

Common Disabilities & Conditions Served by CaPR

Who We Serve

At Canine Partners of the Rockies (CaPR), we believe in the power of partnership — matching highly trained assistance dogs with Coloradans living with physical and psychological challenges. Our dogs provide not only practical support, but also increased independence, confidence, and companionship. We are proud to serve individuals experiencing mobility-limiting conditions, as well as those receiving care from professionals who work with our Facility Dogs.

Mobility-Limiting Disabilities

We commonly partner with individuals living with one or more of the following conditions:

18p Syndrome – A rare chromosome disorder causing developmental delays, intellectual disability, and physical challenges.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) – A progressive neurological disease that affects muscles, eventually leading to paralysis.

Amputation – Loss of a limb, impacting mobility, balance, and daily tasks.

Ataxia – A condition that affects coordination, balance, and speech due to neurological impairment.

Cerebral Palsy – A group of disorders that affect movement, muscle tone, and posture, caused by early brain development issues.

Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (CIRS) – A complex illness triggered by environmental exposure, leading to widespread inflammation and cognitive or physical symptoms.

Chronic Lyme Disease – Persistent symptoms such as fatigue, joint pain, and neurological issues following Lyme disease infection.

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) – A chronic pain condition affecting a limb, typically after injury or trauma, with severe pain and sensitivity.

Congenital Spinal Deformities – Abnormal spine development present at birth, impacting posture and mobility.

Degenerative Disc Disease – Spinal discs wear down over time, causing pain, weakness, and reduced flexibility.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy – A genetic disorder causing progressive muscle weakness and loss, most commonly diagnosed in boys.

Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) – A connective tissue disorder that causes joint hypermobility, chronic pain, and fragile skin.

Muscular Dystrophy – A group of genetic disorders causing progressive muscle weakness and reduced physical abilities.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) – An autoimmune disease affecting the central nervous system, leading to mobility challenges, fatigue, and pain.

Parkinson’s Disease – A progressive neurological condition that affects movement, balance, and coordination.

Post-polio Syndrome – New muscle weakness, pain, and fatigue that can develop years after recovering from polio.

Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), Dysautonomia – A disorder that affects circulation and heart rate, causing dizziness, fatigue, and difficulty standing.

Rheumatoid Arthritis – An autoimmune disease that causes chronic joint inflammation, pain, and reduced mobility.

Spinal Cord Injury – Damage to the spinal cord, which may cause partial or full paralysis, impacting mobility and independence.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type 2 (SMA2) – A genetic condition causing muscle weakness and limited motor function, typically diagnosed in early childhood.

Facility Dogs

CaPR’s Facility Dogs work alongside professionals — including therapists, child life specialists, and medical providers — to provide comfort, motivation, and emotional support to individuals facing:

Psychological Disorders – Including anxiety, depression, and emotional challenges where animal-assisted therapy provides comfort and calm.

Autism – A developmental disorder affecting communication and social interaction, where a trained dog can offer support and structure.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) – A condition caused by experiencing trauma, leading to anxiety, hypervigilance, and flashbacks. Facility dogs help foster a sense of safety.

Trauma – Psychological or emotional injury caused by distressing events, where facility dogs offer therapeutic comfort.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) – Cognitive and emotional rehabilitation for individuals recovering from brain injuries, supported by a facility dog's presence and structured interaction.

More Than a Dog — A Life-Changing Partnership

Every CaPR assistance and facility dog is trained to do more than just tasks — they become a source of strength, companionship, and hope for the people they serve. Together, we're building partnerships that empower greater independence, healing, and joy.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the disabilities we work with, please reach out to CaPR staff. We are happy to provide reliable resources and help you better understand the unique challenges and opportunities within each community we serve. Additionally, we have a resource binder available in our office with more in-depth information about these conditions.