



## Zoom Room Comes to Denver

**A**s huge fans of Zoom Room in Longmont, we were quite thrilled to hear that a Zoom Room had opened in Denver. Looking for a career change, animal lover Kathy Thorpe had considered going back to school to become a veterinary technician and stumbled across Zoom Room franchise opportunities while searching online. She was very excited about the opportunity and went to California to visit several Zoom Room locations to see if it would be a good match.

Zoom Room is about bonding with your dog and having fun. “The dog owners are having as much fun as the dogs in our classes,” said Kathy. “I hear over and over again that after people come here a few times they know where they want to go to have fun with their dogs.” A majority of clients come to Zoom Room so their dogs can have fun, develop focus or deal with obedience issues or separation anxiety problems. A few clients come to help their pets lose weight. While a handful of their current students will likely progress onto something more competitive, most of Zoom Room’s clients are just there to bond with their dog.

Zoom Room Denver is a beautiful dog training center offering three different levels of agility classes for adults, an agility league as well as youth agility classes. Courses are one day each week for six weeks offering time for both instruction and practice. They also offer “open gym” to single dog owners or groups of owners who wish to come in and practice during non-class time slots. Additional class offerings are polite leash walking classes, tricks classes, urban herding, shy dog, puppy preschool, puppy agility and more. All training classes use positive reinforcement methods.

“The great thing is that any size or shape of dog can do agility. We have German shepherds, chihuahuas, terriers, mutts, even English bulldogs,” said Kathy. Dogs who take agility classes at Zoom Room are challenged both mentally and physically and really love it. There are countless testimonials on their website from clients who truly love what Zoom Room has done for their dogs. If you want a happy and healthy best friend and a fun way to spend time together, definitely get over there and get involved.

Zoom Room is located at 1165 South Broadway in Denver. For more information, please call 303-578-8701 or visit their website at [www.zoomroomonline.com](http://www.zoomroomonline.com).

## BARLEY’S CORNER

Journal of a Sponsored  
Freedom Service Dog in Training



**W**elcome back to Barley’s Corner, journal of Barley, a shelter dog in process of being trained by the talented people at Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) for service dog work. When their work is complete, Barley will be donated to a client in need. Barley’s mission is made possible by the generous people at Cowboy Moving & Storage who are underwriting the \$25,000 cost to prepare Barley for his life’s work.

Since our last issue, Barley has hit a few snags in his training, mostly due to an injured pad on one foot which required some time to heal. He was not in training full time and spent some time being fostered by one of the Freedom Service Dogs team members while he recuperated. He is finally back at the FSD campus and has returned to play time with the other dogs. He is slowly getting back into his training, including a very successful recent trip to Red Rocks Amphitheater as seen in the photo above. He did very well with all of the people around and climbed the stairs like a champ.

Barley is very fond of people and his only challenge seems to be that he is too social. He is still learning his “manners” which means he is still working on controlling his tendency to introduce himself to everyone before being given the command “visit.” His other commands are coming along nicely. The team at FSD continues to work hard with Barley and say that it’s hard not to have a smile on your face when he is around.

Join us next time as we continue to follow Barley on his path to becoming a service dog. You can see more photos and updates on Barley’s progress at [www.freedomservicedogs.org/cowboy](http://www.freedomservicedogs.org/cowboy). For more information, please call Freedom Service Dogs at 303-922-6231.