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KC – ITA's first therapy cat
and first feline to be chosen ITA
Therapy Animal of the Year



Inside:

Lots more about this very rare "breed"

Who are Intermountain Therapy Animals?

We are a human service organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, headquartered in Utah, that brings the gift of animal companionship and interaction to people in need. Our mission is to **enhance quality of life through the human/animal bond**. Our volunteers (people and their own pets) make regular visits to those who are physically or developmentally disabled, emotionally or psychologically impaired, lonely or suffering from depression. All services are free of charge to both client and facility.

ITA therapy animals and their handlers are screened, trained, licensed and insured to participate in animal-assisted interactions (AAI), which may be either animal-assisted activities (AAA) or animal-assisted therapy (AAT). Successful teams have completed both health and temperament screening and volunteer training.

Serving our communities since 1993, we are one of the largest groups of our kind in the United States, with more than 350 volunteer teams doing animal-assisted therapy at more than 100 hospitals, counseling centers, nursing facilities, detention homes, extended care centers, and schools. Chapters of ITA now thrive in Montana, Idaho, Nevada, and Kentucky.

We are also the founders of Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®), a literacy support program to foster in children the love of books and the reading environment. R.E.A.D. has spread throughout the United States and beyond since we launched it in 1999.

If you would like more information about us and our work, please contact Executive Director Kathy Klotz at 801-272-3439. We welcome all who want to lend a helping paw! ♥



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The Healing Power of *Cat Purrs*

THE SECRET

Cats create purr vibrations within a range 20-140 Hz, known to be medically therapeutic for many illnesses.



20-140 Hz

o1 | Lowering stress.

Petting a purring cat calms down your nerves.

o2 | Cat's purr can decrease the symptoms of dyspnea in both cats and humans.

o3 | Lower blood pressure.

By interacting with the cat and hearing the purring sound.

o4 | Healing of bones.

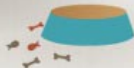
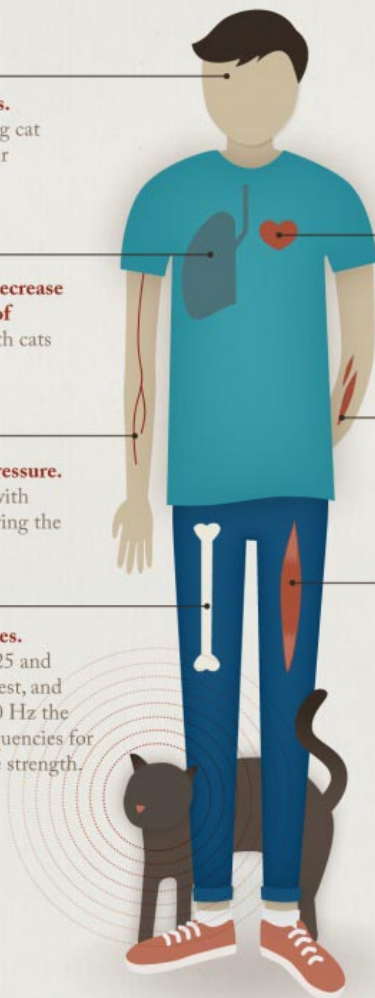
Frequencies of 25 and 50 Hz are the best, and 100 Hz and 200 Hz the second best frequencies for promoting bone strength.

o5 | A recent study shows that cat owners have 40% less risk of heart attack.

o6 | Purr vibrations help healing infection and swelling.

o7 | Healing of muscles, tendons and ligament injuries.

The vibrations are also helpful for healing soft tissue.



“If you put a cat and a bunch of broken bones in the same room, the bones will heal.”

- OLD VETERINARY ADAGE

According to the Daily Infographic of July 21, 2013, our feline friends provide us with more than just emotional support. House cats may actually be contributing to our physical well-being. We at ITA know this—anecdotally and experientially—and those of you who have cats as personal therapists do, too. Nice that science is once again catching up.

When a cat purrs within a range of 20-140 Hertz, nearby humans may be therapeutically benefiting from these vibrations. Purring has been linked to lowering stress, decreasing symptoms of Dyspnoea, lessening the chances of having a heart attack, and even strengthening bones.

Research suggests pet owners live longer than those without pets. And thank goodness animal-assisted therapy is continuing to gain momentum in medical communities.

Our own animals have the ability to relieve us of our troubles, or at least make our worries seem less important. The bond between pets and their owners may never be fully understood, but it's nice to know having a furry confidant around can add years to our lives.

— Contributed by Sherlock and Eliza Hintze



From ITA's Board Chair

Dear Friends,

I have now been volunteering with Intermountain Therapy Animals for more than a decade, and I can still say with great passion that nothing I have ever done has made such a dramatic and valuable difference in the everyday, real world challenges that people face, as animal-assisted therapies can and do.

People of all ages and socio-economic circumstances receive devastating diagnoses and injuries every day. Future paths must veer sharply, dreams are dashed, and all these events reverberate through a patient's family as well.

Our animals come into these situations with great wisdom and intuition; they are catalysts, motivators, sources of fun and inspiration — and they pass no judgments. They make healing connections.

Animals the world over inspire these reactions, so work like ours may seem almost mundane or insignificant in the larger scheme of things. But nothing could be less true, because

each encounter, one by one, is also unique and of singular benefit. Our therapists tell us over and over, year after year, that the animals inspire cooperation, participation and progress that they cannot otherwise get from their patients.

Now in our 21st year, ITA is one of the most successful organizations of our kind. But we are struggling, like other charities big and small, to keep providing these crucial services during these challenging economic times. We need your help to survive, to continue helping our patient/clients in over 100 healthcare facilities to heal. Please do all you can to make room for ITA in your budget and your heart. Investing in animal-assisted therapy is a guaranteed Return on Investment—it succeeds every time!



Susan and Diva stroll with a young client.

We hope we can count on your support. We need you now more than ever, so that we can continue to serve thousands of people in our community every year!

With sincere thanks,

Susan Daynes
ITA Board President

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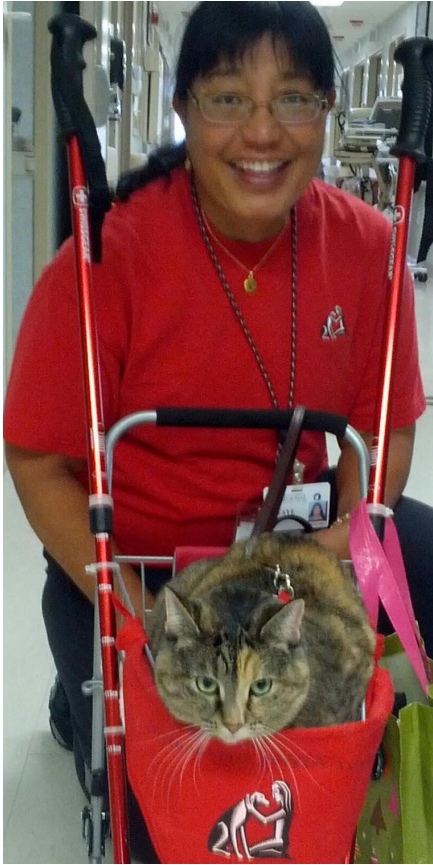
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About ITA's Cat Teams



Faye Alexander & Yuki

Yuki became an ITA Therapy Cat in October 2012. She is now 5 years old, and is distinguished as the only ITA therapy cat in Idaho Falls. I found her, starving and abused in the snow at 10 degrees below zero in January 2010 in Idaho Falls. Which is how she got her name (Yuki means "snow" in Japanese).

We noticed that Yuki loved to ride in cars and loved people. When visitors arrived at our house, she was the first one to greet them at the door then sit on their laps. So I thought she just might be therapy material (very few cats want the therapy job).

