



Cool  
TIPS FOR FUN IN THE SUN



By Dr. Melanie Lowrance

Hope you have a wonderful summer and get to explore our great state. Here are some helpful tips to keep your pet safe all summer long.

No matter where you are, avoid heat stroke in your pet:

Always leave out fresh water and make sure your pet has access to shade and ventilation. Consider adding misters to your patio if pets stay outside.

Never leave your pet in the car. When it is only 70F outside, the inside temperature in a car in the sun will be 120F in 60 minutes.

Remember to walk pets in the cool morning hours to avoid burning their feet on the asphalt, rock or concrete.



When hiking and exploring the rivers and lakes:

Keep your dogs vaccines updated! Arizona has rabies in our wildlife population. Our lakes and streams have leptospirosis which is a bacteria that is spread to us and our dogs by drinking the urine of wildlife usually in the water.



Watch out for rattlesnakes. Always keep your pet on a leash to keep them safe. If your pet is high risk consider snake avoidance training or talk to your veterinarian about the rattlesnake vaccination.

If you hike or walk on rough terrain consider using hiking booties.

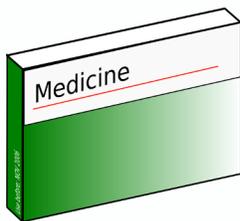
Swimming at pools:

Watch your pet when swimming in the pool and don't leave them unattended. Make sure they know where the stairs are to get out. Sometimes leaving a visible marker (like a flower pot or a chair) near the stairs will allow them to see where to get out if they panic in the water.

Don't allow your pet to run excessively on the cool deck, this can wear their foot pads quickly and cause bleeding, pain and infection.



Parasite Control:



Arizona has mosquitos that spread heartworm. Keep your pets on heartworm prevention year round in Arizona. If you forget to give the monthly tablet then talk to your veterinarian about the annual injection that prevents heartworms for an entire year.

We also have intestinal parasites. Many heartworm preventatives contain intestinal parasite control. Routine intestinal parasite screening should be done every 6-12 months to keep you and your pet safe. We can now test for 20 parasites by detecting the DNA of the parasite with a stool sample the size of a M&M.

Hope these tips help you have a happy and safe summer with your dogs!



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To enhance the quality of lives of people by promoting the Human/Companion Animal Bond and to provide support when the bond is broken.



"Unconditional love is as close as your nearest animal shelter"

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# A Companion Animal Association of AZ MEMORY

by Mary Anne Reyman

The CAAA family has been saddened by the recent passing of Jeanette Matchette. Jeanette and her husband, Dr. John Matchette, were important early organizers and supporters of CAAA. I have a special connection to both John and Jeanette. I first learned about CAAA from Jeanette, and John was our long-time and much appreciated family veterinarian.

In about 1987, I took a special interest class at Scottsdale Community College. The class was taught by Jeanette and the subject was the Human/Companion Animal Bond. In this class, Jeanette introduced the class to a relatively new field of study that explored the close relationship between humans and their pets. As part of this instruction, Jeanette introduced the class to CAAA - an organization that helped with allowing companion animals in senior housing and provided senior facilities and hospitals with visiting teams of therapy dogs and their volunteer owners. Jeanette spoke so highly of the benefit that these visits had to seniors that I decided to join CAAA. I have been part of CAAA ever since and am grateful to Jeanette for her pioneering work in this field and for introducing me to the organization.



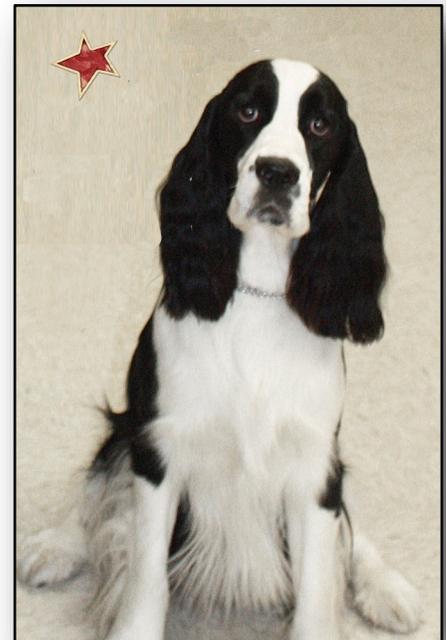
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by Ray Ritchotte

## 600 And Still Counting



I'm proud to announce that Blake, aka Shala's Can't Take My Eyes Off You, has been awarded the title of Therapy Dog Supreme for completing over 600 visits. He is the first Springer Spaniel to receive this award from The AKC and will be in the records book.





