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ITA — now more than a quarter-century of comfort, hope, love, growth and healing



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ITA's Reggie brings smiles and stress relief to U of U Hospital resident physicians

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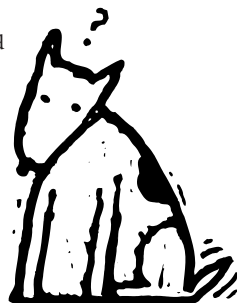
We are a human service organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, headquartered in Utah, that brings the gifts of animal companionship and interaction to people in need. Our mission is to **enhance quality of life through the human/animal bond**. Our volunteers (people and their own pets) make regular visits 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 range from casual and informal to rigorous, goal-driven aspects of formal therapies. Successful teams have completed both health and temperament screening and volunteer training.

Now in our 25th year, we are one of the oldest and largest groups of our kind in the United States, with more than 350 volunteer teams visiting at more than 150 hospitals, counseling centers, nursing facilities, detention homes, extended care centers, and schools. Chapters of ITA now thrive in Montana, Idaho, 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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Jayne's Story

[ED. NOTE: These are the words Jayne McKenna shared with our guests at ITA's 25th Anniversary gala on September 8, 2018. Our deepest thanks for her inspiration and for being willing to share her story. -KK]

MY NAME IS JAYNE MCKENNA, AND IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE I CHECKED MYSELF INTO A HOSPITAL FOR ANOREXIA.

On April 23rd, 2018 I voluntarily checked myself into the Center for Change in Utah [Orem]. The original plan was to stay for 12 weeks, the maximum that the Family Medical Leave of Absence allows. I'd been struggling for almost a year and was starting to experience organ failure.



Jayne and her new adoptee, Wicket.

Anorexia is a mental disease with physical consequences. My hair had been falling out for months, I was fainting left and right, and I could barely even walk myself into the Center on my admission date, I was so malnourished and weak. But the worst symptom I was experiencing was a thing they unofficially call 'brain fog.' Starvation impacts every part of your body, but when I started to be unable to remember basic facts about myself like my address, my age, and even my name, I knew I needed help.

Checking into a mental hospital is like walking into a prison and saying, "Sign me up for this!" They take everything from you except your clothes, and to be honest, they took some of my clothing, too, for being too baggy. Care Techs are there to supervise you 24 hours a day, even during more intimate moments like bathroom breaks and showers. Every hour of the day is structured and planned, and I couldn't refuse to speak to my doctors or not go to groups without severe consequences.

I completely shut down. That first day I didn't talk to other patients, I refused meals, and I lay in bed that first night and just stared up at the ceiling, listening to the different medical noises I'd never heard before while trying to go to sleep. If I had thought my brain fog was bad before, it became so much worse that first day, having everything stripped away. I was a total and complete shell of myself. I had nothing, and I was no one in that moment.

The next day I was still out of it, and confined to a wheelchair, to boot, due to how weak I was. The Center tells you what to eat, who to talk to, where to go, etc. It really was a prison with friendlier staff. I still wasn't participating in the groups, eating, or communicating—not out of spite, but shock. After a lunch I didn't eat we were moved again to another group, and I just was not listening. Not to where we were going, not about who was leading the group, nothing.

As I was being wheeled into a group room by a Care Tech, I suddenly spotted a dog that I'm sure some of you know. I hadn't been speaking much, but I gasped and put my hand to my heart like a Victorian royal. Jinx was there waiting for us, and I don't know if I'd ever seen such a big, floofy doggo like that in person before. I was totally starstruck.

For those of you who don't know him, Jinx is a big, big boy, with a thick black coat, and he is about as tall as I am . . . and I'm 5'10"! He easily weighed more than me and another patient combined. He had a red [ITA] vest with his name sewn on it and was happily waiting for us to hang out with him. His coat was thicker than the heaviest winter coat I've ever owned. His dad warned us that he and his brother were known to drool, but I was so emotional that I just nodded.

I was clearly the most shaken patient, so Jinx's dad, Brett, asked if I wanted to sit with them on the floor and just hang out. In that moment, it was like my strings had been cut: Like a marionette, I practically collapsed on the floor and started crying all over Jinx. Full, chest-racking sobs poured out of me as I curled up into a ball on top of him. I soaked the part of his coat I was crying on, trying to hide my face so the humans in the room couldn't see how emotionally devastated I was. The state of shock I was in snapped, and only the pain and the realization of where I was remained. In that moment, the real me began to fight through the brain fog. I wanted to get healthy, I wanted to recover, *I wanted to live*, and with company like Jinx, it was starting to feel possible. (Continue on p. 5)



Jinx with his partner, Brett Beasley

From ITA's Board Chair

Dear Friends,

I have had the greatest honor serving as Intermountain Therapy Animals' Board President since 2015. I am especially excited about this being our 25th year of providing therapy animals to thousands of people, not only in our Utah communities, but in several other states and countries. ITA's mission is "Enhancing Quality of Life Through the Human-Animal Bond." Our exceptionally dedicated volunteer teams have certainly improved many lives throughout the past 25 years! I have a passion for the work that ITA does, and I thank the volunteers and their therapy animals from the bottom of my heart.

No matter what crises are going on in the world around us, individual people of all ages and socio-economic circumstances receive devastating diagnoses and injuries every day. Our teams are there to help them re-ignite their hope and enthusiasm for life, inspiring them to move for-

ward on the tough path to healing. 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. And we are good medicine for families and staff, as well.

ITA has grown to be one of the most successful organizations of our kind. But it's a constant challenge, as for all charities big and small, to keep providing these crucial services during these challenging economic times. If you believe in the power of the human-animal bond, we ask for your help to continue helping our patient/clients in over 150 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!



Jane and Charlie

As Board President, I am hopeful that ITA 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 my most sincere thanks,

Jane Fischer
ITA Board President

You may be able to make your donation to ITA go **2x** twice as far. Check to see if your employer will match your contributions.



Intermountain Therapy Animals (#76194) participates in the Combined Federal Campaign, making it possible for all federal employees to donate to us through their workplace payroll deduction plans.

