



NEWSLETTER

Tawni McBee

Helping Animals Reach Their Full Potential

If the first contact you made with CAAA was a call to the published phone message line, you can probably thank Tawni McBee for passing your inquiry on to the correct person. Tawni's been answering that line for over six years and it's only one of several tasks she's volunteered for during her long association with CAAA. She's also assisted at our picnics, organized the games and helped write the current evaluation examination to include more specific information and exercises, just to name a few more.

It's Tawni's husband Tom who first got involved with CAAA. Tom, a cancer survivor, wanted to share his therapy dog Jaspar with others and started visiting at Banner Desert Hospital. When he decided to expand his therapy visiting he looked into CAAA, decided to join and began to also visit at Mi Casa Nursing Center in Mesa. That was almost 20 years ago.

As for Tawni, answering phone inquiries and volunteering for CAAA is far from all this very busy professional lady does. A highly qualified holistic dog trainer for over 20

years, she has a degree in Psychology and has earned professional credentials second to none. They include Certified Dog Trainer, Certified Dog Trainer Advanced, AKC Canine

Good Citizen evaluator, Professional Dog Training Instructor and Chairman of the Dog Trainer Certification Committee of the International Association of Canine Professionals. In this capacity Tawni leads the committee in writing certification exam requirements, organizes volunteers who evaluate these exams, and leads discussions as well as votes on all committee actions.

It was Tawni who trained and certified Tom's first dog Jaspar. Since then she has also trained and certified Boone his second

therapy dog and his current one, Lark who she says was "Probably the best of the three when it comes to therapy visits. Lark was born to be a therapy dog".

She and Tom run *All Greatful Dogs, Inc.* Located in Mesa, they offer a unique method of training that helps owners and dogs enhance and develop a loving and healthy



Tawni and Boone, Tom's second therapy dog

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A Social Pet Therapy Program

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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.

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"When you adopt a shelter pet, you save 2 lives. The one you adopt, and the one that takes it's place."

relationship. Tawni's holistic approach of training the WHOLE dog provides customized services that include working with a dog's existing care team. This can include the veterinarian, groomer and other canine professionals as well as the dog's family. This holistic approach can also identify physical & environmental problems that may be affecting behavior, therefore allowing her to treat the cause and not just the symptoms.

Tawni offers a wide variety of training services which are all aimed at making sure a dog and its family are one cohesive unit. They include group and private obedience training, customized behavioral work and fun classes like agility training. She is also qualified and certified to treat animals with movement problems. Her "Heart to Heart Connection" sessions use Kokoro Body Care, a unique method of care in which she uses Reiki, an energy healing method, with infusions of many other alternative healing modalities including acupressure, massage-like techniques, Kinaesthetics™, T-Touch and others. Sometimes essential oils and herbal or flower essences are also used. Kokoro is not only for dogs but cats and some other animals as well.

Tawni applies her training and healing methods to horses as well as dogs. When asked if there is a difference in the approach she takes with one



Tawni's Mustang Sully



Tawni with Boone and Jelly her five year old Spanish Water Dog

or the other she answered "Yes, each has a natural instinct that must be considered when working with them. Horses are prey; they do not go after other animals, they feed on grass and foliage. Dogs are predators and are meat eaters. So a horse is always looking for predators and dogs are always hunting for things."

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

- When shopping at **Amazon** on line, use :
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- 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 Association 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.



With Cesar Millan at an International Association of Canine Professionals Conference

So what does Tawni look for in a candidate for a social therapy dog? "Attitude! This will include a sweet temper, not grumpy, naturally outgoing and a dog that enjoys interaction with all people and not just their own family. It's an "energy thing" and you can actually feel it along with observation. I see and listen closely to what the dog is telling me. They have to be happy in the job, can't be forced into the position and they'll very quickly tell me if they have no interest whatsoever in a therapy position."

And what kind of calls does Tawni hear on that CAAA phone message line? "They vary and many are looking for some type of assistance or services we don't offer. Some are trying to find a companion or service dog or even assistance in caring for the dog they have. Many of the calls are people who request private visits. Those are the sad calls because there isn't much our organization can help them with other than refer them to another organization that hopefully can".