She went through a lot to pass the test, but did great at it all, and she learned quickly about weekly therapy visits at the

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Eliza Hintze & Sherlock

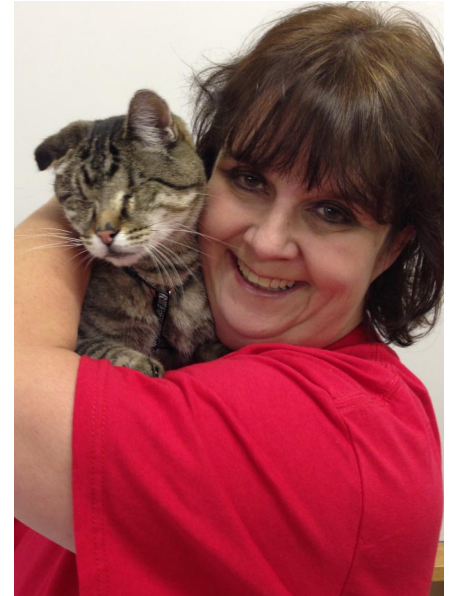
Last year at UNI Sherlock met a teenage boy who had Cerebral Palsy. The boy was seated in a motorized wheelchair, and his eyes lit up when he saw Sherlock. The boy couldn't speak, but he had a communication device mounted on his wheelchair. He pushed a few buttons on the screen, and a computerized voice said, "Hi Kitty." Sherlock was more than happy to sit on the boy's lap for awhile.

A young man from Africa attended one of Sherlock's group sessions at UNI a few months ago. He was visibly anxious about being in the same room with a cat. When he was invited to pet Sherlock, he said sheepishly, "I'm afraid of cats." But a few minutes before the session was over, the boy approached Sherlock and tentatively put out one hand to pet him. "Oh wow," he said. "I have never seen a cat like that before."

Sherlock has plenty to say about being an ITA therapy cat—his essay is on page 6.

And please also see his claims about the value of purrs validated on page 3. ♥

— Eliza Hintze, Salt Lake City, UT



Tawnya Kinder & Daredevil

Hello, my name is Daredevil. My mom is Tawnya and she has been rescuing animals for about 19 years—animals that are forgotten, left behind, sick, or going to be euthanized because, well, there are so many of us cats and dogs. That's because humans don't get their animals spayed or neutered. Those that get rescued get shots, exams, spay or neuter, and other things that are necessary to make it so they are adoptable and, hopefully, find their new forever home.

I don't really remember much of how I came to a barn in Draper in June 2003, with my eyes all messed up. I remember a nice lady saying, "Oh my, oh my, look at this kitten's eyes. I have never seen anything like this before." She took me into the house and picked up the phone right away.

Next thing I know, I am in a car with Tawnya and her son, Tim. And ever since then, I've had the best cat life, even though I had to lose my eyes.

I've been an ITA therapy cat since

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About ITA's Cat Teams (cont.)

Faye & Yuki

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hospital, a behavioral health center, and an adult handicapped day facility. Yuki works for an hour on my days off.

Every therapy visit with Yuki always brings lots of smiles and laughter since she's riding in a toy shopping cart. I found the cart much easier than carrying her around for an hour. People enjoy petting her in the cart, or if they want they pull her out and hug her on their lap. Yuki tolerates the big hugs, but after 5-10 minutes she lets me know that she wants back in her cart. Then we're off to the next cat lover. Yuki's fur is soft like a bunny rabbit. We have been allowed in all areas of the hospital, including the ICU. I'm grateful that our hospital can see the benefits of therapy animals.

Staff and patients will ask, "How do you train a cat?" And I always say "you don't, Yuki trains me." Cats have to want to do the right things as animal therapists. Yuki is very tolerant, but she lets me know when she's ready to go home. I call it "cattitude" when Yuki wants to leave and hugs my neck.

Yuki and I will listen to lots of stories about a client or patient's cat at home and how much they miss their cat. Turns out, there are an amazing number of cat lovers needing therapy visits, too. I'm so grateful to have Yuki and to see how much joy she brings to so many people.

I could never bring so many smiles on my own. ♥

— Faye Alexander, Idaho Falls, ID



I am Sherlock, Hear Me Purr!

by Sherlock, ITA Therapy Cat since 2008, with translation by his partner, Eliza Hintze

Sherlock is a minor celebrity at the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI), where he has been visiting the pediatric and adolescent inpatient units since 2009. Intermountain Therapy Animals has over 300 therapy teams in Utah, but only five of those teams include cats. These cats are an elite therapeutic force. We turn heads and melt hearts wherever we go. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting me or one of my therapy cat colleagues, here's what you can expect:

1. I was born this way.

Therapy cats are born, not trained. Eliza can't make me do anything I don't want to do. She didn't teach me how to be a therapy animal. I'm just naturally a very affectionate and mellow cat. I am confident and trusting, even with strangers. And I'm a great listener.

2. I have unique skills.

The therapy animal screening is different for cats. I don't have to sit, stay, or demonstrate any leash skills. Instead, I sit on a series of four volunteer's laps. I must sit on the last person's lap for at least 30 seconds, without wiggling or trying to get away. I

also meet a dog, and when the tester drops something on the floor I don't even flinch. It's fun to show people what I can do.

3. I come prepared.

Before every therapy visit, Eliza trims my claws, brushes me, and puts dander-control spray on my fur. She also cleans the litter box an hour or so before we leave, as a subtle hint that I should make a pit stop.

4. I need to feel safe.

Some therapy cats walk on leashes. Others have nifty carts with wheels. I prefer to cruise in my cat stroller, which provides a smooth ride and a place where I feel protected and comfortable. My stroller is my home away from home.

5. I travel light.

My essential therapy cat supplies include: my harness, a small towel for me to sit on, and a lint roller. And in the summer, Eliza puts an ice pack in my stroller to help me stay cool.

6. I have limits.

I don't like getting shuttled from room to room in hospitals. Elevators and beeping medical equipment make me nervous. And after about 60 minutes of therapy time, I get tired and I want to go home and take a nap. I'm a good sport, but I am still a cat.

7. I have a story to tell.

Eliza and I met at the Atlanta Humane Society in 1998, and have been best friends ever since. I have a story to tell about the awesomeness of shelter cats, and about the importance of responsible cat ownership.

8. I have superpurr.

I am a purring machine, especially on therapy visits. Scientific research has shown that cat purrs have powerful health benefits for nearby humans, including lowering stress, reducing heart attack risk, and even strengthening bones! ♥

About ITA's Cat Teams (cont.)

The Amazing Davis Family and Their Therapy Cats

[ED. NOTE:] I have no hesitation in declaring that, having lived in the world of therapy animals for 20 years now, there is no one, anywhere, like Terri Davis and her daughters, Kaylin and Leah. They have touched countless people with their five therapy cats, along the way learning much about partnering with cats for the benefit of all—the cats, too. There is both art and science in this work, and they have contributed much toward perfecting both elements!

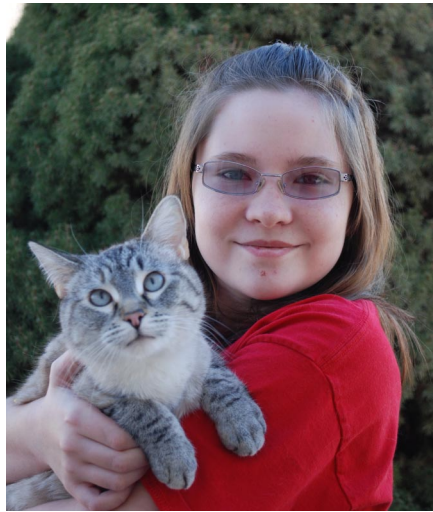
In addition to their therapy visits, these cats trust their partners enough to make public appearances with countless dogs and strange people in wide open park spaces and a strange, huge, deafening ballroom with more than 270 people partying. They continue to dazzle us everywhere they go. — KK



Terri & Willow

Willow is a sweet, long-haired brown-patched tabby. Willow has only been a therapy cat since spring of 2012. She enjoys visits to Heritage Park Care Center where residents love to run their fingers through her long silky fur or cuddle her and hear her purr.

