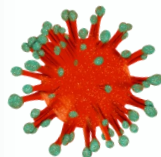




# NEWSLETTER



## PET THERAPY VISITS AND COVID - 19 CORONAVIRUS



By President Pamela Peet

We hope you and your families are doing well. It's 2021 already and we are still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since our highly beneficial pet therapy visits are still not possible, we appreciate your on-going commitment to CAAA !

We mention this because we have so many dedicated pet therapy teams and when we can return to visiting, there will likely be an overwhelming need for our services.

In the meantime, here are some COVID-19 guidelines from the American Kennel Club:

*Healthy pet owners in the U.S. should follow basic hygienic precautions such as washing their hands with soap and water before and after contact with any animal, including dogs and cats. If you test positive for COVID-19 or believe you have been exposed to the virus, the CDC has provided guidelines for pet care:*

- *When possible, have another member of your household care for your pets while you are sick*
- *Avoid contact with your pet, including petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food or bedding*
- *If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wear a cloth face covering and wash your hands before and after you interact with them*

*To help reduce the spread of all germs, you may also consider wiping your pet's fur and feet when they come in and out of the house with grooming wipes. Dogs do not need a face mask to protect against COVID-19.*

So, keep yourself well and keep your pets well !!!





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"If you think dogs  
can't count, try  
putting three dog  
biscuits in your  
pocket and then give  
him only two of  
them."



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# What Have You Been Up to Lately?

With visiting on "hold" for now, here is what a few of our  
therapy teams have been doing.



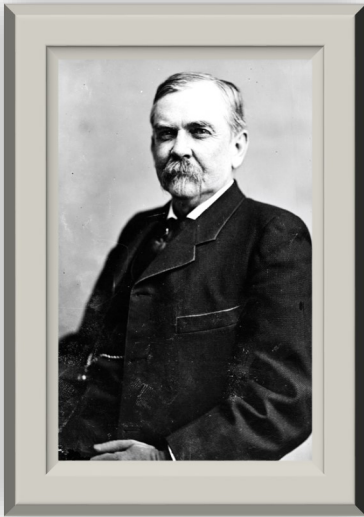
*Deb Zapusek -  
Porscha loves her hikes.  
This one was in Globe/  
Miami*



*Ray Ritchotte -  
This picture of Blake and  
my granddaughter was  
taken when she started  
crawling. She crawled on  
Blakes side and fell asleep  
and he did not move until  
she woke up. Talk about a  
great Therapy dog!*



## Gentlemen Of The Jury..... THE OLD DRUM CASE



After the Civil War Senator George Vest returned to Sedalia, Missouri, and resumed his law practice. It was at this time in 1869 that Vest was asked to represent Charles Burden and Old Drum in a case that made him famous, *Burden v. Hornsby*. The trial was September 23, 1870.

Vest represented a client whose hunting dog, a foxhound named Drum (or Old Drum), had been killed by a sheep farmer, Leonidas Hornsby. The farmer (Burden's brother-in-law) previously said he would kill any dog found on his property; the dog's owner was suing for damages in the amount of \$50, the maximum allowed by law.

Vest stated that he would "win the case or apologize to every dog in Missouri." His closing argument made no reference to any of the testimony offered during the trial; instead offered a eulogy of sorts. Vest's "Eulogy on the Dog" is one of the most enduring passages of purple prose in American courtroom history (only a partial transcript has survived):

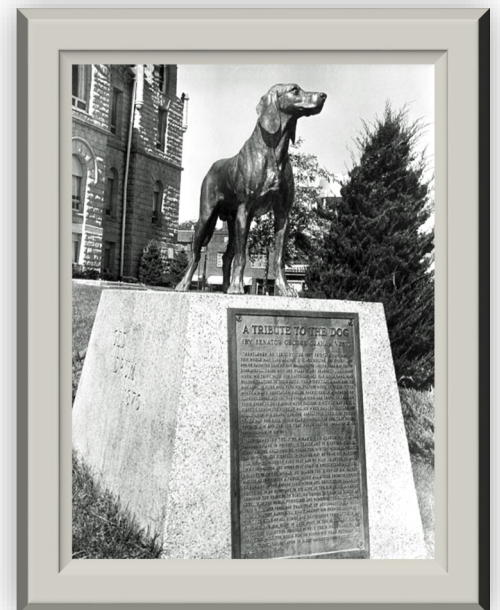
*"Gentlemen of the jury: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it the most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him and the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog.*

*Gentlemen of the jury: A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.*

*If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death."*

Vest won the case (an unverified story of the case says that the jury awarded \$500 to the dog's owner) and also won its appeal to the Missouri Supreme Court. A statue of the dog stands in front of the Warrensburg, Missouri courthouse and in 2017 the Missouri State Senate officially designated Old Drum as, "Missouri's Historical Dog."

