



NEWSLETTER

A Golden With a Special 6th Sense Welcome Jasmine & Ellen

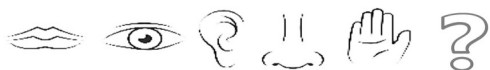
"Jasmine is just a natural. If you could program her to do all the things a good therapy dog should do, it's just exactly what she has done from the very start." That's how Ellen Buzga described her five year old Golden Retriever Jasmine when asked why she decided to become one of CAAA newest social therapy teams. "Jasmine has always just known when someone needs a little unspoken understanding and love."

There was that time at the hairdressers where Jasmine has always gone with Ellen. Everyone there loved seeing her and said she was their official mascot. During one of their visits Jasmine saw a waiting customer sitting on a bench outside the shop. She walked out of the shop went directly to that customer and put her head in the lady's lap. Ellen was a little surprised and says "I wasn't sure why she did that and was concerned the lady may have been scared or upset. She wasn't and said she was just fine with Jasmine. She then started crying and explained that she was having a tough time because she had lost her husband recently. Jasmine stayed right beside her and even sat next to her the entire time she was getting her hair done".

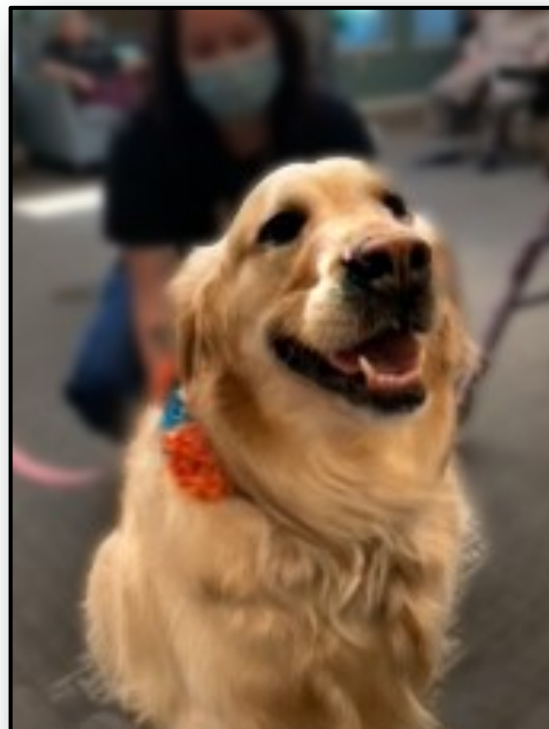
And then, there was that time in the park. Jasmine spotted a lady sitting under a tree and just walked up and sat down next to her. The lady put her arm around Jasmine and smiled. Ellen, again a little concerned not knowing just what she was going to do, approached the lady. "I asked her if it was OK and she just held Jasmine a little tighter and explained that she had cancer and was having a bad day. I don't know how Jasmine picked up on that from a total stranger, but she knew just what to do to help."

Ellen says this has happened several other times. "Once in the Home Depot a similar experience. She walked directly up to a customer and just leaned against him looking up with those expressive Golden eyes. He said she made his day. He was also very ill and needed that unspoken understanding. Jasmine just somehow senses this.

Maybe a 6th Sense?



Google that term and you'll find it explained as: An intuitive faculty giving awareness not explicable in terms of normal perception; a special ability to know something that cannot be learned by using the five senses; a keen intuitive power. There have been many studies done with dogs and their possible 6th sense. Some attribute their abilities to a heightened capacity of observation along with the fact that they





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"Love is a four-legged word".

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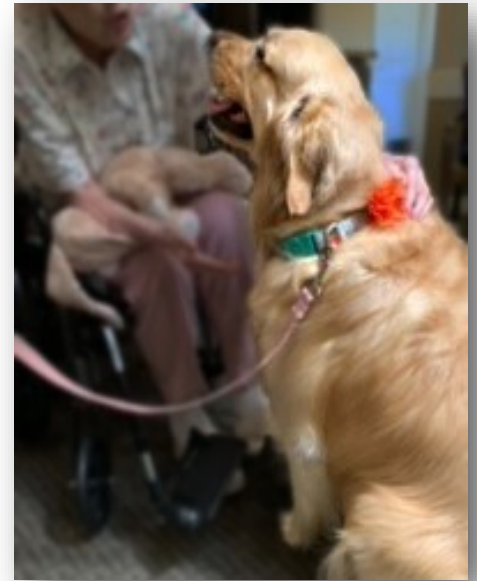
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can simply smell and see better than us. Other experiments seem to support the existence of a magnetic sense in dogs. So maybe there is a 6th sense, one that detects variations in magnetic fields. We might not have **scientific** evidence that dogs have a sixth sense, but we also don't have evidence that they don't!