I think this is an amazing accomplishment for this beautiful cat, since when I first saw her in the garden center of Home Depot, where she had been living as a feral for 1-1/2 years, the closest she would allow humans was about 12 feet. That changed when she chose to have her 5 kittens in a box 20 feet up in the racking. Because she would not leave her kittens, I was able to trap the entire family. Initially she was scared and very protective of her family. For several months she was just "Mama cat." Given time, love and patience her true nature came out. She loves and seeks affection.
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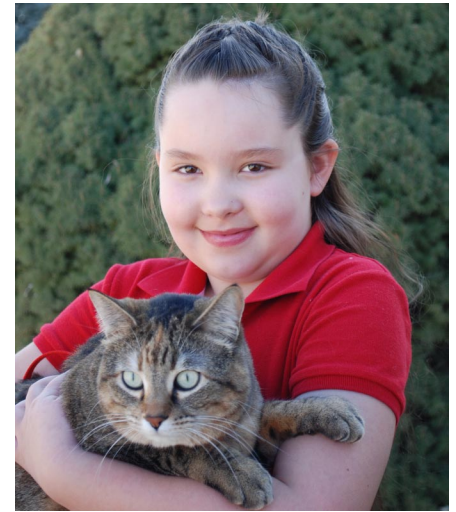


Kaylin & Bella

Bella is a Lynx point Siamese. Together with her partner, 12-year-old junior handler Kaylin, they have been a team for four years. They have enjoyed Weber State University's annual Stress Fair and the children this summer at the Weber County Library Summer Reading Program, and their most regular facility is a nursing home called Heritage Park Care Center in Roy. A special cart was designed and built for Kaylin and Bella to use during their visits. Bella loves riding in her cart up and down the halls.

One of Bella's unique characteristics is that she loves to talk to the people she visits. Usually when Bella meows, people talk back to her and laugh with delight when she speaks to them.

On one special visit a resident who normally doesn't talk or interact with the
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Leah & Princess

Princess is a gorgeous brown-patched tabby domestic shorthair—and Willow's daughter. Princess and Leah, her 10-year-old junior handler, make a great team at Heritage Park Care Center where they have been visiting for two years now. Tabbys are among the best dressed cats of the feline world, and Princess got her name from her distinctive tabby markings of necklaces around her neck, bracelets on her legs, rings around her tail, beautiful eyeliner around grape green eyes, and a red diamond on her forehead.

Princess loves to visit with people at Heritage Park. The activity director says that the ITA visit is the favorite activity for some of the residents. The site of a cat in the little red cart rolling down the hall always brings a smile to residents and staff faces alike. Recently, Princess was visiting with several of the residents.
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Cruckin': ITA Animals Hit the Road!

In a delightful first for us, there is now a huge 18-wheeler cruising the western states with ITA therapy animals gracing all sides!

Lynn Jensen, CEO of Interwest Transportation, is a devoted believer in our work, and in addition to giving ITA generous cash gifts, gave us permission to grace one of his trailers with 12 of our therapy dogs and one ITA cat, Sherlock. The trailer hit the road early in February 2014, and invites people to "Join us in supporting Intermountain Therapy Animals — Pets Helping People," with our phone number and website. Thanks, Lynn and Interwest!



(TOP LEFT:) Right-side ITA animals are Zuzu, Diva, Carlos, Sherlock and Cece. (TOP RIGHT:) Back-end dogs are Lily Rose, Jax and Blue Velvet. (LEFT:) Pictured with Brandt Jensen, left-side dogs are Simba, Gus (Lynn's Sheltie), Sammy, George, Toby and Reggie. (BELOW:) a panoramic shot of the whole trailer.



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ANONYMOUS (3)
Faye Alexander
Eileen Ambrose
Robert Anderson
Apogee Instruments
Wendy & Stewart Ashenberg
Christine Bachmann (R.E.A.D.)
Diana Baxter
Holly Bauman
Lucia Bellazetin
Susan Bellon
Victoria Bennett
Thomas Berggren
Sara Blaisdell
Dawn & Ed Bookbinder
Darlene Bridwell
Anne Brillinger
David Carlson
Helen Carney
Catherine Chamberlain
Nyla Chandler
Cheryl Lynn Childress (R.E.A.D.)
Kimberly Clinger
Sue & Del Counce
Beverley Cooper
Cindy Cromer
Bryant Davis
Carolynn Daye
Marcia Dibble
Susan Dinter
Anna Drake
Denise Dreher (R.E.A.D.)
Stanley Dudek
Penny Edwards
Janelle Evans
Jeffrey Gahrns
Sally Gale
Jean Glaser
Jean & Bud Graber (R.E.A.D.)
Peggy Green
Gayle Grim
Karla Gunnell
Ilauna & John Gurr
Virginia Harris
Vicki Harrison
Michele Hatton
Chris Hennefer
Cindy Hikida
Wendy Hitch
Sharon Hobson
Marilyn & John Holt
Chaz Houpt & Milli
Sherry Jarvis
Teri Jensen
Jo's Book Club
Mary Johnson
Alonzo Jones

Michael Jorgenson (R.E.A.D.)
David Jouppi (R.E.A.D.)
JustGive
Samantha Kaderabek, on behalf of UL FPD (R.E.A.D.)
Sally Kaiser
Lisa Kane
Jerry & Eileen Kaplan
Jean Katch
Angela Keeton
Barbara Koerner & Wayne Marsh
Debbie Kramer
Ricki & Scott Kresan
Margaret Landesman
Deb Lang
Sandra Later
Marsha Lev
Bonnie Lofquist (R.E.A.D.)
Amee Trevino Kovacs
McGillis School / Josh Goldberg
Bryan, Beth, Frederick, Henry & Emma Madsen
Sheila Maesinger
Michelle Marshall
Mary Martin
Susan McDonald
Suzy G. Mihalopoulos
Alan Miller
Lynda Miner
Emil Misichko
Donna & Ralph Morelli
Terilinn Moyer
Myers Mortuary
Laurie & Michael Nelson
Lisa Nishizawa
Laura Numeroff
Jaimee O'Brien
Tanya & Jim Oleson (R.E.A.D.)
Order of Eastern Star Past Matrons Circle
Bernadette Ossorio
Dana Owen
Denise Partain
Jeanne Peterson
Linda & Ken Pierce
Tamar Prero
Sharon & Gene Raymond
Nancy Robbins & Family
Bonnie Rockwood
Helen Rollins
Nancy Rosen
Sarah Circle Ladies/Hilltop United Methodist Church
Alice & DuWayne Schmidt
Patricia & Kenneth Schmitt
Chuck Schneider (R.E.A.D.)
Kim Schroeder
Kim Schuske & Michael Horner
Lynda & Roger Simmons
Charlene Smith
Mable & William Staplin

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Tawnya & Daredevil

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2004—that's some kind of record!

My clients are often surprised when I walk in on a leash (my favorite way to travel) and walk right up to them. I will sit in their laps as long as they'll have me, and often it takes them awhile to even notice that my eyes are gone.

I really love dogs as well as people. One of my favorite things to do is visit with a dog team, and then to have both of us get in bed with a client. They can't get over the fun of having a dog up against them on one side and a cat, me, on the other. That's double the benefits, for sure!

Tawnya says I am her superhero, but she's the one who took me in and gave me a chance to live and be me.

Once at St. Joseph's Villa, there was a gentleman with his son. The man yelled over to us, "That is one funny-looking dog!" When we got to them Tawnya said, "This is Daredevil, the cat," and everybody laughed.

The man said his son, Eric, had been in a very bad car wreck and was paralyzed and had brain injuries. But he said he knew his son was "in there," and that Eric loved all animals. Tawnya put me on his bed and picked up Eric's hand and started to stroke me with it. She told Eric that I was so soft and that I loved having him pet me. I cuddled right up to him.

Eric was only 22, a sweet young man whose life was changed forever because of a drunk driver. He was tall—6' 5"—and had the most beautiful blue eyes, but he looked so lost. Tawnya said to him, "Daredevil loves you," and talked with the man for a few more minutes while I lay quietly on Eric's bed.