*(Thanks to Bonnie Mooreman, one of our early members and past Presidents, for submitting this story for our newsletter.)*





*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.smile.amazon.com)
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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.



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 RENEWAL FORMS AND 2020 VISITATION LOGS

The image shows two overlapping forms. The top form is a 'RECORD OF VISITATION LOG for the year' with columns for NAME, PHONE, E-MAIL, and a grid for recording visits. The bottom form is a 'COMPANION ANIMAL ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA, INC. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL' form. It includes fields for Name(s), Address, City, State, Zip, Cell, and Work. It also has sections for 'DUES CATEGORIES' (Supporting, Family, Disabled, Student, or Senior Citizen, Organization, Individual) and 'MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE'. The form concludes with a 'TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED' field and a 'Send to' address: CAAA, P.O. Box 5006, Scottsdale, AZ 85261-5006. It also provides a website URL: [www.caaainc.org](http://www.caaainc.org) and a phone number: 602-258-3306.

WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT YOU WILL DECIDE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN ORDER FOR OUR PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE THEIR GREAT WORK.

ALTHOUGH WE WAIVED THE 2021 PET THERAPY MEMBERSHIP FEES, WE STILL NEED THE MEMBERSHIP FORMS RETURNED SO WE HAVE YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION ON FILE WHEN WE RESUME VISITS!

OUR FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CAAAINC.ORG/FORMS.HTML](https://www.caaainc.org/forms.html)

FOR OUR PET THERAPY TEAMS, PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR **2020** VISIT LOG WITH YOUR RENEWAL FORMS.



## Back by Popular Demand - Fala

*In our last issue Dr. Melanie's Vet Corner article about presidential pets received great reviews! One of the pets included was Fala, FDR's little Scotty. He was one of the most popular dogs of his time and the following additional information shows just how popular this little guy was.*

### ~~ A STAR IS BORN ~~

Fala is without doubt the most endearing and adorable character in the Roosevelt White House. The little Scottish Terrier was given to President Roosevelt as gift in November, 1940. He immediately became popular with both the press and public; his antics receiving extensive media coverage. An MGM movie about a typical day in the White House featured Fala and he actually had his own secretary assigned to him to handle all his fan mail.

Fala, always at FDR's side, loved being a part of the "action". It's been reported by staff that he enjoyed meetings whether they were press conferences or cabinet meetings. Fala just seemed to be able to sense whenever a press conference was about to occur. As soon as the doors opened to admit the reporters, he would dash in and settle himself at FDR's feet, often doing the same at most cabinet meetings.

Fala was also good at dashing off the White House grounds. His collar had a dog tag with an address that read "Fala - The White House" because occasionally he would escape and be found in various places. One time he was found in downtown Washington, another time he was caught sniffing at the doors to the Treasury. Noting that this happened to fall on the fifteenth of the month, FDR was amused and said "He had probably ran out of spending money - almost everyone else does on that day."

### ~~ PRIVATE FALA - THE WAR YEARS ~~

During the WWII Fala became an honorary Army private by donating a dollar to the war effort. Although this was a campaign on the part of the White House, FDR's little Scotty ended up leading the way for the public to also donate in their dogs' names. This led to hundreds of thousands of dogs becoming honorary privates as well. You could say Fala did his part to contribute to the war effort by not only raising funds but also by leading an army of dogs.



"Private Fala" traveled with FDR extensively but his most mysterious and controversial trip was a voyage that took place in 1944 aboard the USS Baltimore. Docked in San Diego on the evening of July 22 in a surge of activity President Roosevelt came on board with accompanied by his faithful Scotty. This trip was the start of an historic voyage intended to generate a lot of press coverage and public support. It was just a few months before the Presidential election and FDR was going to Hawaii to meet with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz, the two men responsible for the war in the Pacific.

According to FDR's speechwriter Sam Rosenman who was also on the ship, "Fala like his master, loved people and would quickly begin to fraternize in almost any company. As soon as he was permitted on deck in the morning, he'd scamper forward and find his way below to the seamen's quarters. This was not just curiosity; he learned quickly that little scraps of delicacies would be fed to him on these forays below." Upon returning

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one day he was missing numerous curly fur ringlets. Apparently one of the sailors got the idea that his younger brother back home would love to receive a small lock of the famous dog's hair so he snipped off a little bit of Fala's shaggy black coat. Other sailors had little brothers too and did the same thing. Needless to say President Roosevelt was not amused, and strict instructions were given to the crew to "confine their demonstrations of affection to petting."