A New Social Therapy Team

Since August, Ellen, Jasmine and that 6th sense have been visiting twice a week at Parkland Memory Care in Chandler; an assisted living community caring for those with Alzheimer's, Dementia, and other forms of memory loss. "Visiting has allowed her to touch even more hearts. I think she has found her calling", says Ellen. "She was very close to my late husband and was always at his side through dementia and eventually Alzheimer's. Sometimes I wonder if this is her tribute to him. It's as though she knows just exactly why she is at Parkland as she interacts with every resident she sees. They pet her, brush her coat and when they talk to her she looks right into their eyes. Several even remember her name. When she's asked if someone could take her picture, she turns around and sits down right next to a resident and looks straight at the camera with a big doggie smile. One of the residents is in bed, non verbal and can't sit up so I'll place his hand on Jasmine's head. He always smiles and tries to say her name. She also seems to sense any stressful situations and just her presence will help calm things down. It's amazing to me and I don't know how she does all this".

Well, Ellen, even though there is no scientific proof, you know your dog best and have "sense" enough to appreciate her amazing abilities. Just as the people Jasmine has met and all those residents she now visits do.



(For the complete articles & three sources used for this story, click on the following)

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**DARLING
DARLA** by April Crow

This is Darla our new Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. She is deaf and we are working on hand signals. This is her interpretation of "down".

She hopes to be one of CAAA's next therapy dogs!



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- **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.



Fourth in our series of American Humane Hero Dogs is K-9 Cody from Newport News, Virginia. Cody is the 2020 Law Enforcement Dog of the Year. Her trained specialty explosives detection.

K-9 Cody's career began in Iraq where she worked to keep personnel safe at the U. S Embassy. After being transferred back to the States her explosives detection skills continued to be put to good use safeguarding the Mall of America. These days she lives and works in Virginia still keeping public places like Busch Gardens safe. She also patrols large events for organizations like the PGA, NBA and the 4th of July parade in Bristol, Rhode Island. And if any local law enforcement agency receives a bomb threat, she's there, ready willing and able to assist.

No doubt, K-9 Cody is one of the best when it comes to detecting explosives, but she's also a real standout when it comes to her people skills as well. Handler, James Overton says "She's friendly and calm with a very loving disposition. When not "on the job" she participates in demonstrations at local schools, churches and festivals."

For more information about K-9 Cody along with a Virginia local TV report and a YouTube video, click on these links:



<https://www.wavy.com/news/local-news/newport-news/local-k-9-is-a-contender-for-national-humane-hero-dog-awards/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eldqig4UmNg>

<https://herodogawards.org/dog/k-9-cody/>

PET THERAPY VISITS - A FEW REMINDERS

By PAMELA PEET

Now that therapy visits are resuming (hurrah!) it seems like a good time to review a few reminders.

- Dogs should be well-groomed
- Ask permission to put your dog in a resident's lap or bed and provide a towel or mat for the dog to sit on
- No choke/prong collars; Use quick release/buckle collars
- Leashes must be no longer than 4 feet; no retractable leashes
- Dogs must be kept on the leash at all times; no off leash is acceptable
- Handlers must have their attention on their dog at all times for their safety and welfare
- Excuse yourself and your dog from any situation you do not believe will be a positive experience
- Remove dog tags as they could cause possible injury
- Photos may NOT be taken without prior permission
- Never discuss a resident's health or personal issues with the resident or anyone else
- Dog should respond to 'leave it' or similar command
- Recognize signals that our dogs are becoming tired or disengaged such as: yawning, lip licking, tail between legs; turns head away and panting
- Maintain a minimum of 2-feet distance between pet-therapy teams



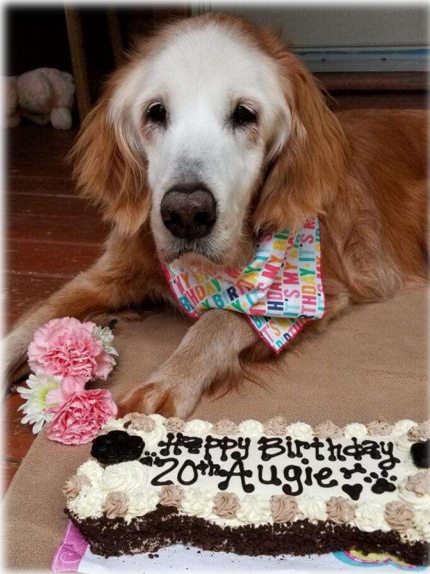
Over the Rainbow Bridge
COOKIE THE CAVALIER

Cookie and Hope Bennett have visited patients at Ridgecrest Healthcare in Phoenix every week since April, 2016; that's over 200 visits. They went to their rooms, common community areas and to those in the locked behavioral wing who have limited outside interaction. Cookie was gentle, sweet and she loved everyone..... almost as much as they loved her and just about as much as she will be missed.

"Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love. They depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog. It merely expands the heart".