Then we noticed that Eric had tears rolling down his cheeks. His dad said, "See, I told you my son is in there." I had had the chance to touch another soul. ♥

—Daredevil & Tawnya Kinder, Salt Lake City, UT

Goodbye & Godspeed

RETIRING:

Rosie

Westie partner of Janet Anderson of SLC, UT



Harvey

Husky mix partner of Sara Kaplan of SLC, UT



Chaco

Irish Setter partner of Marcia Walker of SLC, UT



Skittles

Papillon partner of Lori Thomassen of SLC, UT



Gracie

Calico cat partner of Sally Ann Bisch of Bozeman, MT



Chloe

German Wirehair/Brittany Spaniel partner of Graham Walker of SLC, UT



Apollo

Yellow Lab partner of Linda Smurthwaite of Murray, UT



George

Basset Hound partner of Peggy Chudd of SLC, UT



DECEASED:

Sam

Golden Retriever partner of Marcia Walton of SLC, UT



Bruzer

English Bulldog partner of Lynn Long of Draper, UT



Sherman

Terrier mix partner of Christine Martin of SLC, UT



Loki

Anatolian Shepherd partner of Heidi Arneson of Bozeman, MT



Silver

Rough Collie partner of Katy Harjes of Bozeman, MT.



Putter

Shih Tzu partner of Doug Springmeyer of SLC, UT



Nick

Pointer/Coonhound partner of Pam Strickland of Bountiful, UT



Emily

Keeshound partner of Carol Prince of SLC, UT



Mica

Standard Poodle partner of Linda Pierce of Bozeman, MT



Kona

Golden Retriever partner of Sarah Hall of Bozeman, MT



Sophia

Toy Poodle partner of Mickey Bailey of Three Forks, MT.



Turbo

Springer Spaniel mix partner of Gary Buehler of Bozeman, MT



Piggy

Pit Bull partner of April Hollingsworth of SLC, UT



Jett

Newfoundland partner of Rachael & Brett Beasley of Orem, UT



Give sorrow words:
The grief that
does not speak
Whispers o'er the
fraught heart, and
bids it break.

—Wm. Shakespeare (in Hamlet)

Recognition & Memorials

Gifts to Honor & Remember

In MEMORY of . . .

Banjo, companion of Ann Smyth
Hilary Jacobs and Family

Betty
Diane Bracey

Gretta Baur
Pat Gay

Chica, companion of Nanci & Bud Cranford
Frankie Gibbs

Coco, companion of David Halsted
Frankie Gibbs

Colonel
Robert Anderson
Mary Kay Lazarus

Scot Davis
Kathy Klotz

Tom Disz
Leslie & Kevin Blackham
Patricia Campbell
Erika Daines
Jeffrey Gahriss
Michele Hatton
Chris Hennefer
Kathy Klotz
Barbara Koerner & Wayne Marsh
Sandra Later
Myers Mortuary
Laurie & Michael Nelson
Kim Schroeder
George, Tina & Miley Hose Sumner

Margaret "Peggy" Eklund
Victoria Lee Steges

Emily, ITA partner of Carol Prince
Jo's Book Club
Lizzie's Ladies: Pat, Barbara, Jean & Gail

Kendra Guthrie
Kathryn Waddell

Brad Harris
Virginia Harris & Bridget

Jett, ITA partner of Grett & Rachael Beasley
Kathy Klotz

Dr. Austin Larsen
Pamela & John Berman

Mica, our wonderful dog who loved her 9 years of service with ITA
Linda & Ken Pierce

Aunt Marge Morelli
Donna & Ralph Morelli

Piggy, ITA partner of April Hollingsworth
Kathy Klotz

Pookha
Wendy Hitch

Putter, ITA partner of Doug Springmeyer
Kathy Klotz

Queenie, my 20-year-old Poodle
Darlene Bridwell

Robert Rial
Anonymous
Wendy & Stewart Ashenberg
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David Carlson
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The Hillsdale Administrators
Hillsdale Board of Education
HR Team and the Altamonte Springs Office
Mary Johnson
Alonzo Jones
Debbie Kramer
Connie Lancker
Phyllis Mackey
Patricia & Kenneth Schmitt
Catherine Shriver and the Hardinger Cousins
Susan & Jerome Singleton
Dawn Spango & Friends
Timothy Sroka
Jane & Dave Staplin
Jennifer Staplin
Mable & William Staplin
Lauri Tomlins
John Vestal
Valerie Wriede

Sherman, ITA Partner of Christine Martin
Kathy Klotz

Peg Shupe
Pamela (Metz) & John Berman

Žorro, companion of Scott, Paula & Chris Breen
Frankie Gibbs

In HONOR of . . .

Faye Alexander & Hope, our ITA Mentors
Chaz Houpt & Milli

Chris Beck-McKay & Mark McKay's 35th Wedding Anniversary
Anita & Arthur Polner

Chance Bender
Cindy Bender

Anne Creden, DVM at Salmon Brook Veterinary Hospital (Avon, CT)
Bernadette Ossorio

Elizabeth Dranow & Ralph Marshall
Martin Presler-Marshall

ITA Team Pat Gay & Rupert
Russell Fericks
Bryan, Beth, Frederick, Henry & Emma Madsen

Grandma Carol
M, N, E, S, G & B

Halima, ITA partner of Debbie McAllister
Darlene Bridwell

Halltree's Stargazer "Tycho" for all your hard work and dedication to such a great cause!
Kristie Rasmussen

Pat Hemingway's Birthday
Tim & Candace Dee

Pat Hemingway's Work as an ITA Team with Ben
Martha & Bill Scott

Kona, companion of Sally & Llew Humphreys
Hilary Jacobs

Lily Rose, ITA partner of Lynne Hanson
Anne Zopfi

Linda Kurz's Birthday
Marsha Lev

Meggie
Nyla Chandler

Monique Milius & Marty Jensen's Wedding
Diana Baxter

Sherry Underwood
Apogee Instruments

Roxy and Tessa Arneson-Watcke
ExxonMobil Foundation

Jonathan Way
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Andrea Yost
PNM Resources Foundation

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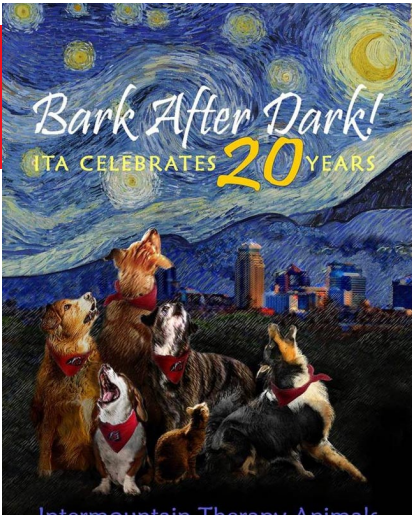
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(VERTICALLY FROM TOP LEFT:) (1) Sister Dottie dons Mother Ruffoon's dress; (2) The Taz; (3) Colby as the Cat King, with his body guard, Bold the Miniature Horse; (4) Sister Dottie with the Basset Mafia; (5) The Golden Brigade; (6) The Bridges family waits for their cue to go onstage; (7) Jazz Woods; (8) Chloe Burns, and (9) Bodhi, the Sugar Pooch Fairy.





ITA's 20th Anniversary Celebration — September 14, 2013

An enthusiastic crowd filled the ballroom at Little America on September 14, 2013, as Intermountain Therapy Animals celebrated 20 years of enhancing quality of life through the power of the human-animal bond.



(CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:) (A) ITA Team Eric Eikenberry & Winston deliver some hands-on therapy to the guests. (B) ITA staffer Sharry Buhanan-Decker shows off the "Bark After Dark!" wall of stars, where 140 people honored their beloved companions. (C) Terri and Leah Davis, cruise among the guests with their feline partners Willow and Princess. (D) Hosts Mark Koelbel and Shauna Lake of KUTV Channel 2 introduced 20 ITA teams, representing one for each year of our existence.

Bark After Dark!



About ITA's Cat Teams (cont.)

Terri & Willow

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and is still quite silly and playful.

And thus the name "Willow," the little waif cat from the garden center that was strong enough to bend and grow to trust and love those that loved her.

P.S. One of her kittens became an ITA therapy cat too... "Princess!"

