



Sawyer III Bio

Sawyer III is the new facility dog at the <u>Scotty's House Child Advocacy Center (CAC)</u>, located in Bryan, TX. He is the first dog to be part of Scotty's House <u>Paws for Hope</u> program. Sawyer's role at Scotty's House is to help comfort and support the children they serve and their families. From the beginning, Sawyer was made to be a dog with a job. His calming and relaxed nature even as a puppy paved the way for his future position. Born on January 6, 2016, Sawyer began his training as a young puppy, hoping to one day be placed with the perfect organization or person.

Sawyer underwent extensive training through <u>Canine Companions for Independence</u>[®], to prepare for his position as the Scotty's House facility dog; learning over 40 commands during his first 2 years of training. Like an Olympic athlete training to be a champion, Sawyer attended training sessions and practiced daily. His puppy raiser, who loved him dearly, dedicated much of her time to ensure Sawyer never strayed from his Canine Companions[®] teachings. As Sawyer grew, his training became more difficult, however, there was always time to be a dog!

Today, Sawyer saunters down the Scotty House halls as he prepares for a busy day. His schedule consists of visiting schools, laying in for counseling sessions, or calmly nestled at a child's feet while in the courtroom. Though his job may appear underwhelming, it is incredibly astonishing work. It is a job meant for a truly special dog. When you see him, watch for the iconic **Sawyer Slide**. He places a calming effect on the entire room as his paws slide down the floor to his down position. The **Sawyer Slide**—you won't forget it!

When off the clock, Sawyer enjoys roughhousing with his two siblings at home or chewing on his favorite Green GoughNuts Stick.

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