

# Mission III

Official Mascot, Northern Illinois University

## Contact Information

- **Location:** DeKalb, Illinois
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## Education

- Puppy Training Academy, British Columbia, Canada (2023)
  - Specialized in Mascot Preparedness and Public Relations

## Professional Experience

### Official Mascot, Northern Illinois University (2024 - Present)

- Represent NIU at athletic events, academic ceremonies, and community outreach programs
- Boost school spirit and morale through dynamic performances and interactions
- Collaborate with cheerleading squad to enhance crowd engagement
- Participate in photo opportunities with students, alumni, and visitors

### Mascot-in-Training, NIU (2023 - 2024)

- Shadowed Mission II to learn the ropes of being a university mascot
- Underwent intensive training in crowd interaction, noise tolerance, and public appearance etiquette

## Skills

- Expert tail-wagging and head-tilting
- Proficient in high-fives and paw-shakes
- Advanced skills in looking adorable in various NIU-branded outfits
- Fluent in Husky (native) and Human (body language)

## Certifications

- Certified Good Boy (CGB), issued by NIU Mascot Training Program
- Advanced Frisbee Catching, Backyard Sports Association

## Volunteer Experience

- "Paws for Reading" program at local elementary schools

- Therapy dog visits at DeKalb area nursing homes

## **Interests**

- Chasing squirrels (for cardio training purposes only)
- Napping in sunbeams between appearances
- Taste-testing various flavors of dog-safe ice cream

## **References**

- Lisa Boland, NIU Mascot Trainer
- The entire NIU student body
- Countless scratched ears and belly rubs