— Terri Davis

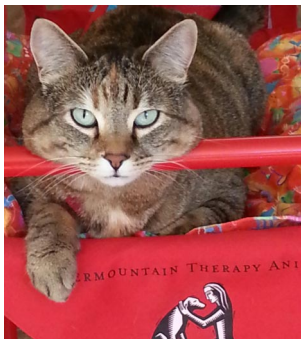


Leah & Princess

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when Thelma came to see her and started to pet her enthusiastically from head to tip of tail, and each and every paw was inspected also. Thelma then was our escort through the rest of that hall, announcing to all, "Come see the kitty, come see the beautiful cat!"

With another resident, Denise, we always used to visit in her room when we first met her. Months passed and, as her health improved, we found her out in the hall in her wheelchair on one visit. So we put the lap blanket down for Princess and she rolled up and down the



halls for about 20 minutes with Princess in her lap as Leah walked alongside. Everybody would stop

to visit Denise and pet Princess on her lap. I think they both loved all the extra attention.

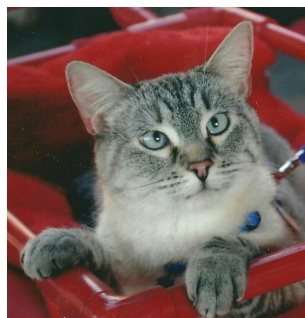
— Terri Davis

Kaylin & Bella

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animals stopped when she heard Bella "conversing" with another resident. She stopped, smiled, and approached Bella, and Bella meowed to her, too. She reached out to pet her and then continued to follow Bella around the room as she visited others. Each time Bella would talk to anybody in the room, this resident would laugh and smile again. As we were leaving, the nurse who was accompanying us said "That's what it's all about."

Sometimes when Bella is visiting the residents will talk about their pets they have had. One resident, Ken, keeps a bag of kitty treats on hand just for Bella's visit. Bella has visited with Ken for almost every visit in 4 years.



On one of her visits, we stopped by the room of an angry young resident who always

kept his door closed and did not want anyone in his room. But that day we decided to let Bella give it a try anyway. When we asked if he wanted to see Bella he surprised us with a "yes." Afterwards, he had a very nice smile on his face and was calmer for awhile. When we closed the door the nurse who was with us jumped up and down and did a little happy dance because she said that was the most exciting thing that had just happened. "You go girl!"

The residents like Bella because she makes them feel warm and fuzzy on the inside while putting smiles on the outside, too.

— Terri Davis

How It All Began:

Terri, KC and Bonnie Blue

All our pets are special, but those that are therapy animals share a unique bond in our hearts. We work with them as a team for so many years and see the effect unconditional love brings to so many.

One never knows what seemingly small thing will change the direction of our lives. Little did I know how a small red and white tabby cat with an enormous heart, who walked into my life by chance, would change mine.

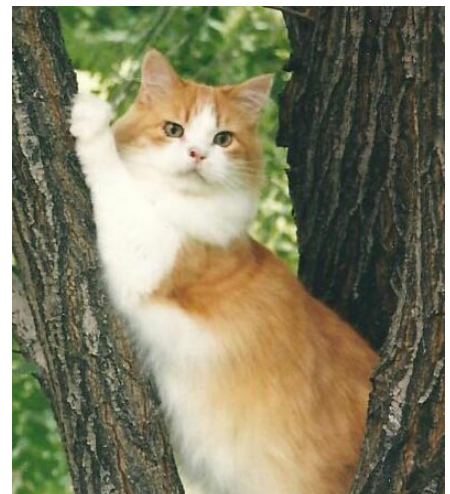
KC, My First Therapy Cat

From beat-up stray, to the darling of the cat shows, to a comforting and inspirational therapy animal, to cancer survivor, KC's life definitely took "the road less traveled" by most cats.

His journey to becoming a therapy cat was surely unusual. Despite abandonment that led to early behavior problems, KC overcame his traumatic youth to once again trust and love people and other animals.

He could have told many stories about his life, from his early years as a bully street-fighting tom that nobody wanted,

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Cat & Dog Poetry (And Why Not?)

Cats

Francesco Marciuliano writes the comic strip "Sally Forth," which runs in 700 newspapers (and the webcomic "Medium Large," which does not). He says it took him over 30 years to learn how to spell his entire name correctly.

That Top Shelf

I think I can jump to that top shelf
I want to jump to that top shelf
I know I can jump to that top shelf
I am jumping to that top shelf
I missed that top shelf by a good six feet
And now everything is on the floor
And I'm left wondering
Why people even bother buying china
If it breaks so easily

And Now We Know

Nine-hundred-and-ninety-five
I'm doing this for you
Nine-hundred-and-ninety-six
So please don't interrupt
Nine-hundred-and-ninety-seven
I'm just keeping them honest
Nine-hundred-and-ninety-eight
So please do take note
Nine-hundred-and-ninety-nine
And now thanks to me we all know
There really were one thousand sheets
in this toilet paper roll

Cat Proverb

They say there are
Twenty-four hours in a day
But I'm only up for three of them
And two I consider overtime.

I Lick Your Nose

I lick your nose
I lick your nose again
I drag my claws down your eyelids
Oh, you're up? Feed me

Busy, Busy

It's 8 am and time to rest
It's 10 am and time to relax
It's noon and time for repose
It's 3 pm and time for shut-eye
It's 6 pm and time for siesta
It's 9 pm and time to slumber
It's 4 am and time to hang upside down
from your bedroom ceiling, screaming

This Is My Chair

This is my chair
This is my couch
That is my bed
That is my bench
There is my chaise
There is my settee
Those are my footstools
Those are my rugs
Everywhere is my place to sleep
Perhaps you should just get a hotel room

O Christmas Tree

O please
O come on
O like you didn't know
What you were getting for Christmas
Before I ripped open all your gifts
O by the way
The tree looks better on its side
O I really do think so

Bigger Cat

I'm not fat, I'm big-boned
I'm not fat, I'm a bigger breed
I'm not fat, it's just more hair
I'm not fat, it's just more muscle
I'm not fat, it's only winter weight
I'm not fat, it's only a trick of the eye
I'm not the reason you threw out your back
But the next time you lift me, do so with
your knees

from the book, *I Could Pee on This, and other Poems by Cats*, by Francesco Marciuliano (© 2012).

Dogs

Dog Dictum

We were wolves once
Wild and wary
Then we noticed you had sofas

I Lose My Mind When You Leave the House

The plants are torn
The garbage strewn
The wires chewed
The couch and I had a fight
Your bed is soaked
Your liquor spilled
Your TV smashed
Your laptop no longer has any vowels
There's a smartphone in the toaster
There's a toaster in the toilet
There's a toilet in the hallway
There's underwear in my mouth
I went places I should never go
I saw a side of myself I should never see
I said things to the cat I can never take
back
So please don't ever leave again.

from the new book, *I Could Chew on This, and other Poems by Dogs*, by Francesco Marciuliano (© 2013).

READ.

R.E.A.D. Grows in Spain and Italy



ITA Director Kathy Klotz and Merilee Kelley, Director of ITA Affiliated READING Paws in Florida, traveled to Spain in November to meet with R.E.A.D. and ITA members from Spain and Italy. (ABOVE:) Meetings were held in El Escorial, and (BELOW:) in Madrid they couldn't resist taking photos of flamenco wear in ITA/R.E.A.D. colors!



(BELOW:) Doing ITA team testing was a unique challenge in the El Escorial train station.



Martin, Chico & Velvet

That day at school was different: we never got down to the blanket. Martin generally chose to do his writing exercises first, which we usually did at the table, then we would read on the floor so Velvet could be involved. Today, however, we went straight from the writing to the reading without getting down on the floor. You could call it my gray-haired forgetfulness, and you might be right. A couple pages into the book I realized Velvet was standing beside me. I quietly scooted my chair back a little and patted my leg so she could get up in my lap. She likes to sit in my lap, her eyes on about the same level as mine, and I like it too. Martin glanced up, a little surprised to see Velvet looking down at him instead of up, but he kept on reading.

It was a book on fossils, and we soon came to a part where the author was describing how dinosaur bones become fossils. The first step in the process, of course, is that the dinosaur dies. Martin read the sentence, started to go on and then stopped. Without raising his eyes from the book he said, "My dog died, too."

