth Task/Skill: Help a younger member with a project
Date 9/2017

Explain what you did/learned: I helped a younger member in my club prepare an illustrated speech. We then gave the speech to our club as a team at a club meeting.

Seventh Task/Skill: Attend a resident camp
Date 2016-2018

Explain what you did/learned: I attended State Camp during the second week each summer. I am in the Thunderbird people group. I was also a camp counselor for Environmental Camp, and I was a counselor at Younger Member Weekend.
Eighth Task/Skill: Complete at least one 4-H project  

Date: 2016-2017

Explain what you did/learned: My original plan included the healthy living project area, and I completed the project and the project book. When I switched my Diamond Clover Project, I also switched project areas, and I completed a dog project and a project book.

Additional Task/Skill: Participate in a national event  

Date: 2017-2018

Explain what you did/learned: In the time that I have been working on my project, I have attended: Citizenship Washington Focus, National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference.

I have reviewed Part 1 of this report and find it complete, accurate and meeting the first portion of the requirements of Level Six (Diamond) of the Delaware 4-H Diamond Clover Award Program. (Note: the detailed plan and report for the major service-learning project will be reported on a separate form).

4-H Member Signature  

Date 4/17/18

4-H Parent/Guardian Signature  

Date 4/17/18

4-H Club Leader Signature  

Date 4/18/18

4-H Educator Signature  

Date 4/18/18

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