

Calo Canine Therapy Department utilizes Golden retrievers to help students experientially learn and live the Calo model. Through daily interactions with the canines the students develop a deeper understanding of commitment and acceptance. The student provides security for the canines through basic care, management and training. This leads to attunement and alignment where co-regulation and self control are practiced. These are building blocks to the interdependent relationship where joy in the relationship is experienced. The students will experience making mistakes with the canines and feel empathy, love, and acceptance as the canine quickly forgives and provides unconditional love. This allows students to practice safe and healthy attachment, with the ultimate goal of Transferable Attachment to safe human relationships.

- Student's demonstrate commitment and acceptance for the canines through consistently following scheduled canine activities, time and evidence
- Student's demonstrate security for the canines through training, maintaining, providing attention for their physical, mental, and emotional needs, time and evidence
- Student's demonstrate attunement and co-regulation by putting the canines needs before their wants, time and evidence
- Student's experience joy as the canines experience joy through the interdependent relationship and transfer relationship skills to safe human relationships (Transferable Attachment)



*Joy comes from experiencing acceptance, security,  
and attunement in a committed home (CASA)*

Students are automatically enrolled in the Canine Therapy Program upon admission to Calo. All students interested in the Calo Canine Foster and/or Adoption process will complete sequential requirements leading up to fostering and when appropriate the finalization of the adoption of a Calo canine. This process is similar in many ways to the human foster/adoption experience and closely resembles the family services model many of our parents and/or students have experienced.