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Independence in 2008 with his Service Dog, Zeus. Kajiyama is non-verbal and was the inspiration for the development of the Canine Sign Language (CSL).

Tucker is a Golden Retriever. He graduated from HCI in 2007 and is a full-time Facility Dog at Kapi'olani Medical Center.

Zeus is a Labrador Retriever. He graduated from HCI in 2008 and is a Service Dog.

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