NOTE: For a complete list of Tawni's qualifications and certifications as well as more detailed info on the number and types of services All Greatful Dogs offers, see her website at www.allgreatfuldogs.com In March she is offering a K9 first aid and equine first aid class, and in April a behavioral and handling workshop. For more information about these classes, email Tawni at thegreatfuldog@yahoo.com



Lark





ANNUAL VOLUNTEER EVENT

Saturday March 9th
10:00 - Noon

Pyle Center - 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ

This year's activity will be a Pet Photo Session for personalized pet therapy photo ID Cards! Remember - to receive your ID cards you must attend the annual meeting and be up to date on dues.



Bring your therapy pet, family members
and your appetite for lunch

We'll recognize milestone awards for your visits*
and the Volunteer of the Year

RSVP by Feb 25th to ppet@cox.net

*Visitation Log forms are available on line at the
CAA website www.caaainc.org

Keeping Our Pets Safe Everyday Household Items & Activities to Avoid

- *Leaving Out Chip and Other Snack Bags - animals can rummage for crumbs and get their heads stuck and suffocate
- *Putting Down Your Purse, Backpack, or Other Bag - provides easy access to contents which can include pain meds, cigarettes, or xylitol (sugarless gums, mints and more); all toxic to dogs
- *Feeding Table Scraps - dogs digestive systems aren't the same as ours and table scraps can lead to inflammation of their pancreas, stomach and/or intestines
- *Throwing Sticks for Your Dog - chewing on sticks can frequently result in mouth splinters, puncture wounds, and cracked teeth
- *Giving Bones, Deer Antlers, Cow Hooves, or Ice Cubes as Chew Toys - hard chews can easily crack an animal's teeth, which is extremely painful
- *DIY and Crafts Using Glue - polyurethane glues can rapidly expand once in the stomach and quickly cause digestive obstructions

(From Preventive Vet Website)



Rachel Elizabeth Mostofizadeh is a professional photographer. She specializes in lifestyle storytelling photography and her photo sessions are a bit different; she keeps them low stress for everyone and adds a lot of fun. She has a BA in Fine Arts, is a member in the Professional Photographers of America and has lived all over the U.S. before coming to Phoenix with her husband, two small children and the family's Boston Terrier, Bean.

Rachel will be donating her time and exceptional skills at this year's Volunteer Event to take pictures for therapy dog ID cards. These will be done first for anyone interested and taken on the stage located in the room within the Pyle Center where our meeting will take place. CAAA will be paying for the printing of the first batch of cards but remember, in order to participate you must attend the meeting and be up to date on your annual dues.

For anyone interested in having additional professional photos taken, Rachel will be available after the meeting using the sunlight outside for a more natural, warm approach in telling your own therapy dog story in pictures. You can talk with her at the meeting about this as well as pricing, or contact her through her website at www.rachelelizphoto.com.



Bean with Rachel

Thanks Rachel



Remembering.....

CAAA therapy dog ID cards are being made possible through several donations from our Treasurer George Murnane who passed away last year. George was passionate about the mission of CAAA and his position as Treasurer for the organization. Without hesitation, George would participate in CAAA's special projects and he was a natural at speaking to a crowd.

Thank you George - your generosity and kindness lives on.



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THE VET'S



Tips for a healthy pet therapy visit

Pet therapy has been one of the best experiences for me and my dog. I thought I would mention some tips about how I try to keep my dog, myself and the people I visit stay healthy.

- I wash, brush and trim my therapy dogs toenails 24 hours prior to pet therapy



- I wash my dog when I return home or wipe her down with dog wipes when I get back from therapy so I don't spread things back to my family
- I wash my hands thoroughly before and after my visits and use hand sanitizer when needed during visits
- When there is a obvious disease outbreak I skip visiting that day. (There was a bad bacterial diarrhea outbreak that I was worried that my therapy dog might help spread from patient to patient so we rescheduled our visit) I will not visit when I personally have a contagious illness
- I keep my personal vaccines such as the influenza vaccine updated