Jayne's Story (cont. from page 3)



IF YOU HAD ASKED ME if therapy animals were important before my hospital stay I would have said, "Sure!" I'm from Las Vegas, I'd heard how important therapy animals were to those impacted by our city's shooting tragedy. But if you ask me about therapy dogs now, I usually tear up and have to collect myself before I speak. I got to hang out with Jinx, his brother Jagger, and other very good doggos from Intermountain Therapy Animals every week and always left feeling lighter than when I'd gone in. It was like Jinx was taking the weight of the anorexia away from me.

Being here today truly is an incredible honor, because it lets me say thank you to all of you. The work you are doing—it is saving lives. It saved my life. I am happy, I am healthy, and I am alive.

So here is to the best day of my life. I will never forget that on April 23rd I checked into the Center for Change, and that on April 24th, 2018, thanks to Jinx and his human, I started to heal. ❤️



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Great Things About ITA (in honor of our 25 years)

We celebrated our 25th anniversary in September, and in honor of that landmark, we would like to share with you 25 great things about our organization.



Tango Towner lights up a little girl at Primary Children's

#1 – "ITA therapy animals reach our kids and their families in ways that no one else can. They support the healing process in so many ways, and are a valuable part of Primary Children's mission of 'The Child First and Always.'"

– Amanda Choudhary
Administrative Director, Family Support Services
Primary Children's Hospital



Kozzy Wolfer comforts a patient at University of Utah Hospital

#2 – "A great thing I know about ITA is professionalism and credibility (OK, that's two). I always feel confident, going into a school or a hospital, that my teammate and I are backed up by significant training, testing and experience."

– Beth Wolfer
Best Friends Animal Society & ITA Team with Alvin & Kozzy



Sumo Butler with a young lady at Primary Children's

#3 – "Watching the healing transformation that our therapy partners inspire is the gift of our mission."

– Becky Butler
ITA Team with Sumo

Our volunteers find their job so rewarding that they stick around. We currently have 147 volunteers who have been with ITA for 5 years or more ... in fact, 16 have been here for more than 20 years.

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Be a part of Intermountain Therapy Animals —With or Without Your Pet

Yes! I will help ITA teams continue to bless the lives of so many who need them. Here is my tax-deductible gift:

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Chaplain David Pascoe with ITA team Suzanne Doutre & Scout at Primary

#4 - “The wonderful members of Intermountain Therapy Animals know God’s big secret—that when we love the animals in our lives, they love us back a hundred-fold. At Primary Children’s Hospital, that love shines again and again in the faces of the sick children, their brothers and sisters, and their parents whose day is brightened by a little canine care. It is so amazing for me to see how a gentle, furry friend with big, soft eyes and a wet nose can bring a smile to the faces of the sickest children. Or how a worried grown up will stop and ask if they can pet a therapy dog for a few minutes, getting some healing for their soul in return for a good head rub. Loving, giving, gentle animals like these and their caring owners remind me that being human is all about giving and receiving love.”

– Chaplain David Pascoe
Primary Children’s Hospital



Nancy with Eli, and Eli cozying up with one of his R.E.A.D. students

#5 - “I love that ITA continues to be passionate about our mission, constantly updating, tweaking and incorporating new research and techniques in our training. The staff is always available for support and suggestions, and they (we) never sit on what we have done in the past—but are always excited about what we can do in the future.”

– Nancy Rosen
Director of ITA Bozeman Chapter, Member of ITA since February 1998
& ITA Team with Maggie, KC, Eli & Lily



Becky & Sumo comfort a boy at Primary Children’s Hospital

#6 - “ITA always takes the high road instead of the easy road, providing a thorough education in caring, comfort, and emotional support.”

– Becky Butler
ITA Team with Sumo

#7 - ITA’s R.E.A.D.® is changing the world! There are 23 countries where our inspired program is now helping kids to love reading.

Turn to page 12 to see the list!

#8 - At ITA we take animal advocacy very seriously. We have published a Teaching & Training Philosophy that prescribes positive education and relationship-building—focused on trust, mutuality and respect— for all who associate with us.

– Kathy Klotz
Executive Director



#9 - ITA’s exquisite video, “Caleb’s Story,” is a quintessential experience of the human-animal bond and how a therapy animal makes a powerful difference in healing. Featuring a little boy with a traumatic brain injury and ITA team Susan Daynes & Colonel, and filmed by Ben Cook, Caleb’s Story has now been viewed by 9 million people, gone around the world and inspired countless people for more than ten years.



Caleb and Colonel Daynes during one of their rehab sessions

#10 - “When we researched local pet therapy programs, we found ITA to be at the top, offering teams that go through an extensive training and certification process, one that clears requirements into a facility where infection control is highly mandated. ITA has proven able to abide by our high standard requirements.”

– Blanca Raphael
Former Patient & Family Resources Manager
Huntsman Cancer Hospital



#11 - “ITA has been bringing joy and a sense of well-being to our hospital for many years. They are the cleanest and best-behaved dogs in the world. A loving nuzzle can be as good as the best care given by our professional staff. The dogs never disappoint. We consider each visit by ITA animals as a gift to our patients which never ceases to pay dividends far beyond the time they spend in our hospital.”

– William McNutt
Director of Therapy, Director of Quality
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital

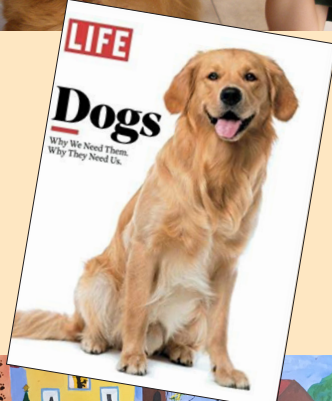


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#12 - “Over the last 25 years, I have had the opportunity to see the joy ITA therapy teams bring as they enhance a therapeutic environment. When we had challenges making progress with some of our clients, we reached out to ITA to see if a particular dog could make a difference and spark a connection. This has worked miracles in almost every instance. A connection is made between the dog and handler and child, who has been able to generalize that important connection in other relationships. Animal-assisted therapy with ITA has been an essential part of the work I have done with children throughout my career.”

