

# Fact Sheet

- [Paws for Hope](#) is a facility dog program created by the [Scotty's House Child Advocacy Center \(CAC\)](#), located in Bryan, TX, to help enhance their services and better promote their mission.
- Sawyer is the first facility dog to be a part of the Paws for Hope program.
- Sawyer is a certified facility dog, who works with Scotty's House to provide comfort to children and their families through companionship.
- Sawyer was bred and trained by, [Canine Companions for Independence®](#), a non-profit organization who breeds, trains, and provides assistance dogs free of charge to recipients.
- Canine Companions® facility dogs, like Sawyer, are required to pass the nationally standardized public access test administered by a certified evaluator ([Assistance Dogs International](#)).
- Sawyer is expected to maintain the same standards as service dogs.
- As a certified facility dog, Sawyer attended and graduated from an extensive 2-year training program with Canine Companions for Independence. He is now trained in over 40 commands.
- Sawyer's main priority is to provide comfort for children and their families, in a calm and compassionate way.
- Sawyer was bred to have a lower than average instinctual drive and reactivity – this allows him to successfully work in tense environments.
- Sawyer was specifically appointed for his role due to his natural ability to calm and comfort people.
- Sawyer's slow descent into his down position is known as the iconic Sawyer Slide!

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