Still aboard the *Baltimore* in late July, FDR and Fala left Hawaii and headed for the Aleutian Islands off the Alaskan coast before landing in Seattle and returning to Washington. It was the Aleutian Islands visit that made Fala big news for weeks and resulted in one of FDR's most famous speeches.

### **"THE FALA SPEECH"**

Just exactly how the rumor got started is unclear, but it was announced on the floor of the House of Representatives that Fala had been left behind in the Aleutians and a destroyer had to be sent from Seattle to pick him up which wasted millions of the taxpayer's money. Even though this was strongly denied by the Navy, the following week the President was then accused of sending a plane to pick up Fala. Again this was denied by the Navy and the White House as well as also addressed in FDR's first official campaign speech that year. Speaking to the national radio audience of millions, FDR said:

"These Republican leaders have not been content to make personal attacks upon me – or my wife or my sons – they now include my little dog Fala. Unlike the members of my family, Fala resents this. When he learned that the Republican fiction writers had concocted a story that I had left him behind on an Aleutian Island and had sent a destroyer back to find him – at a cost to the taxpayer of two or three or twenty million dollars – his Scottish soul was furious! He has not been the same dog since."

After FDR's death in 1945, Fala accompanied the First Lady on the funeral train and attended FDR's funeral. He lived with Eleanor Roosevelt at their home in Hyde Park, NY until April 5th 1952 when he had to be euthanized due to his failing health. He is buried with the President and his wife in the Rose Garden at the Roosevelt's home, Springwood Estate.



### **~~ REMEMBERING FALA ~~**

Both FDR and Fala were immortalized in several bronze memorial statues: one in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. pictured here, another statue of him was placed at Puerto Rico's "Paseo de los Presidentes" in San Juan and a third in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park.

Sources for this article are:

The Blog of the Roosevelt Library at - <https://fdr.blogs.archives.gov/2017/10/12/the-adventures-of-fala-first-dog-the-case-of-the-dog-who-didnt-bark-on-the-boat/>

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Wikipedia at - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fala\\_\(dog\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fala_(dog))

# More A Few Lesser Known (But Very Interesting) Facts About Dogs



Every time you gaze lovingly into your dogs' eyes, its levels of oxytocin — the “attachment hormone” — go up. And so do yours. Oxytocin has long been referred to as “the love hormone” and the “cuddle hormone,” because we and our pets release it when we hug, touch, or look lovingly into their eyes.

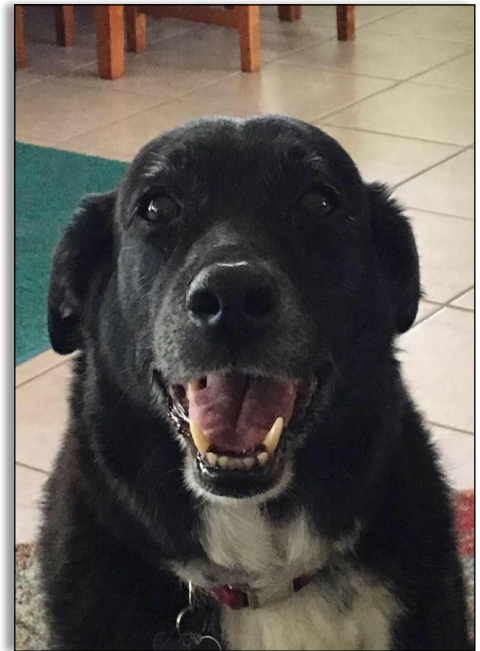
*(Source: Medical News Today)*

***Bella and the look of love***

Puppies have 28 primary/baby teeth. A typical adult dog has a mouthful of 42 permanent teeth; 20 on top and 22 on the bottom. In comparison, the average human has only 32.

*(Source: Animal Planet)*

***Daisy showing a few of her 42***



Dog eyes have a layer of tissue called the tapetum lucidum, allowing for night vision. Humans lack this, therefore do not have night vision. We can see in low light conditions but this doesn't qualify as night vision. This tapetum lucidum also reflects light from a camera which creates the glow you will sometimes see when you take a picture of your dog.

*(Source: AKC Website)*

***Jessie and her night vision glowing eyes***



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