*There are several ways you can help CAAA generate financial contributions by participating with our Community Partners.*

- When shopping at **Amazon** on line, use : [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_public_email_CAAA)
- When you enroll your **Fry's** VIP card in their Community Rewards Program
- Any real estate transactions with **Richard Howell, North & Co. Real Estate**. Email: richard@northandco.com
- **Making United Way Agency** Pledges using code: Companion Animal Assoc of Arizona TIN-94-2908620
- **Intel** encourages employees to pursue their passion to volunteer. The Intel Foundation matches the time they volunteer with a cash grant through the Intel Involved Matching Grant Program. CAAA is eligible to receive these cash grants.



# SAVE the DATE

We are excited to let you know our fall picnic will be held on **Saturday, October 21st** and we hope you can join us!

Again, it will be held at Hollis Park in Tempe.  
More details to follow closer to the date.

**Thanks !**  
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*Past Volunteer Celebrations*



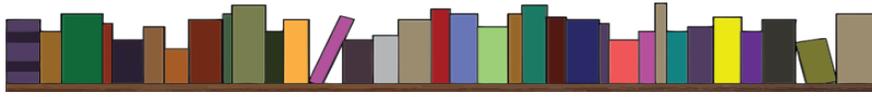


# The Nose Knows!

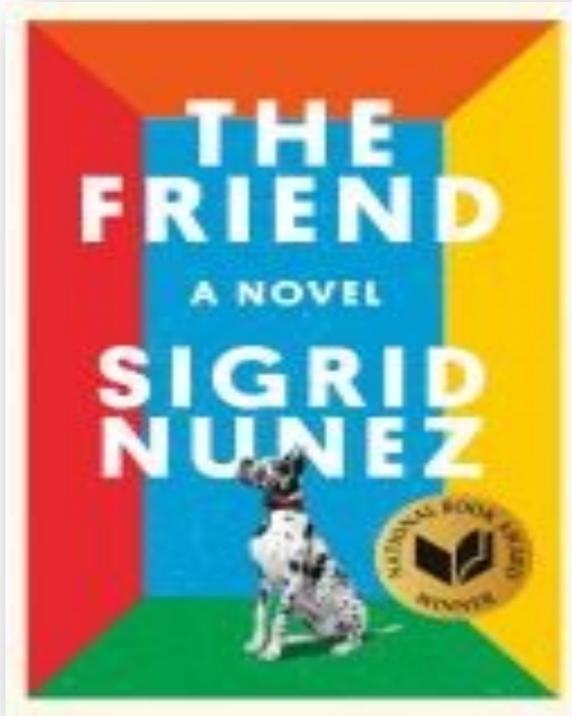
## A Few Facts About That Amazing Nose

- Dogs' noses can sense heat/thermal radiation, which explains why blind or deaf dogs can still hunt.
- A dog's sense of smell is legendary, but did you know that his nose has as many as 300 million receptors? In comparison, a human nose has about 5 million.
- A cold, wet dog nose has its benefits - dog's cold, wet nose helps them smell the world more effectively. A coating of mucus on a dog's damp nose helps it smell by capturing scent particle
- Not all noses are created equal - while all dog breeds have an excellent sense of smell, dogs with short noses, such as bulldogs, have less space for scent-detecting cells than dogs with a longer snout.
- Dogs smell differently than humans - We humans breathe and smell through the same air passage in our noses. Your dog's nose separates air into air for breathing and air for sniffing via that small fold that you can see on the inside of each nostril.
- Your dog's brain area that detects smell is 40 times bigger than yours.
- Your dog's nose print is as unique to him as your fingerprint is to you.
- Sniffing is to your dog like getting up to date news on the Internet for you. It tells him who has been there, how long ago, and which way they went. It also causes him to urinate small amounts everywhere so he can let other dogs know he has been there.
- As your dog gets older olfaction — or sense of smell — actually decreases with age. Researchers found atrophy of the olfactory epithelium in the nasal cavity in dogs over 14 years of age, and senile changes in the olfactory bulb of the brain are similar to what occurs in humans.
- Studies have found that when humans were stressed, their breath and sweat samples contained volatile organic chemicals that were detectable by dogs. Dogs in the study correctly alerted on the stress samples with a combined accuracy of 93.75%.