- My therapy dog routinely gets veterinary care and stays vaccinated with the common core vaccines such as DA2PPPL (Distemper, Parainfluenza, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, Leptospirosis) Bordetella and Rabies so she doesn't pick up diseases when visiting the facility
- Her stool sample is done yearly and she stays on heartworm prevention which also deworms her monthly for the most common parasites spreadable to people and flea/tick prevention



Germs from dogs rarely spread to people but I thought I would mention a few of the diseases that can spread. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the most common diseases associated with dogs that cause human illness are as follows:

- Campylobacteriosis- bacteria that causes diarrhea
- Dog Tapeworm - Dipylidium caninum- intestinal parasite spread through ingesting dog fleas
- Hookworm- intestinal parasite of dogs that can cause skin infection in people
- Rabies-fatal virus that spreads through saliva and dog bites
- Roundworm-intestinal parasite of animals that cause blindness and other problems in people
- Brucellosis-bacterial infection causing reproductive problems in dogs and spreads to people
- Capnocytophaga-bacteria that can cause severe infection in people
- Cryptosporidiosis-intestinal parasite that can spread to people
- Echinococcosis-tapeworm parasite that can cause infection in people
- Ehrlichiosis- bacterial disease that can spread through dog ticks

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- Giardiasis-intestinal parasite that can spread to people
- Leptospirosis-infection from dog urine that can spread to people
- Lyme Disease-infection in humans that is spread by dog ticks



- Ringworm-fungal skin infection spread between dogs and people
- Rocky Mountain spotted Fever-disease caused by dog ticks
- Salmonellosis-bacterial infection that causes gastrointestinal illness
- Sarcoptic mange-parasitic skin mites that can cause infection in people

If your therapy pet receives routine veterinary care the veterinarian can help identify risk, potential disease and how to prevent diseases to keep you and your pet healthy for visits.

- MRSA- resistant bacteria that can be spread back and forth between dogs and patients (there is new research that using chlorhexiderm wipes on visiting pets may help reduce the risk of MRSA spread)
- Pasteurella-bacterial infection that can spread to people
- Plague-bacterial infection spread by flea bites from dog fleas



IS YOUR PET HURTING ?

Symptoms in Dogs & Cats

Our pets can't talk to us but they sure can get their messages across when they want something like a treat or a walk. Some messages, however, may be more subtle and harder to read. When it comes to pain or discomfort some dogs and cats can actually be quite skillful at hiding them altogether. This behavior may come from instinct at a time when animals lived in packs and weakness was hidden in order to survive. We know our pets. We know their likes, dislikes and especially their daily activity.

So observation can catch those subtleties. Here are a few of the most common things you may see if your pet is hurting:

Decreased Activity

Not Using the Stairs

Decreased Appetite

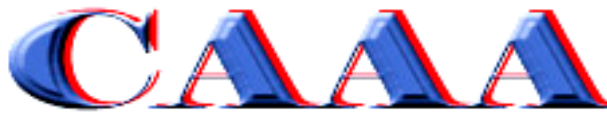
Difficulty Standing Up After Sleeping

Over grooming or Licking/Biting the Same Area

If you notice any of these - TAKE YOUR PET TO THE VET!

(This information is from the "I Love Veterinary" blog. Thanks Jane for sending it)





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Christmas with Debbie, Cheyenne and residents at Abounding Home Care

COMPANION ANIMAL ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA
RECORD OF VISITATION LOG for the year _____

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If additional forms are necessary - go to the "Forms" page at www.caaaaz.org

Don't forget to turn in your visitation logs and 2019 membership renewal

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL
2019

NAME _____ DOB _____
E-MAIL _____
City _____ Zip _____
Work _____ Home _____
I am ready to become an active pet therapy team to visit one of our host facilities, selected about getting started?
VOLUNTEERS - cheyenne@caaaaz.org - ARE NEEDED
If you would like to be contacted about participating, check here: _____
If you are renewing your membership and continuing your support of our community based program, check here: _____
Payable to: Companion Animal Association of Arizona.
(Check One)
☐ Organization (\$75)
☐ Individual (\$25)
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I also wish to make a donation (\$ _____) In Memory or Honor of _____
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