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## **CPAA Announces New Program to Help Rescues Take on Troubled Dogs**

The Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance (CPAA) is launching a new program to help its member rescues help even more dogs in the Central PA region. Pawsitive Alternatives will pair foster homes with professional trainers to help guide them down the difficult path of helping a dog recover from severe trauma, abuse and/or neglect. “Our hope is that with the promise of help and support, our member rescues will be encouraged to take some of the tougher cases from the local shelters into their foster programs,” says Zella Anderson, Founder and Director of CPAA. “In a system that is already overwhelmed, rescues need all the assistance we can offer to help give every dog another chance at the life they’ve always deserved.”

Member rescues of CPAA will be able to apply for assistance through this program at no cost to them. The foster home housing the dog will receive personal, one-on-one, professional support from a trainer in their area until the issues are resolved. The trainer assigned to the foster home will work with the family through phone and email consultations, as well as an in-home session. “Our goal is to help them from start to finish,” Anderson says. “By offering this program at no charge to our members, we hope to build a sense of confidence and a network of support that will help many more dogs find their way home.”

The Pawsitive Alternatives program is fortunate to have several trainers already on board including Stephanie Capkovic of Bella Vista Training Center, Kim Koesling of OTCH, Terri Bullers of Canine Behavior Center, Max McAllister of Alpha Dog Obedience Training and Cindy Reitz of CPAA’s HOPE Program.

If you are interested in offering your services as a dog trainer to the Pawsitive Alternatives program, please contact us at [hopedogs@comcast.net](mailto:hopedogs@comcast.net) or 717-379-2511. For more information on CPAA, please visit [www.cpaa.info](http://www.cpaa.info).