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Thank you for your interest in Canine Commandos, Inc. (CCi). With literally millions of dogs and cats ending up in shelters year after year, CCi was created to increase shelter dog adoption rates, and given the loving home, they so deserve.

As a teacher, you have the opportunity to join this program and benefit not only hundreds of animals but also your students and even their family members. With more than 14 years of experience, you can be confident that this program works and works well. Since 2003, over 4000 students have participated in training over 2500 dogs with basic commands resulting in a 60% successful adoption rate!

It all began in 2003 when an animal-loving elementary school gifted teacher, Virginia Hamilton, began searching for community service opportunities as required in her gifted student program. Initially, the students were involved with canned food drives but then the TV show, Animal Planet, changed everything. Mrs. Hamilton was watching the show when she heard a dog obedience trainer state that many dogs are overlooked for adoption in shelters due to lack of training. He went on to say that with just minutes a day, people could correct the behaviors and improve adoption rates. Mrs. Hamilton knew immediately that this was an opportunity to combine her love of animals with her students' community service requirements to benefit both her students and the animals!

Unfortunately, Mrs. Hamilton soon realized that she was only one person and could only reach so many animals. So she worked diligently fundraising, writing grants, and sharing her story. There are now 18 participating schools (26 classes as some schools have entire grade levels training dogs), but there are so many more needy animals that Canine Commandos is continuing to solicit new teachers like YOU to join this significant program.

Canine Commandos, Inc., is a beneficial program that any class (grades 5 and higher) in any school can and should integrate into their curriculum. This program incorporates animal education, hands-on experience, community service, and service learning. It is also a powerful, real-life problem-based way of teaching that includes C.H.E.C.K. (Compassion, Humanity, Empathy, Caring, and Kindness). Studies have proven that when children perform community service, their self-esteem improves and that that "caring" spills over into their academics.

This document was created to provide you basic information about the program with the goal of enticing you to become part of making a HUGE difference for animals and people. So let's get started.

The Budget - Expenses vary based on your particular program, but here is a sample of one teacher's costs:

Annual Membership	\$200 annual fee
Certified Dog Obedience Trainer	Hourly Rate - negotiable with individual trainers
Bus	\$1.25 per mile (Brevard County cost)

T-shirt	\$10.00 per shirt (child small through adult large, additional cost for Adult XLarge and higher). Our t-shirt company donates \$4.00 per shirt to CCI.
6-8 Leashes (6 foot)	\$8.00 per leash which includes CCI logo and website information. These can be ordered through our website.
6-8 Medium Collars	\$8.00 (varies depending on size but majority are
Clickers	\$1.25 (1 per child)
6-8 Chains or lines (8 foot)	\$22.00 each includes the required two hooks (currently seeking vendor/sponsor for this).

Free Items with your paid membership. Canine Commandos will supply you with many items at NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU:

Accident Coverage and General Liability Insurance – Feel confident with the liability insurance provided at which covers accidents and aggregate claim expenses.

Classroom Training – With manuals and online videos, you'll feel confident before your first trip to the shelter.

Forms – We'll provide you with permission forms and other documents to facilitate your program.

Fundraising Ideas – CCI will share methods that have succeeded in the past to raise funds to support your program.

Service-Learning– CCI's website provides many examples for you to choose from or spur your own ideas from other's successes! Please also submit yours to CCI to be considered for this important section.

In Summation - Canine Commandos, Inc., is about shelter animals enjoying human bonding and finding a forever home while teachers lay a foundation for students to become future model citizens. What a win-win! If you are ready to take the next step with us, we would be honored to hear from you!

Visit www.CanineCommandos.org for more information about the program including heartwarming success stories and personal testimonials.

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we will quickly be in touch!
Thank you for your caring heart.**