– Jane Peterson
 Director, Matt’s Place, and Former Director,
 Primary Children’s Residential Treatment Center



#13 - ITA’s R.E.A.D.® has been getting great press for all of its now-20 years—it made the front page of the Wall Street Journal during the first four weeks of our original pilot program in 1999!

But this one surprised even us: In the LIFE special edition about Dogs (Summer 2018), we found a photo and description of our R.E.A.D. teams in Slovenia!



Back: Melissa Sue
 Front: Sabrina Karen Kathy Cindy

#14 - “One of the great things about ITA is our staff (or, more precisely, the 6 great people), who keep ITA running like the proverbial well-oiled machine. Everyone who calls comments on how responsive our staff is, how quickly they respond, and how helpful they always are.

They have made a commitment to keeping it all personal, and that shows!”

– Jane Lee Fischer
 Chair, ITA Board of Directors



Nancy & Callie
 R.E.A.D. ing with a
 young client in NYC

#14 (cont.) - “We couldn’t do what we do as volunteers without the incomparable ITA staff. They give us personalized attention, inspire us with updated AAI information, and support us in the most sincere, kind and enthusiastic style that always makes us feel so good, so valued, so informed.

As the ITA and R.E.A.D.® affiliate for New York City we have redefined what a therapy animal organization can be through ITA’s mission and their guiding principles that we trust.”

– Nancy George-Michalson
 Executive Director, New York Therapy Animals

#15 - We at ITA have met and interacted with colleagues around the world as our our R.E.A.D.® program has continued to spread. Our reputation as providers of animal-assisted interactions has grown as a result of these shared experiences.

Several years ago, some of our colleague groups began to ask us to be their “mother ship”—to provide guidance and manuals for our training and testing protocols.

We now have 20 colleague groups in 12 other states—beyond Utah Montana and Idaho, where ITA teams work—who have affiliated with ITA for these purposes. And not least, our international affiliate in Italy!

– Jane Lee Fischer
 Chair, ITA Board of Directors



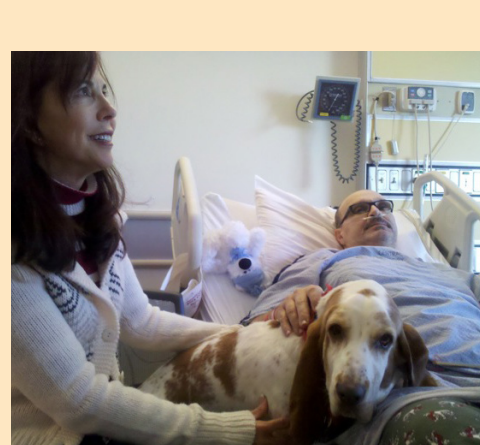
#16 - “ITA makes it possible for teams to reach patients and family members in a huge variety of settings. The University of Utah Hospital surgery waiting room has been one of our stops since the beginning. Whether it’s a child wanting to share, or the hospital CEO worried about his mother, dogs in the waiting room have proven to be a valuable respite that brings smiles and calm to everyone waiting for news of their loved ones.”

– Peggy Chudd
 ITA Team with several of her Bassetts
 Vice President, ITA Board of Directors



#17 - ITA teams bring their healing magic to everyone who needs it, including not only patients, but also family and facility staff. Our animals have quite simply made it possible for many to keep going—when they thought they couldn’t.

– Kathy Klotz
 ITA Executive Director



About Both Ends of the Leash

Lisa Towner & Jazzy Salt Lake City, Utah

My partner Jazzy was a beautiful black Portuguese Water Dog, and had an amazing desire to play! We kicked around tennis balls in the house endlessly, she always had her hedgehog in her mouth, and she swam in our pool daily from spring until fall. Besides being smart, the love of playing suited her jobs well. We just lost her, two days before her 13th birthday, so I write this tribute to her.

Jazzy had quite a varied experience doing her animal-assisted therapy with ITA. Multiple years of her commitment were spent working two days a week. She was a beloved friend of the IMC Neurotrauma Unit. We rode TRAX frequently to work, and she always trotted in joyfully, excited to see the therapist friends she maintained, as well as the new and remaining patients that worked with her. That may just have been her favorite job, as well as mine!

Jazzy also went to the Primary Residential Treatment Center, running groups from young kids to teens. We tried to be creative while teaching them to collaborate, problem-solve, get along, be patient (as sometimes they had to take turns), and share the love of an animal. We played games, did elements of agility. They looked through books and taught her new tricks. We persevered and sometimes failed. But there was always ball time in the big gym! To end each session, all ages joyfully requested "hide and seek." As we had permission to let her go free outside, this was done in a large area, with a



play gym, bushes, trees, etc. Squeals of delight were heard as kids were found and gave her a treat. My favorite day was when there was a huge pile of leaves and, unbeknownst to me, ALL the little ones hid under it together! When we came around the corner and I released her, Jazzy charged around, leaping over the whole pile of leaves and kids. Now let it be known she was not a good sniffing dog and was very random in her searches, but I was so glad she never landed ON the children!

Perhaps her proudest role was at Primary Children's Hospital, where she was among the first ITA dogs to visit. She especially loved the Neurotrauma Unit. As she was a non-shedding dog, she had lots of special requests. The first one came from a doctor who wanted her to see a young cancer patient. Another was to visit with the first bone marrow transplant patient. Of course, all these children loved her, and now our ITA dogs are welcome everywhere at Primary. I am proud Jazzy was one of the pioneers.

One of the best comments made to me was from a doctor, who said, "You're creating quite a problem for me. My patients love Jazzy so much, they don't want to go home!" ♥

- Lisa Towner

Craig Dunford & Zee Salt Lake City, Utah

My wife Mitzi, who is a therapist, had a client who was suicidal. After many years of hard work, she moved on to a "normal" life and always sent thanks to Mitzi for saving her life. About four years ago this former client decided she wanted to breed her Shih Tzu. She felt totally prepared to handle the birth at home.



The day came, and four beautiful pups emerged without any problems.