THE GOLDEN YEARS

August, better known as "Augie," made history on April 24 when she turned 20, becoming the oldest golden retriever ever, according to Golden Hearts Retrievers Rescue. Most golden retrievers typically live for about 10-12 years; at most, they live to 15 years old.



Augie lives in Oakland, Tenn. with her owners Jennifer and Steve Hettterscheidt, who adopted the cute pup when she was 14.

To celebrate her milestone birthday, Augie earned a dog-friendly carrot cake, as well as some quality time with her fellow golden retriever siblings, Sherman, Belle, and Bruce.

And even at 20 years old, Augie is surprisingly healthy, her owner Jennifer said.

"She can still move around well (although she's a bit shaky when she first gets up) and enjoys daily walks around the yard. We care for them as long as we have them, and love them forever." Even a dog in Tennessee can make an impact on history.

[Click here to read all of Augie's story](#)

(This article was submitted by Pam Peet. Thanks! The source is "Golden Hearts" website.)



Save the Date

Our Fall Outing is Still "ON"!

Our Fall Outing and Volunteer Celebration is still scheduled so plan on attending:

Oct 23rd at Hollis park
in Tempe

10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

A Pet Therapy Visit With Friday

by April Crow

I took Friday, our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, to visit a resident at Brookdale whom I used to visit with Willow. We actually had not been to visit since Willow passed away because Covid hit shortly after her passing. Our favorite resident had since moved to the Memory Care Unit and I was advised that she has really declined and wouldn't remember us. This is how our visit went:

Me: Hi Geri, it is great to see you. I have missed you and am so glad we get to visit with you today. I would like you to meet Friday.

Geri: I'm so happy to have a visitor. What is the dogs' name?

Me: This is Friday.

Geri: I know it is Friday because we play Bingo today. What is the dog's name?

Me: Her name is Friday. Isn't that kind of funny that the dog is named Friday.

Geri: I already told you it is Friday because we play Bingo today. She is so soft and sweet. What is her name?

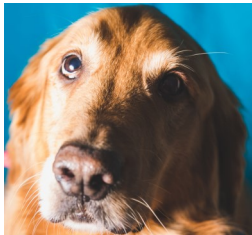
Me: This is Friday. Her name is Friday, just like today is Friday.

Geri: Is it still Friday? Did I miss Bingo? I love this dog. What is her name.

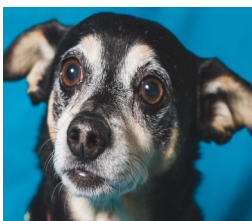
Me: Yes, it is still Friday and Bingo is later today. This is Willow. Her name is Willow.

Geri: Oh I remember Willow. Thank you for coming to visit me. I have missed you.

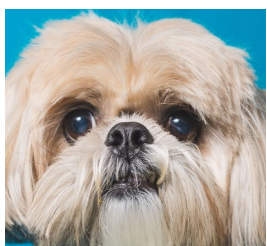
The Activities Director said this is the happiest he has seen her for months. So as Geri continued to pet Friday and love on her, at that point I thought "Who cares if it is Friday or Saturday, or if the dog is Friday or Willow, if this little visit brings her a smile for even a second, then my visit today was a success."



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LINCOLN



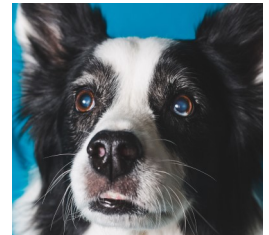
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Is There Really Such a Thing As Puppy Dog Eyes!

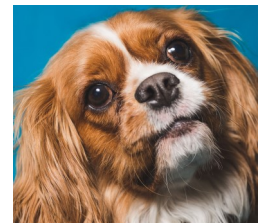
A Science Digest article confirms that, yes, there really is such a thing. Research comparing the anatomy and behavior of wolves to domesticated dogs have found that dogs have evolved new muscles around the eyes. The purpose? To communicate with humans. Dogs have a small muscle, which allows them to intensely raise their inner eyebrow, which wolves do not. The authors of the article state "The inner eyebrow raising movement triggers a nurturing response in humans because it makes the dogs' eyes appear larger, more infant like and also resembles a movement humans produce when they are sad. It is really remarkable that these simple differences in facial expression may have helped define the relationship between early dogs and humans."

Read the full article by clicking here:

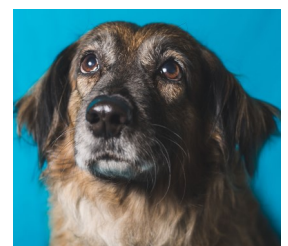
[Puppy Dog Eyes](#)



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DID YOU KNOW ?

The average dog has an intelligence level equivalent to a 2-year-old

DID YOU KNOW ?

For running purposes, the shoulder blades on dogs are not attached to the rest of the skeleton



From Gail Peterson :
Remember to stop and smell the roses – Crystal is!

Ms Crystal and I are currently in CA enjoying cooler weather. We will be back in the fall and will be resuming our therapy visits.

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