



Double duty..... Jonesy service & therapy

Janet McClellan's maiden name was Jones. "Jonesy" was somewhat of a family nickname especially for her Dad who was known as Jonesy most of his life. So four years ago when she and husband Tim brought home a little black Lab puppy that's what they named her.

You might say the McClellans are a Labrador Retriever kind of family. Jonesy is their seventh Lab and at that time the fourth one in their household. There was also Moose who was 9, Geronimo 10, and 4 year old Rosie who was one of the reasons they decided to get

another puppy; Rosie is deaf. Janet says "With the other two dogs aging we wanted to be sure Rosie always had a companion to help navigate her through the anxieties and uncertainties that can occur with a deaf animal".

A deaf dog is just as trainable as a hearing dog and can have a wonderful life. It may take slightly more effort and sometimes a little help from a friend as explained in the Pet Assure Newsletter article *Dispelling the Myths: Living With a Deaf Dog*: "A deaf dog will follow the lead of the dog who knows the routine. Dogs are social animals, and will tend to hang out, one "family member" keeping track of the other. Most dogs love having a playmate and someone to run and wrestle with them. They really don't care if either or none of the other dogs can hear. Remember, a dog born deaf doesn't know it's missing anything! It has no frame of reference to know what hearing is. A deaf dog may think its hearing playmate is just more observant".

So now, four years later, Rosie and Jonesy have a strong bond and are best buds! Janet says "Jonesy is so calm she helps to balance out any anxiety Rosie may have. Always alert to what Jonesy is doing, she follows her lead. This helps her to understand what is happening and gives her direction by example whether that's going outside or it's time to eat." By definition a service dog is "A dog that has been trained to assist a person who has a disability". Jonesy may not have been specifically trained to assist a person, but no doubt, she's become a service dog to Rosie.

Originally from Allentown PA., Tim and Janet have been married and lived in the Valley for 35 years. She has always been interested in social therapy with her dogs; however, due to

(Continued on page .2)



A Social Pet Therapy Program

THE COMPANION ANIMAL ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA, INC.

P.O. Box 5006

Scottsdale, AZ.

85261-5006

Phone (602) 258-3306

<http://www.caaainc.org>

*

OUR MISSION

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

*

One reason a dog can be such comfort when you're feeling blue is that they don't try and find out why.

~Author Unknown~

a job that required a lot of travel she just never had the time. About three years ago she switched jobs and currently works most days from home within the risk management area for Wells Fargo. Freeing up that travel time allowed her to start looking into the possibility of becoming a social therapy team. "Even though Jonesy was only a year and a half I felt she was so calm and easy going she just might be ready to start training to do therapy visits" says Janet. "So I contacted trainer Tawni McBee at *All Greatful Dogs, Inc.*". Tawni and husband Tom have been active members of CAAA for years and after only a few sessions with Janet and Jonesy along with a complete assessment by Tawni, Jonesy was certified and they became members of CAAA.

For the past several years they have been making regular visits to Savannah House, a memory care and assisted living facility in Gilbert. Janet says "We've had so many great visits and have made some unforgettable memories there. On one of those visits a memory care staff member asked that we come to one resident's room who had been totally unresponsive that day. He was an older gentleman and after taking one look at Jonesy he broke into a smile, reached out to her and said "dog". Another resident, also an older gentleman, will always get down on the ground which is Jonesy's invitation to flop down there with him and roll over on her back. They have a great time as does everyone else who's watching while they do some gentle roughhousing."



When asked what Janet thinks the residents like best about Jonesy she answered "She's calm, she sits and listens and shows interest in every one of them. There are times when we visit the assisted living unit and they



have an activity going on like a sing-along. Jonesy just sits down with them and hangs out like she is a part of the group".

Whether it's helping Rosie or bringing smiles to the residents at Savannah House, Jonesy is on the job and has got it covered!

From CAAA President Pamela Deet

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

they can benefit from your beloved pets is a huge commitment in your life and we recognize your efforts.



IN HONOR OF GEORGE

Last year our Treasurer, George Murnane IV passed away, but for nearly 2 years serving on the board George was passionate about the mission of CAAA and his position as Treasurer for the organization.

For the donations we received on behalf of George, we honored him with a project of providing pet therapy Photo ID Cards to the pet therapy team volunteers who attended our annual event in March.