She had a dust pan and plastic bag ready to handle the afterbirth, but it was not forthcoming. She called her vet for advice, and was told to "get the mom to the emergency hospital, now!" Just as she was ready to go, out it came. Much relieved, she scooped it up and put it into the garbage bag. But just as she was about to close the bag, she saw one little white paw sticking out of the "goop." She pulled out this little pup and gave it mouth-to-snout resuscitation. Happily, it came to life.

A few weeks later she called my wife, and after telling her the story she said, "You saved my life and I saved this pup's life. I just know you should have her."

So when Mitzi came home to ask if we should take her ... what could I say but "yes?"

Thus, my hope is that our little Zee will keep this circle going and, by serving together as a team with ITA, we may help others with their lives. ♥

- Craig Dunford

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Great Things About ITA (cont.)

#18 - "I am continually amazed at the caliber and commitment of volunteers and their special animals, who come to ITA offering help to those who are at crucial moments, when they are most in need."

"Our stats show that the volunteers find their service incredibly rewarding, too:

- 147 have been with ITA more than 5 years;
- 68 have been with us more than 10 years;
- 48 for more than 15 years; and
- 16 have served ITA for more than 20 years.

Amazing!"

- Jane Lee Fischer
Chair, ITA Board of Directors



#19 - "Being a facility recipient of the services ITA provides has been a gift throughout their 25 years. It has also been a gift for me to be able to provide R.E.A.D.® services to the community with our own family dog, Scamper. I have had the privilege to both give and receive. I have seen simple and brief encounters bring smiles. And over repeated visits, I have seen children improve their reading and their self-esteem. Nothing can match the authenticity these dogs bring to any environment. It is a simple thing, but provides rewards beyond words."

- Jane Peterson
Director, Matt's Place, and Former Director, Primary Children's Residential Treatment Center



#20 - "ITA's team training and support have made us eligible to visit in the most delicate of hospital environments, including the Burn ICU, neurological and psychiatric units, chemo infusion, and more."

When a team is privileged to see a patient regularly for months at a time, they share in the joy of both patients and family members. Such experiences change our lives, too—and explain why so many of us have volunteered with ITA for many years."

- Peggy Chudd
ITA Team with several of her Bassets
Vice President, ITA Board of Directors



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“...enhancing quality of life through the power of the human-animal bond.”

ITA has now been fulfilling our mission of **enhancing quality of life through the human-animal bond** for more than 25 years.

During this landmark 25th year, we are pleased to introduce the ITA Heart & Paw Circle, for those who have chosen to leave a legacy of love by including ITA in their estate planning.

Many of you who are reading this have already been long-time supporters of our work, which has been significant in helping us reach so many for a quarter of a century already, and would welcome an opportunity to help us assure our future.

Or maybe you believe in our mission but don't have the immediate resources to be a donor. Leaving a gift in your will or trust may be just the right donation option for you.

By including ITA in your estate plan, you will help our organization reach far into the future to extend our life-enriching services. At the same time you will leave an enduring expression of your values and vision of the world for years to come. It is a world that will include your descendants, along with future generations.

Here is the information you need to name ITA in your estate:

Intermountain Therapy Animals
4050 South 2700 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84124
801.272.3439
State of Utah nonprofit corporation
Federal tax ID # 87-0517629

Anyone, regardless of the size of their estate, can make a bequest to ITA. When you do, you provide vital resources for tomorrow. And when you let us know of your intentions, you will become a member of ITA's Heart & Paw Circle, a special group of members who are dedicated to our mission.

When you become a Lifetime Partner of ITA through the Heart & Paw Circle, ITA will recognize your extraordinary commitment with a certificate of appreciation, special recognition at our annual gala, and your choice of a beautiful crystal desk accessory or sterling silver pendant or pin. But most importantly, you will have the peace of mind of knowing that the compassionate services you believe in now will be carried on well into the future.

Please use the response form at right to let us know if you would like to include — or already have included — ITA in your estate planning.

ITA's Heart & Paw Circle ~ Inaugural Members:

- Betty Keuffel
- Lynne S. Sherman
- Nancy Brooks
- Jill Bryson
- Luana Chilelli
- Karen & Tom Duncan
- Jane Fischer
- Kathy Klotz
- Bee Lufkin
- Alice Pearson



I am a Proud Member of ITA's Heart & Paw Circle

It has been my great honor and pleasure to be associated with Intermountain Therapy Animals, having served on the Board of Directors on and off since 2003. I have watched from afar and then close up the wonderful services ITA provides for our communities, here in Utah and across every state in the Nation, and internationally through our R.E.A.D.® program. I am continually impressed by the ITA staff and all of our 350+ volunteer teams and the amazing results this organization produces.

As I approach my "Golden Years," I have been persuaded by my financial advisor to complete my estate planning. Needless to say, it was easy for me to want to include ITA in this process.

An important point I want to make is that you don't need to be super-wealthy or have a large estate to do this! Even a small contribution is so valuable.

We get to see, day after day and year after year, the magic that happens when an animal meets someone who is struggling to heal, to learn, to meet life's challenges. Our ITA therapy animals bring hope; they inspire their clients to participate; they are catalysts for change; and they are so much more fun than any other medical tool.

I am happy to know that, when I've joined all the beloved animals who have gone over Rainbow Bridge before me, my love for both animals and people will continue to be served in perpetuity by my support of ITA through my planned giving.

If you too believe in ITA's mission of "Enhancing quality of life through the human-animal bond," I encourage you to help us honor ITA's 25th anniversary by joining me as a member of the Heart & Paw Circle and leaving something in your will for this wonderful organization. Believe me, your bequest will be used to benefit so many people, in so many ways.



HEART & PAW CIRCLE MEMBER

2018



JANE LEE FISCHER & CHARLIE
CHAIR, ITA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ITA's Heart & Paw Circle ~ for further information:

YES, I want to leave a lasting legacy to ensure that ITA can continue to bring the healing benefits of animal interactions to others long into the future.

- I have already included a gift to ITA in my will or estate plan.
 - I wish to remain anonymous.
- I am actively considering a gift to ITA in my will or estate plan. Please contact me with detailed information on my options.