It caught me so off guard I wasn't quite sure how to respond. "Oh, no. Did this just happen? Did he live with you?"

"Yeah, my dad just told me. He lived with my dad, but I live with my dad sometimes, too."

"Wasn't his name...?" I tried to remember.

"Chico."

"Now I remember. You told me about him the day we met. I'm really sorry. Did you cry?"

"Yeah, a little."

"I cry a lot when my dog dies," I said, and then there was a pause, each of us lost in our own memories and neither of us having anything further to add to this conversation.



Martin went back to reading. In the middle of the next page he stopped, turned to me and asked, "Can Velvet sit in my lap?"

"Hmmm, I'm not sure your lap is big enough," I said, looking back at him. Velvet's small for a standard poodle, but still she weighs a good 40 pounds, kind of big for a lap dog. Martin is only 8.

But he insisted. "Yes, it is. It is. It's big enough."

"Okay," I replied. "Move your chair close to me so Velvet can just go from my lap to yours, and as soon as she gets there, put your arms around her so she won't fall off."

He did exactly that. Velvet sat in his lap and he hugged her close to his chest. That's how we read the rest of the book, with Martin holding Velvet, and with me holding the book up high so he could see around her.

— Connie Koenemann & Blue Velvet, Ogden, UT



Reading Education Assistance Dogs®



As R.E.A.D. begins its 15th year, we reflect on one of the things we learned very early—that the experience is about so much more than acquiring reading skills like fluency and comprehension. These R.E.A.D. dogs—Velvet, Malachi and Brasil—helped in significant and unanticipated ways. (– KK)

Edwin & Malachi

I am doing a R.E.A.D. program with my church which sponsors tutoring in a public housing complex. The kids have some really tough home issues, and the church offers a tutoring program for two hours twice a week.

The first night I went with my dog, Malachi, we were just talking with the kids as they signed up. I told the kids they could pretend my dog was their dog for the school year since they were not allowed to have pets in their complex.

One boy, sitting on the fence, very sullen and withdrawn, said, "You should not make promises you can't keep!" My heart broke, of course, and I looked him in the eye and told him that I could and I would keep this promise.

This was Edwin, and he became my constant assistant, always helping me bring things in to get organized. He loved to walk Malachi, and often did, but he would willingly do any job I needed.

My vehicle was mobbed by kids the minute I pulled into the parking lot, so we had to have a talk with them about running over before I even got it into park! Edwin helped keep the kids under control and was protective of us but not "possessive;" he willingly shared us with everyone. I don't know whose smile is happier in this picture.



Malachi just had hip replacement surgery and cannot work for three months. I am going to take Titus, my older dog, but Malachi was the one they all bonded with, so I've been worried and have had

to put my thinking cap on. I will be bringing pictures of Malachi and his leg so

they can be kept

informed, and I

think I will

have the kids

do cards to

him. I also

want them to

know I am

being honest

with them. So

many of them

have had the

truth distorted to

meet the needs of

others!

– Kris Campesi
Manassas, VA



Brasil

A 7-year-old boy came up to me at the Byram, Connecticut Library and asked if he could read to my dog Brasil, a 6-year-old whippet. Of course I said yes, and he sat down and began to read. I then noticed he was blind—he was "reading" his Braille-enhanced book. At the same time, he was using his other hand to "run" it over Brasil. He told me he was "seeing" what Brasil "looked like!"

His mother, who was watching, began to cry, saying "He would never pick up that book before."

Brasil has been read to by thousands of children. He was featured on Diane Sawyer's ABC World Wide News and named Therapy Dog of the Year by the national Planetree Hospital Association.

– Don Smith
Darien, CT



The unstoppable team of Danny the Greyhound and his partner Tony Nevett in the UK, will be featured in the April 2014 issue of National Geographic for Kids, British edition. Danny will be cited a canine hero for all he continues to do to help kids love reading.



About ITA's Cat Teams (cont.)

Terri & KC & Bonnie Blue

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to his years as a well-traveled show cat, to the painful ordeal of a cancer diagnosis and treatment that led to the surgical removal of his nose.

KC loved being a therapy cat. He had a wonderfully outgoing personality and enjoyed attention from clients of all ages. It was the highlight of his day when he could go out, meet and be loved and petted by people. In return, his many clients got his unconditional love regardless of age, background, or ability.

KC shared his gift of unconditional love with a wide range of clients, young and old, for 9 wonderful years with

ITA. From school children, summer library reading programs, at-risk teenagers, McKay Dee Hospital patients, seniors and many public events, he never met a person he didn't want to befriend. His outgoing and affectionate personality was truly an example of how to win friends and influence people.

KC was the first CAT to be honored as ITA Therapy Animal of the Year (2001).

KC knew when to solicit attention—he would come over and pat you on the arm with his paw and meow his squeaky meow, just as he knew when to lie quietly next to someone in bed.

His missing nose served as inspiration and education for those he met. He was a walking example of how to be flexible and adaptable and still maintain a positive and loving attitude. And he was a perfect lead-in for talking to children about accepting those who look a little different or have a handicap.

It was said many times, underneath all

that fur there were tiny angel wings. Friends enter and leave our lives, but the impression they make on our hearts stay with us forever. KC has definitely left his paw prints on many hearts. Especially mine.

Bonnie Blue

My little Siamese lady Bonnie Blue was a therapy cat with ITA for 11 years. Our regular facility was Heritage Park Care Center in Roy, but she also visited schools, libraries and many other ITA

events. "Is that a real cat?" was a question I was asked when we visited new places. Bonnie could balance without so

much as a wiggle on her lap cushion which I carried on my forearm. In her stillness she was mistaken for a toy.

Her favorite place to be was on someone's lap. Bonnie was a snuggler: given a few moments on a lap she would often find her way to the crook of their arm and peer at them with contentment. She reserved her full-body snuggle for clients in bed. After settling alongside them she would often stretch out on her side so residents could stroke her soft belly fur. Sometimes we would catch her toes moving, ever so gently, "making biscuits." Some residents just wanted to sit with her, while others wanted to cuddle her like a baby. To her, it was all good.

Bonnie's quiet personality extended to her purr as well. I called it her "stealth purr." It was so quiet that I invited residents to lay their head against her side to hear it, which many did. Others I would show how to "feel" her purr on the side of her throat. It always brought smiles when they could find her secret

purr.

On one visit to Heritage Park, Bonnie was visiting with a senior resident in a wheelchair who started to wrap Bonnie in her lap cushion and hold her like a baby. Bonnie didn't mind, and for the rest of the visit this lady talked and crooned to Bonnie as if she were a baby, and Bonnie would look at her with those big baby blue eyes and softly purr in contentment. Several nurses and staff gathered around to observe, but Bonnie and her client were oblivious to all as they shared their moment. ♥

— Terri Davis

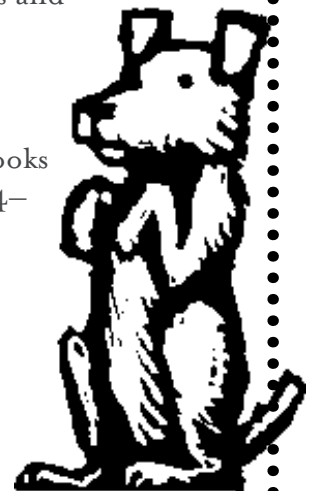


Bonnie enjoying a snuggle.

ITA's Wish List

We're Begging for . . .

- 8.5 x 11 white paper by the case, for copying and printing
- Flash drives
- Gift cards to office supply stores, Costco and Target
- Postage stamps
- Sponsors for our training workshops and manuals
- New children's picture books (for ages 4–8) for the R.E.A.D. program.



Dear ITA

Letters from our Friends

August 19, 2013

Hi ITA,

I am sending ITA a donation for a star in memory of HOPE, Faye Alexander's therapy dog. I have attached her pic. My sister tells me how much she loves working her cat YUKI in therapy and how much HOPE enjoyed being a therapy dog before she passed this month.

Thank you for all the wonderful work ITA has done for everyone.

Good luck and best wishes for your "Bark After Dark" campaign for Sept 14th.