*The information in this article is from several AKC articles, Chateau Animal Hospital and the Care Credit Website*



## Read Any Good Dog Books Lately?



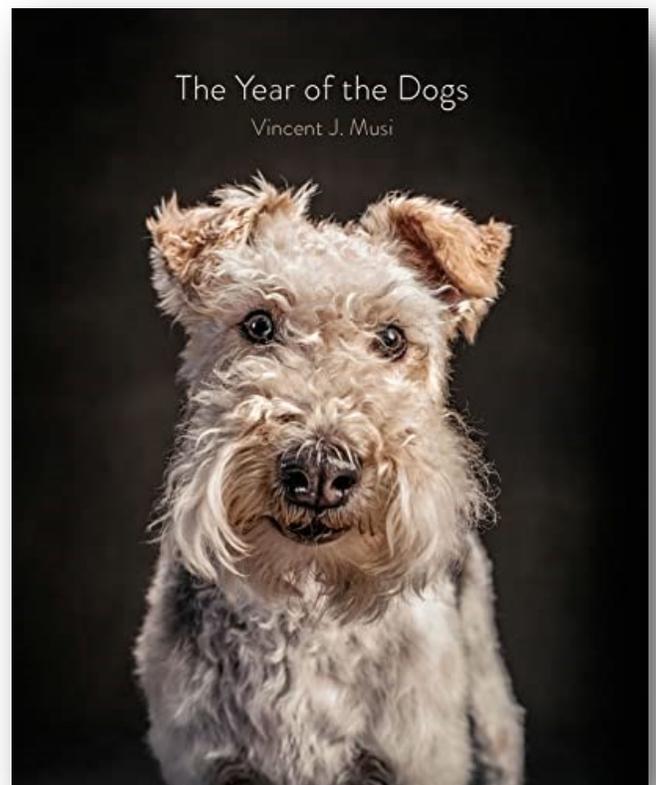
### *The Friend* by Sigrid Nunez

A 2018 National Book Award finalist, this is a moving story of love, friendship, grief, healing, and the magical bond between a woman and her dog.

When a woman unexpectedly loses her lifelong best friend and mentor, she finds herself burdened with the unwanted dog he has left behind. Her own battle against grief is intensified by the mute suffering of the dog, a huge Great Dane traumatized by the inexplicable disappearance of its master, and by the threat of eviction: dogs are prohibited in her apartment building. Isolated from the rest of the world, increasingly obsessed with the dog's care, determined to read its mind and fathom its heart, she comes dangerously close to unraveling. *The Friend* is both a meditation on loss and a celebration of human-canine devotion.

### *The Year of the Dog* by Vincent J Musi

As a National Geographic photographer, taking pictures of lions, tigers, and bears was a regular day's work for Vincent Musi, but in 2017 he gave himself a new challenge: dogs. Using the same lighting and photographic techniques he uses for his National Geographic photography, Musi spent a year shooting portraits of dogs and compiling them into a book complete with all of the tail wags, wet noses, and dogs of all shapes and sizes. The result is a stunning collection of photographs that shows the majesty, playfulness, and joy that is man's best friend.



# Over the Rainbow Bridge

*by President Pamela Peet*

Recently, two of CAAA's pet therapy teams have been saddened by the loss of their faithful therapy dogs.



Dr. Melanie Lowrance and Daisy began their journey with CAAA in 2012. It took a special kind of caring and passionate person to take time out of their busy veterinarian work life to also volunteer as a pet therapy team in hopes of making a positive difference in someone's day!

Melanie and Daisy dedicated years of visitations lighting up the lives and bringing smiles to everyone they visited. Daisy passed at the age 16 and was the loving family member of the Lowrance family.



Hope Bennett began her pet therapy team journey in 2014 and Sindere was a Cavalier she was fostering who eventually became her third therapy dog. Sindere and Hope visited at Ridgecrest and although Sindere was deaf, her sister dog Cookie taught her the ropes of what it took to interact with residents at Ridgecrest and they became known as the 'Dynamic Duo'!

Hope's desire to provide pet therapy to others also resulted in Hope and Sindere visiting neighbors in their community. Some of Hope's neighbors lived alone and were no longer able to have or care for a dog, so Hope would take Sindere in her golf cart and ride through the community making several stops to visit those neighbors.



We are sure Daisy and Sindere left paw prints of love on everyone who knew them.

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.....The CAAA Newsletter, that is. Feel free to pass them on to anyone you think might be interested. How about your visiting site? It could serve as a good way to inform others of what our organization does as well as serve as a recruiting tool. Just print a copy out or email the website link:

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