Thank you! Please mail this form to:

Intermountain Therapy Animals ~ 4050 South 2700 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84124

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Email _____



#21 - We constantly hear that the arrival of a therapy animal has inspired a patient's first smile and reaction.

Research has confirmed the obvious: smiles and laughter are powerful antidotes to stress, pain and conflict, and a vital part of the healing process. They enhance both physical and emotional health, and—best of all—when brought by an ITA therapy animal, this priceless medicine is fun, free and furry!



#22 - Therapy animals are the world's best listeners. It's another of their great gifts. And an empathetic listener is often what our clients need most.



#23 - And Motivators!!

It's perhaps the premier gift of therapy animals. They inspire people to engage, to participate, to be willing to do the hard work their therapies require for healing. People will work harder and longer, and go further, accompanied by an ITA animal.

And animals are lot more fun than a piece of therapeutic machinery!

– Kathy Klotz
ITA Executive Director



#24 - After all their hard work in therapy, many of our clients love the bestowal of a parting kiss. My Basset Grace, and many others, are always happy to comply.

– Peggy Chudd
ITA Team with several of her Bassets
Vice President, ITA Board of Directors

#25 - “As the world is gradually becoming more aware of the value of therapy animals, it makes me proud to know that ITA has recognized the power of the human-animal bond—and put it into practice to benefit many thousands of people—
for
25 years already!”

– Jane Lee Fischer
Chair, ITA Board of Directors



Book Reviews for Animal-Lovers

The Inner Life of Animals: Love, Grief and Compassion—surprising Observations of a Hidden World
Peter Wohlleben, Greystone Books, November 2017, 272 pages.

This is an expert blend of anecdote, personal observation, scientific conclusion, and inference from physiology and behavior, showing us that a wide variety of animals experience a broad range of thoughts and feelings, many of which are very similar to our own. For example:

- **Animals Lie.** To protect their precious winter nut caches from theft, squirrels will only pretend to bury something when other squirrels are watching.
- **Animals behave altruistically.** Campfire bats who return to the cave well fed will share their meal with other bats who may not have fared so well. Amazingly, the bats keep score, and those who have been more generous in sharing are the first to be looked after when they, too, run into a string of bad luck.
- **Animals express gratitude.** Four-year-old human Gaby was a messy eater but crows in her yard were only too happy to help clean up. When Gaby got older, she began sharing

her lunch with the crows as she walked to the bus stop, and then began feeding them daily at a backyard feeder. Shortly afterwards, crows began bringing her gifts: bits of glass, broken jewelry, screws. This largesse extended to a camera lens cap that Gaby's mother had lost; it was found waiting for her at that bird feeder.

– KK



Wounded: A New History of the Western Front in World War I

Emily Mayhew, Oxford University Press, October 2013, 285 pages.

I just finished reading Wounded by British author/historian Emily Mayhew. I read a passage that caught my eye and embodies what ITA does, which wasn't formalized during that time in history. The author wrote in Chapter 6 - Nurses: "(Nurse) Kenyon struggled to get patients up and walking once they had recovered sufficiently, but asking them to walk the animals always got them out of bed." The animals referenced were camp dogs that the staff at the casualty clearing station had adopted from nearby villages.

– by Bob Elder, ITA member and partner with Patrick, in Logan, Utah

Polly Parkinson & Juniper Salt Lake City, Utah

Juniper Sugar-Pie-Honey-Bunch Parkinson passed away on February 24, 2018, of old age. She was 15-1/2 (109 in dog years, to answer the next question). Juniper had a heart murmur and liver failure, and had been slowing down for some time. On the Thursday before, I sensed our little spotted dog was going downhill quickly, so I took the day off on Friday to stay by her side. She had a noodle and some carrot shavings for breakfast and slipped away peacefully in the early afternoon.

I had to email this sad news to the parents of my second-grade students so it would not come as a shock to them on Monday. It was almost six years ago when Junie-June-Junzey started attending 2nd grade, and almost eight years of service for her, since February 2010, as an ITA therapy animal at Primary Children's Hospital.

We started a memory book in our class, so the children could bring pictures or write notes to express their feelings: "I cried all morning;" "I loved Junie the minute I saw her;" "I waited my whole life to be in Ms. Parkinson's class with Juniper!" One picture showed an angel dog sitting on a cloud labeled Heaven, with a sobbing planet Earth in the background saying, "We miss you" and an arrow pointing to a teardrop with the words, "every drop is a memory."

When Juniper was a puppy, she would rush into the room and join in any group song, like "Happy Birthday." After a while she settled on Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" as her favorite. When the first 3 notes played, her ears pricked up and she cocked her head to the side to listen, then burst into "song." She would always sing to that piece—if she was asleep down the hall, she would hear it and her feet would scramble furiously over the wood floors to get to the center of the living room where she would sing and sing, wagging her tail for all she was worth, and looking around

for joy and approval. If we were in the car and it came on the radio, she would stand up on the seat, throw back her head and howl and howl. Once I had to roll up the windows because she was so loud that her voice was distracting other drivers. It always made any room full of people laugh and laugh. We got so many requests that I always carried a Mussorgsky CD in my briefcase so Juniper could perform when asked. The ITA office was a regular Halloween stop to show off her trick and claim a treat.

When she was younger, Juniper also used to love to make deliveries. She would carry a little brown paper lunch sack wherever I asked her to. For birthdays and Valentine's day, she would deliver her own cards and treats around the school and the neighborhood. Part of what was so fun was seeing the pleasure that it gave Juniper to sing or to make these deliveries. At school, the 2nd grade helper of the day had the honor of walking with Junie to the refrigerator to get the lunch sack with carrots, cherry tomatoes, pea pods or long noodles. Each morning the children gathered around Juniper's bed to listen to the story of the day. Sometimes we would play the shell game with a treat hidden under one of four small cups, and Junie would tip over the right one and eat the treat. It was a tradition for my students to bring their younger siblings before school to get to pet Juniper and long to be in second grade.