Iris, Eddie & Alexis Albert

Idaho Falls, Idaho



October 31, 2013

RE: Article in *Costco Connections*, November 2013

What a wonderful tribute to ITA, R.E.A.D. and all of its teams. I have been part of R.E.A.D. since its inception with several different dogs, a cat and a bunny, and have never seen such a great article on its behalf, and so public. Many teams earn special recognition within their own communities and/or states, but this goes beyond that. Great job to the staff of ITA.

Ruth Mille & Quincey



February 20, 2014

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for taking time to come speak to the Continuum of Care group. It is so good knowing that there are individuals like yourself and your awesome ITA volunteers who truly care about enriching the lives of others.

Many thanks,

Melanie Haws

Mountainland Aging Services



August 30, 2013

Dear ITA,

I need to thank you for the wonderful service your teams have given through the pet therapy program. Recently I was asked to submit this initiative to a program called "HCA Innovations." We won one of the three awards for service excellence at Ogden Regional!

I realize that I simply bask in the glow of the pets and owners. You do all the real work! You are a blessing to me and I'm thrilled to be a part of this service. As there was a financial award, I feel I need to share it with you!

With gratitude,

Sally Gale

Director, John A. Moran Eye Center
Ogden (UT) Regional Medical Center



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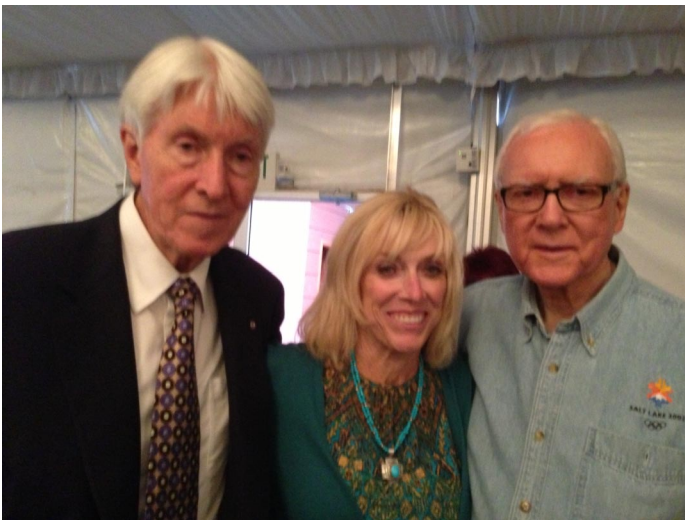
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Skip & Susan Daynes with U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch at the Utah Families Foundation's annual golf tournament in August. ITA is fortunate and grateful to be among those groups supported by Senator Hatch's Utah Families Foundation.



Utah Charities Golf Challenge

Intermountain Therapy Animals is pleased to have been chosen as one of the charities that received funding from the 2013 Utah Charities Golf Challenge, sponsored by the Utah Families Foundation and hosted by U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch and his wife, Elaine. This year the tournament was held at Jeremy Ranch Golf & Country Club on August 18-20th. ITA was there on the golf course during the Challenge! Other related events were held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Canyons Resort. Thank you, Utah Families Foundation!

Dog A Frequent Churchgoer Since Owner Died



ROME - Since his owner died two months ago, Tommy the dog has not missed a single mass in the small church in southern Italy where his mistress's funeral was held, Italian media said Wednesday.

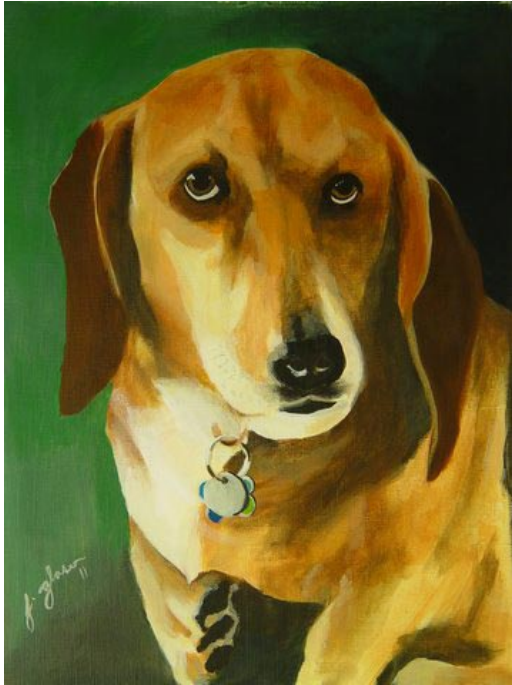
When the bells of the Santa Maria Assunta church begin to toll each afternoon in San Donaci near Brindisi, the 12-year-old German Shepherd sets off from the village to get himself a front row seat next to the altar, *Il Messaggero* newspaper said.

His owner, who was known in local dialect as "Maria tu lu campu"—"Maria of the fields"—had lived alone with Tommy and three other rescue dogs, who used to follow her faithfully on her daily rounds and have now been adopted by the village.

After following his mistress's coffin up to the church on the day of her funeral, Tommy has returned daily, sitting quietly throughout masses, baptisms and funerals, according to local priest Donato Panna, who now wouldn't do without him.



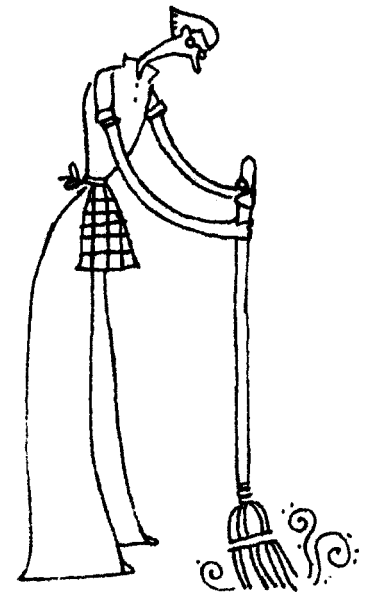
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Affinity Hospice / SLC
 Alta Ridge of Holladay
 Alta View Hospital / Sandy
 Anderson-Foothill Library / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
 Aspen Ridge Rehabilitation Center (Rehabilitation therapies)
 Benchmark Hospital / Woods Cross (Adolescents in Residential Treatment Program for Drugs and Violence and R.E.A.D. program)
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Midvale (R.E.A.D.)
 Canyon Creek Assisted Living / Sandy
 Canyon Rim Academy / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
 Canyon Rim Care Center (short- and long-term care)
 Care Source Residence (Hospice care)
 Children's Center / SLC (Treatment Center)
 Chateau Brickyard / SLC
 Columbus Community Center / SLC
 Copper Hills Youth Center / West Jordan (residential treatment)
 Copperview Elementary / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
 Crossland Rehabilitation / SLC
 Garden Terrace / SLC
 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital / Sandy (Long-term Rehabilitation)
 Heritage Place / Bountiful (Seniors)
 Highland Care Center / SLC (Senior Care)
 Highland Cove Retirement Community / SLC
 Hillcrest Care Center / Sandy (Senior Care)
 Holy Cross Ministries (R.E.A.D.)
 Hope Center for Children / SLC
 Intermountain Medical Center / Murray
 Jackson Elementary / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
 Jordan Valley Hospital / West Jordan (Med Surg)
 Juvenile Justice Services / SLC (Observation & Assessment)
 King's English Bookshop / SLC
 La Europa Academy - Girls' Residential Treatment / SLC
 Lakeview Hospital / Bountiful (Senior Psych Unit)
 LDS Hospital (IHC) / Rehabilitation Services
 Learning Services / Riverton (Adult Males with Longterm Disabilities)
 LifePath Hospice
 Mt. Olympus Rehabilitation / SLC (Rehabilitation Services)
 Observation & Assessment, Boys' Unit / Salt Lake City (Adolescents in juvenile detention)
 Observation & Assessment, Girls' Unit / Salt Lake City (Adolescents in juvenile detention)
 Our House / Sandy (Assisted Living)
 ParkLane Senior Apts. / SLC (retirement housing)
 Pioneer Valley Hospital / WVC
 Primary Children's Hospital (IHC) / SLC (Inpatient Rehabilitation Services)
 Primary Children's Residential Treatment Center (IHC) / SLC (Children With Emotional and Abuse Issues)
 Recovery Ways Treatment Center / SLC
 Riverton Library / Riverton (R.E.A.D.)
 RHA Community Services / SLC
 Rocky Mountain Care / Riverton (Seniors)
 Ronald McDonald House / Salt Lake City
 Salt Lake City Libraries / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
 Salt Lake County Libraries (R.E.A.D.)
 Salt Lake County Youth Services
 Salt Lake Regional Medical Center / SLC
 Sandy Regional Medical Center
 The Sharing Place / SLC
 Shriner's Hospital for Children / Salt Lake City (Children Undergoing Orthopedic Procedures)
 South Davis Community Hospital / Bountiful (Long- and Short-term Rehab)
 South Valley Sanctuary / West Jordan (Woman & Child Center)
 Snowbird Mountain School / Alta

