

Corey & Sultan

Corey is a 28-year-old man who was paralyzed in an accident in 2002. He came to KSDS in the spring of 2005 to attend Service Class. Corey then graduated with Sultan on April 16, 2005. Sultan, a male black lab, now assists Corey in accomplishing many goals.

Corey works with Sultan around the clock. Since Corey's voice controls on his bed stopped working, Sultan has been assisting him by repositioning his arms and body as needed during the night. Having Sultan's assistance at night eliminates the need for Corey to have a person assist him or spend money on costly repairs or replacement of his bed.

In the late summer of 2005, Corey and Sultan began attending a local junior college. This was the first time since May of 1995 that Corey had attended college. He completed both the fall and spring semesters with a 4.0 G.P.A. Sultan is proud to assist Corey with retrieving and carrying his notebooks and books for each class along with many other tasks.

The next goal that Corey recently accomplished was finishing his driver's training and receiving his driver's license. He is currently on a vehicle waiting list and will soon be receiving his own accessible minivan. The accomplishment of this goal allows Corey and Sultan to go everywhere they need to, which will be quite helpful on their future adventures. Corey feels more confident going out with Sultan beside him.

The summer adventure that awaits Corey and Sultan is completing an internship as a counselor at a leading substance abuse treatment center located in downtown Waco, Texas. Corey will be working towards his state licensing. While working on his licensing, Corey will be enrolling in graduate school.

Their next adventure, well, that remains to be seen, but is guaranteed to be one of many more to be had by the team.

“Sultan has been wonderful. Our working partnership could not be stronger.” - Corey