In addition to Primary Children's, Juniper was a R.E.A.D.® dog, and had volunteered at the Main and Foothill libraries, The King's English, and started her career at the Sarah Daft Home visiting the elderly. She visited Girl Scout troops, participated in walkathons, and helped Boy Scouts earn their pet merit badges. We were regulars at the PCH chaplain's annual blessing of the animals. Juniper accompanied me on poetry and art residencies around the



state when I worked for the Utah Arts Council. She also had favorite neighbors she liked to visit often, and she was frequently rewarded with her favorite treat—carrots.

Upon hearing of Juniper's death, one neighbor called to remind me that she credits this amazing little orange and white Brittany with saving her life. This woman had been depressed and suicidal several years ago. I called regularly to check on her and took Juniper along on visits. One evening when I phoned she assured me she was fine. About 8:30 that night, I took Juniper for a walk and she insisted we visit this neighbor despite my explaining to her that it was too late to ring someone's doorbell, and I had already phoned earlier. I was very embarrassed, but Juniper would not leave this woman's porch. When she answered the door, my friend said that she was feeling truly desperate and had plans to take her own life that night, but that our ringing the doorbell stopped her.

Another time, Juniper pulled me to the house of an elderly neighbor who had just passed away, and I was able to sit with my dear friend for a few precious moments for a last goodbye. There are people who will think these stories are coincidences, and I don't mind. There are plenty of my Intermountain Therapy Animal colleagues who have shared

Polly & Juniper (cont.)

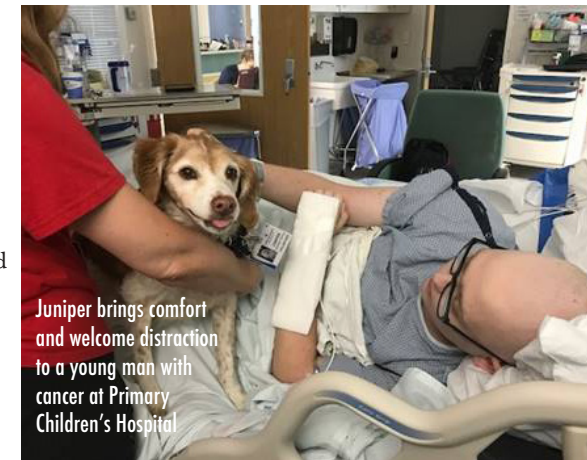
similar stories, having seen their animals acting with extraordinary sensitivity and helping people in ways that no doctor or friend seemed able to accomplish.

People who are not animal therapy volunteers are a little surprised to learn that we actually pay to join ITA, we train our animals to pass the tests, and then we donate the time to travel to various facilities that request visits. It is not always convenient, and not every visit is amazing. Why do people do this? Why take a dog to a hospital that is full of highly-trained doctors and other staff members who are experts in their fields?

Sometimes the patients are covered with bandages, hooked to many tubes, and not even able to speak. Why intrude in such delicate situations with patients who may not respond? It only takes one parent saying, "That is the first time I have seen my child smile all day!" to answer that question "Why?"

I miss knowing that I can walk into a room with Juniper, and for a few minutes we could bring happiness to a family in a crisis. One time a little girl who had been unresponsive for days sat up and smiled at Juniper. The parents had not known until that moment if a stroke had left their daughter unable to ever talk or smile again. You can't put a value on being able to witness moments like that. It was an honor to hold the end of Juniper's leash and watch the joy that she spread.

If you are an ITA volunteer, you have my admiration for being part of a remarkable organization that contributes thousands of service hours each year. It takes time to dress in uniform, brush your dog's teeth, brush her fur, lint-roller your black pants again, restock your therapy animal bag with sanitizer, treats, clean up bags, business cards, etc.



Juniper brings comfort and welcome distraction to a young man with cancer at Primary Children's Hospital

It takes patience and care to approach delicate situations and to share personal moments with strangers. If you work full time, it may sometimes seem like you are giving up a few valuable hours of leisure. You also have my envy. Not everyone lives in a place that allows pets, or has a job that is compatible with pet ownership, or can afford a pet.

Not many people can walk into a room and change someone's whole day for the better. Time and time again, I saw Juniper comfort doctors, nurses, patients, and students...even strangers in her own vet's waiting room. Once, when she herself was trembling with anxiety, Juniper seemed to know that the old man sitting alone at the vet clinic might

not get to take his dog home again that day and might need some company while he waited to find out. She walked over and let him pet her as long as he needed to. I feel fortunate that I got to be a part of all this, thanks to Juniper, and thanks to ITA.

My students and I comforted each other at that sad time, and remembered that it is okay to cry. It is also good to talk of our best memories and to think of how lucky we were to share such a wonderful best friend. ♥

(One More on p. 19)

Do Dogs Go to Heaven?

Does a big fire hydrant in the sky await our dogs if they're "good" on Earth? Awhile back, *Dog Fancy* magazine put that question to a Roman Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi, a Buddhist leader, a Southern Baptist spokesman and others in what it termed an extension of the debate over "animal theology."

The Catholic priest said that "Heaven was designed for humans. The reason dogs may be there is for us, not for themselves." The Jewish rabbi said that every animal, "based on how it lives in this world, will reap its reward, its divine bliss in the world to come." And the Buddhist said dogs are "subject to reincarnation as well as humans."

As for us at ITA, an informal poll reveals that most of us are most aligned with Will Rogers, who said that "If dogs don't go to heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." ♥

(-KK)

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Bart, companion of Jackie McGill & Kerry Christensen
Jane Lee Fischer
One-Eyed Ping Bob, companion of Joan & Mark Nelson
Jane Lee Fischer
Boomer, ITA partner of Jan Deal
Lauren Swanson
Bridget, my ITA therapy dog
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... and all these fabulous people who gave time, heart, creativity and \$\$ to assure it would be a perfect party:

Alta High School Wood Shop
(Continued in column left, p. 18)

About Both Ends of the Leash (cont.)

Chaz Houpt & Milli

We are honored to report that one of our distinguished teams in Idaho, Chaz & Milli, were the featured cover story in the September 2018 issue of "Idaho Falls Magazine."