TURN Community Services / SLC
 TURN Community Summer Camps
 University of Utah University Hospital (Rehab Services, Burn ICU, MedPsych Unit and Surgical Waiting Room)
 University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute (Adult and Child Units)
 Utah Cancer Specialists / SLC
 Utah Guardian Ad Litem's Office / SLC
 Utah School for the Deaf & Blind / Connor Street (Children With Multiple Disabilities)
 Utah State Prison / Women's Inpatient Unit
 Utah Youth Village / Murray (Foster and group homes)
 Veterans Hospital / SLC (Rehabilitation/Hospice/Care Center)
 The Wentworth at East Millcreek

UTAH – PARK CITY AREA

Elk Meadows Assisted Living / Oakley
 Heber Valley Medical Center
 Jeremy Ranch Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Old Mill Elementary School / Heber (R.E.A.D.)

H. Guy Child Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Ogden
 Emeritus Estates Assisted Living / Ogden
 Gardens Assisted Living / Ogden
 George E. Wahlen Veterans Home / Ogden
 Girls Independent Living / Ogden
 Heritage Park Care Center / Roy (Alzheimer's Patients)
 Highland Park Elementary / Clearfield (R.E.A.D.)
 Holt Elementary School / Clearfield (R.E.A.D.)
 Logan Regional Hospital / Logan
 Manor Care / Ogden
 McKay-Dee Hospital (IHC) / Ogden (Transitional Care, Psychiatric, Oasis Program and Rehabilitation Units)
 Mount Ogden Junior High / Ogden
 Mountain Ridge Assisted Living / Ogden
 Mountain View Health Services / Ogden
 North Ogden Jr. High (R.E.A.D.)
 North Park Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Roy
 Rocky Mountain Care / Clearfield (Assisted Living)
 Logan Nursing & Rehab / Logan
 Utah Schools for the Deaf & Blind / Harrison Blvd., Ogden (Children with Multiple Disabilities)
 Vista Care Hospice / Ogden

Birchwood Retirement / Bozeman
 Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (cancer treatment center, dialysis unit and surgical waiting room)
 Bozeman Health & Rehab / Bozeman (Retirement, re-hab)
 Bozeman Lodge (Retirement)
 Bozeman Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
 Churchill Retirement Home / Manhattan
 Eagle Mount Camp / Bozeman
 Edgewood Vista (Retirement)
 Emily Dickinson Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Bozeman
 Epicenter / Bozeman
 Gallatin County Health Dept. / Bozeman (immunization clinics for kids)
 Gallatin Gateway School (R.E.A.D.)
 Gallatin County Rest Home / Bozeman
 Hawthorne Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
 Head Start (R.E.A.D. programs)
 Highgate / Bozeman (retirement home)
 LaMotte School (R.E.A.D.)
 Longfellow Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Missoula Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
 Monforton School / Bozeman (R.E.A.D.)
 Morningstar Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Bozeman
 Mountain View Care Center / Bozeman
 Parkhaven Retirement / Bozeman
 Quaw-Heck School (R.E.A.D.)
 REACH Homes for Developmentally Disabled Adults / Bozeman
 Riverside Assisted Living
 Shields Valley Elementary / Willsal (R.E.A.D.)
 Sourdough Montessori (R.E.A.D.)
 Springmeadows Assisted Living / Bozeman
 Whittier Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Bozeman



Keystone the Yellow Lab explores with a friend at the School for the Deaf and Blind in Ogden, Utah

Park City Medical Center
 Parley's Park Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Peace House
 McPolin Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Park City Library (R.E.A.D.)
 Rocky Mountain Care Center / Heber
 Summit County Library (R.E.A.D.)
 Timpanogos Intermediate School / Heber (Special Education)
 Wasatch High School / Heber (Special Education)

Wasatch Care Center / Ogden
 Washington Terrace Elementary / Ogden (R.E.A.D.)
 Waterfall Canyon Academy / Ogden (students with cognitive disabilities)
 Weber County Library / Ogden (R.E.A.D.)
 Weber Valley Detention Center / Ogden
 Willard Elementary / Willard (R.E.A.D.)
 Willow Glan Health & Rehab / Brigham City

UTAH – OGDEN / LOGAN

Archway Youth Service Center / Ogden
 Aspen Behavioral Center / Syracuse
 Aspen Care Center / Ogden (Assisted Living)
 Behavioral Health Institute / Ogden (Acute Care and Day Treatment)
 Canyon View School LIFE Program / Ogden
 CAPSA / Logan (Domestic violence shelter)
 Centro de la Familia / Providence (Center for families)
 Chancellor Gardens / Clearfield (Assisted Living)
 Christmas Box House (Children in care of state services) / Ogden
 Clearfield Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Coalville Library (R.E.A.D.)
 Country Pines Retirement / Ogden
 Crestwood Care Center / Ogden
 Davis Behavioral Health - Crisis Recovery Unit / Layton

UTAH – UTAH VALLEY AREA

American Fork Hospital
 Center for Change / Orem (Eating disorders)
 Courtyard at Jamestown / Provo
 Golden Living / Orem (Senior care)
 Summerfield Manor / Orem (Assisted living)
 Utah Cancer Specialists / Provo
 Utah Valley Regional Medical Center / Provo
 Rocky Mountain Hospice / St. George

MONTANA

Absarokee Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Aspen Pointe / Bozeman
 Bear Creek Respite / Bozeman
 Belgrade Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
 Big Sky Ski Patrol / Big Sky
 Big Sky Youth Center / Bozeman

IDAHO

3B Juvenile Detention Center / Idaho Falls
 Bridgeview Estates (long-term care center) / Twin Falls
 Cassia Regional Medical Center / Burley
 Eastern Idaho Medical Center (EIRMC)
 EIRMC Behavioral Health Center
 Fairwinds - Stone Creek / Idaho Falls
 Hansen Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
 Harwood Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Jefferson Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Larsen-Saint Public Library / Preston (R.E.A.D.)
 Snake River Juvenile Detention Center / Twin Falls
 Southern Idaho Learning Center / Twin Falls
 Twin Falls Public Library (R.E.A.D.)

NEVADA/CALIFORNIA

Camp Care, Camp Lotsafun & MDA Camp / Reno
 Incline Village Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
 Marvin Piccolo School / Reno (R.E.A.D.)
 Nevada State Dept. of Corrections / Carson City
 Plains Regional Medical Center
 Tahoe Forest Hospital / Truckee
 Washoe County Public Library (R.E.A.D.) / Incline Village

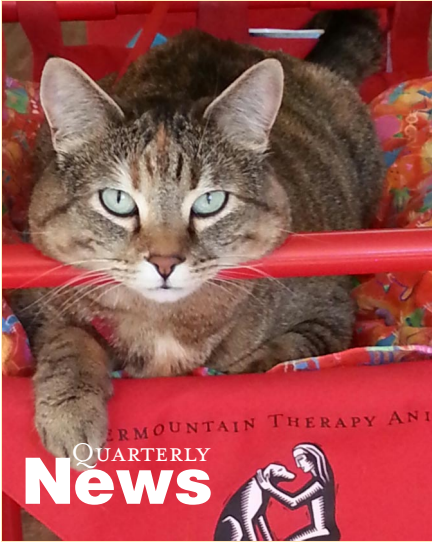
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