George's family let us know he would have loved this special project and was grateful for us remembering him. They said he was so proud of his association with CAAA and loved to tell them stories about the organization and its mission and the board members he worked with.

George will be forever in our thoughts.



ABOVE: George at one of the CAAA picnics calling out raffle winning tickets. Without hesitation, George would always participate in CAAA's special projects and he was a natural at speaking to a crowd.



"I volunteer for Companion Animal Association of AZ, Inc."	
Daisy	
GENDER	DOB
Female	2007
FAVORITE FOOD	
Marshmallow fluffy whip	
FAVORITE SKILL	
Getting the mail	
FAVORITE SPORT	
Hiking in AZ mountains	
FAVORITE TOY	
Squeaky ducks	
OWNER	
Melanie	

CAAA Photo Gallery

A few of our CAAA Star's photo ID pictures. More will be included in future newsletters. All photos were taken by Rachel Mostofizadeh who donated her time. Visit her website at:

www.rachelelizphoto.com



SIMON



LARK



GRACIE



JESSIE



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
- 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.



War Dogs

Following is an excerpt from a news release announcing a new exhibit at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA

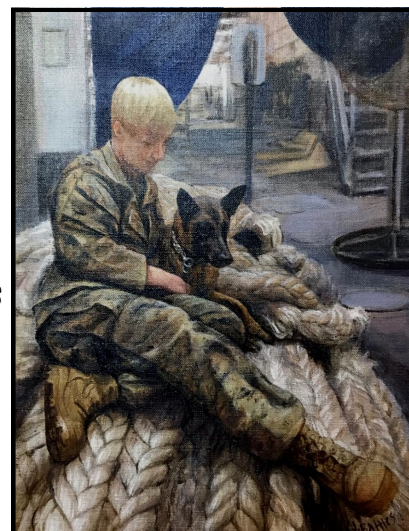


Officially, dogs have served with Marines in battle since World War II. A new temporary exhibit "War Dogs: Never Above You, Never Below You, Always Beside You" at the National Museum of the Marine Corps spotlights and honors the important role these four-legged warriors serve.

The 28 pieces of combat art depict dogs at work around the globe from WWII in the Pacific all the way to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Artifacts that tell specific stories of Marine Corps dogs and handlers round out this tribute to the loyalty, bravery and sacrifices of the war fighter's "best friend."

One sculpture and story is about Lucca (pictured above), a Marine Corps war dog. She conducted more than 400 missions during two deployments to Iraq and one to Afghanistan. One of those missions cost Lucca her leg and severe burns but there were never human casualties under her watch. Marine Corps dog handler Chris Willingham worked with Lucca and adopted her upon her retirement. He knows firsthand the bond between the human and canine warrior and says "Dogs have faithfully served our country since World War II and are directly responsible for saving countless lives."

There are also items used by war dogs and their handlers on display. From dog uniforms to canine medical kits and Purple Hearts, these items help tell the story of our Nation's four-legged heroes. While they tell part of the story, the artwork paints a more complete picture; from the most menacing war dog to goggled high-flying dogs to sleeping warriors and keen detectives. For more info, pictures and the complete story about the exhibit visit the museum's website at www.usmcmuseum.com



*Sunsette and Bella by
Kristopher J. Battles
USMC Art Collection*

CAAA

BULLETIN BOARD

Deborah Zapusek's
therapy dog
Cheyenne got a new
baby brother ... 11
week old Australian
Shepherd Chase



Ray Rithotte's
Blake
relaxing at
home

PAWESOME
DOG DADS
HAPPY FATHERS DAY

facebook
update



DON'T FORGET WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU?

Share your stories from pet therapy visits on Facebook.

CAAA
2019

OFFICERS
&
BOARD
MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

PAMELA PEET

VICE PRESIDENT

NANCY PARKER

SECRETARY

SYDNI TALLERI

TREASURER

DIANE MILLER

BOARD MEMBERS

JANE CONROW

MELANIE LOWRANCE

MARY ANNE REYMAN

ANY COMMENTS,
PICTURES,
SUGGESTIONS, OR
INPUT FOR FUTURE
NEWSLETTERS?

SEND THEM TO:

JACKIE AT

TRNGPTST@COX.NET