What's more, Milli has also received something very special called the Frist Humanitarian Award from the Hospital Corporation of America. Nominated by her fans at EIRMC, this was the first time in history the Frist award was given to a dog instead of to a human.

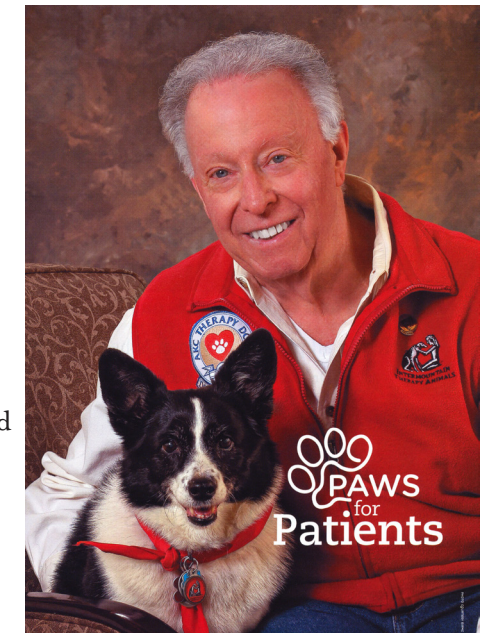
Milli is a 12-year-old Corgi, full of spunk, talents and personality, and she and Chaz have been an ITA team for more than 6 years, working their magic together at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC). They have served more than 600 hours together, where they interact in group meetings with both adolescent and adult clients.

Chaz sums it up nicely when he says in the magazine, "The personal rewards for this kind of work are unveliev-able. The interactions with Milli encourage interac-tions between patients, and that helps encourage better communication with their counselors. Animals like

Milli break barriers, and that's really the whole purpose of what we do."

Thank you, Chaz & Milli, from all your fans within ITA as well! ♥

- KK



Appreciation

2 PAINLESS Ways to Help ITA

To All at ITA,
It is difficult for me to express my gratitude for my & Macy's recent award and recognition. [Veteran Therapy Team of the Year, 2018]

In January 2000, I was looking for another purpose in my life; as it turns out, it was ITA. Since then I have learned so much from our visits, and it has brought both of my dogs and me closer together. Whether the visits are energetic and running around chasing tennis balls, or not saying a word to a patient or nurse who simply needs a good cry, I have enjoyed every visit and continue to grow as a person.

So, in conclusion, I thank you for the many years and opportunities and experiences ITA has offered me.

I am very humbled.

Mark Miller, Kirby (r.i.p.) & Macy



Thank you for all your help on my 5th grade project. I really appreciate it. I thought I would send you a copy of my final product. I think it turned out great and I learned a lot about your wonderful organization.

Thanks again,

Tucker McDougal



October 30, 2018

Oh Kathy,

I am overwhelmed with thanks for you and the teams from Intermountain Therapy Animals today for bagels and dog therapy.

The students were SO grateful—and not just the Jewish students—the murder of Lauren McLuskey last week coupled with the violence in Kentucky and Pittsburgh have all the students on edge. We saw many, many more students for bagels than usual. The dogs and their wonderful, caring owners were just what was needed.

Warmest regards to you and your incredible volunteers,

Dana

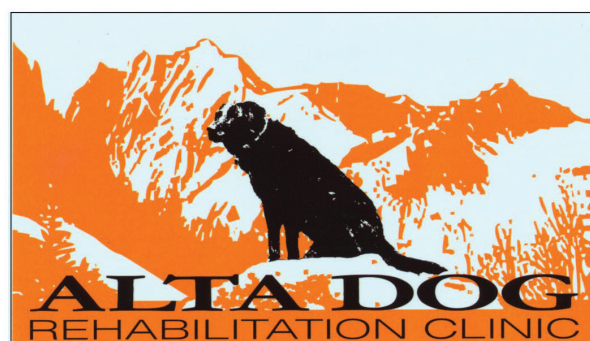
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THIS EMAIL IS TYPICAL OF THE INQUIRIES WE CONTINUE TO receive from around the world:

Hello. I am the head of the charity organization of canine therapy, "Dogs for Life" in the city of St. Petersburg, Russia. For two years now we have been working on reading dogs. Two of our volunteers conduct regular classes in three libraries of St. Petersburg. This is a class with healthy children. We have developed a program and conduct diagnostics of the results of studies. We get excellent results! Increased speed of reading, improved skills and motivation to read.

Our volunteer psychologist also conducts classes at the school for children with developmental delay. This is a special program that a psychologist makes for each child individually, taking into account its characteristics. Classes are also aimed at improving reading.

We would like to become members of the international organization R.E.A.D. I know that I need to buy a guide. Please tell us what are the conditions for become agents of R.E.A.D. in Russia.

Watch for some new excitement as we begin to plan our celebrations for R.E.A.D.'s 20th year! ❤️



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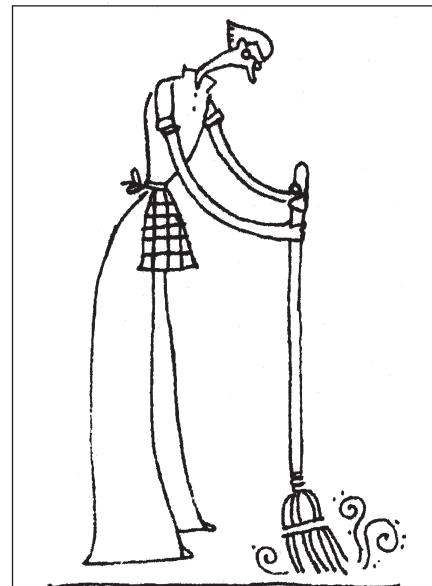
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Cascades at Riverwalk
Chateau Brickyard / SLC
The Children's Center / SLC
City Creek Post-Acute
Columbus Library (R.E.A.D.)
Copper Hills Youth Center / West Jordan (residential treatment)
Cosgriff Elementary / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
Coventry at Cottonwood Heights
DBT Day Treatment
Discover Center
Draper Library (R.E.A.D.)
Dual Immersion Academy (R.E.A.D.)
Ecker Hills Elementary School
Emerson Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Ensign Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Genesis Youth Center
Girls Transition Center
Grantsville Senior Center
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital / Sandy (Long-term Rehabilitation)
Highland Care Center / SLC (Senior Care)
Highland Ridge Hospital (Addiction Recovery)
Holladay Library (R.E.A.D.)
Huntsman Cancer Institute
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Intermountain Medical Center / Murray
J.E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School / SLC
Jordan Valley Hospital / West Jordan (Med Surg)
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Lakeview Hospital / Bountiful (Senior Psych Unit)
LDS Hospital (IHC) / Rehabilitation Services
Learning Services / Riverton (Adult Males with Long-term Disabilities)
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Life Care Center of SLC
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Millcreek Center Library (R.E.A.D.)
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Neighborhood House (Senior day care) / SLC
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North Canyon Care Center / Bountiful
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Primary Children's Hospital (IHC) / SLC (Inpatient Rehabilitation Services)
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Redwood Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
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Riley Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
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Salt Lake County Youth Services
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Shriner's Hospital for Children / Salt Lake City (Children Undergoing Orthopedic Procedures)
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South Davis Community Hospital / Bountiful (Long- and Short-term Rehab)
South Valley Sanctuary / West Jordan (Woman & Child Center)
Spectrum Academy
Spring Creek Healthcare Center (Skilled Nursing Facility)
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Tooele County Senior Center
Trailside Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
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UTAH – PARK CITY AREA

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National Ability Center
Old Mill Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
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Park City Medical Center
South Summit Library (R.E.A.D.)
Summit County Library (R.E.A.D.)
Trailside Elementary (R.E.A.D.)

UTAH – OGDEN / LOGAN

Archway Youth Service Center / Ogden
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Christmas Box House (Children in care of state services) / Ogden
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Lomond Peak Rehab / Ogden
McKay-Dee Hospital (IHC) / Ogden (Transitional Care, Psychiatric, Oasis Program and Rehabilitation Units)
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Ogden Regional Medical Center
Our House Assisted Living / Ogden
Pioneer Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Pine View Transitional Rehab
Plain City Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
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South Ogden Post-Acute / Ogden
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Dixie Montessori / Washington
Dixie State University - Stress Relief / St. George
Fossil Ridge Intermediate School / St. George
IHC - Dixie Regional Medical Center / St. George
The Meadows Retirement Home / St. George
The Retreat at Sunbrook / St. George
Ridgeview Gardens Assisted Living
Rocky Mountain Hospice
St. George Care and Rehabilitation Center
St. George Library
St. Rose Dominican Hospital / Las Vegas, NV
Santa Clara Library / St. George
Southern Utah University / Cedar City
Spring Gardens Senior Living / Cedar City
Sterling Court Assisted Living / St. George
Sunrise Residential Treatment / Hurricane
Washington City Library / Washington
Washington County Crisis Center / St. George

MONTANA – BOZEMAN & BELGRADE AREA

Arrowhead Elementary School (R.E.A.D.) / Livingston
Aspen Pointe / Birchwood
Bear Creek Respite / Bozeman
Belgrade City Court
Belgrade Community Library (R.E.A.D.)
Bozeman Health / Deaconess Hospital (cancer treatment center, dialysis unit and surgical waiting room)
Bozeman Lodge (Retirement)
Bozeman Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
Bridger Rehab & Health Center / Bozeman
Caslen Living Center / Livingston
Chief Joseph Middle School / Bozeman
Eagle Mount Camp / Bozeman
Edgewood Vista (Retirement)
Emily Dickinson Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Bozeman
Epicenter Therapy Services / Bozeman
Gallatin Gateway School (R.E.A.D.)
Gallatin County Re-Entry Program
Gallatin County Rest Home / Bozeman
Hawthorne Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
Heck-Quaw Elementary School (R.E.A.D.) / Belgrade
High Country Care
Highgate / Bozeman (retirement home)
Hyalite Country Care
Longfellow Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Missoula Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
Monforton School (R.E.A.D.)
Parkhaven Retirement / Bozeman
RidgeView School (R.E.A.D.) / Belgrade
Spring Creek Inn / Bozeman
Springmeadows Assisted Living / Bozeman
Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center
Whittier Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
Winans Elementary School (R.E.A.D.) / Livingston

MONTANA – HELENA AREA

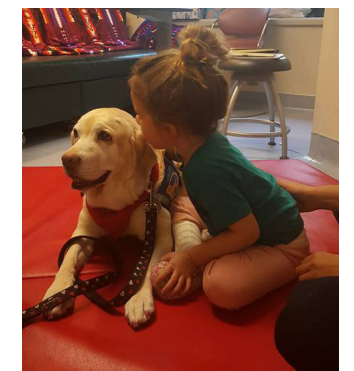
Apple-Rehab Cooney
Broadwater Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
Bryant Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
Clancy School (R.E.A.D.)
Four Georgians Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
Hunter's Pointe
Jim Darcy Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
Lewis and Clark / Helena Library (R.E.A.D.)
Radley Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
St. Peter's Hospital / Behavioral Unit
Shodair Children's Hospital (R.E.A.D.)
Touchmark on Saddle Drove
VA Hospital

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3B Juvenile Detention Center / Idaho Falls
Bridgeview Estates (long-term care center) / Twin Falls
Cassia Regional Medical Center / Burley
District 93 Schools (special presentations grades 9-12) / Idaho Falls
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC) / Idaho Falls
EIRMC Behavioral Health Center / Idaho Falls
Fairwinds - Stone Creek (assisted living) / Idaho Falls
Falls Valley Elementary (presentations grades 1-6) / 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.)
Morning Star Senior Living / Idaho Falls
Snake River Juvenile Detention Center / Twin Falls
Southern Idaho Learning Center / Twin Falls
Twin Falls Public Library (R.E.A.D.)

KENTUCKY/OHIO

Hospice of Hope / Maysville
Mason County Detention Center
Maysville Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility
Ohio Valley Manor / Ripley
Pioneer Trace (nursing home) / Flemingsburg
Women's Crisis Center (Domestic violence shelter) / Maysville



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