



# 2022 CAAA ANNUAL EVENT

**Question:** What's better then spending a beautiful Arizona spring day full of sunshine in the park?

**Answer:** Adding to that day some two and four-legged friends, CAAA team recognitions, some very special awards, a great box lunch and learning all about canine scent work and training.

As you'll see throughout this newsletter, that's just what Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> was all about .

## MILESTONE AWARDS

VISITS MADE THROUGH DECEMBER, 2021

UP TO 25 VISITS



APRIL & DARLA  
11 VISITS



RAY & ENCORE  
14 VISITS



ELLEN & JASMINE  
22 VISITS





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To enhance the quality  
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promoting the  
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Animal Bond and to  
provide support when  
the bond is broken.



"You can always tell  
about somebody by the  
way they put their  
hands on an animal"  
~Betty White~



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## MILESTONE AWARDS CONTINUED.....



28+ VISITS

*RENE & LADY*  
48 VISITS



100+ VISITS

*JANE & TY*  
106 VISITS

200+ VISITS



*RAY & BLAKE*  
257 VISITS



*JENNIFER & MIDNIGHT*  
273 VISITS



*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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- **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.



## SPECIAL AWARD

For Therapy Team Ray and Blake, visiting never really stopped during the pandemic. At Westchester Care Center in Tempe where Ray has visited for over 13 years they started “virtual” visitations every week. “It’s something I’ll never forget”, says Ray. “You can’t believe the look on the resident’s faces when they saw us on the laptop.” In February 2021 their visiting progressed to a modified on-site visit. “The staff would bring residents to a large picture window in the dining room where Blake and I would be sitting outside looking in. They passed around cell phones and everyone got to talk. They were so glad to finally talk with us in person.” Ray’s dedication, ingenuity and efforts to continue to always bring joy to the residents he visits has earned him a Certificate of Achievement for “Surpassing Pet Therapy Visit Expectations”.



*PRESIDENT PAM PEET PRESENTING RAY & BLAKE WITH A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*





# SPECIAL AWARD



*RICK RECEIVING HIS AWARD FROM PRESIDENT PAM PEET*

Since 1992 Rick has been an active member of CAAA making hundreds of visits (600+) over the years to memory care facilities as well as Ryan House, a program offering respite and palliative care to children and their families. His current dog, Jake, is his fifth social therapy dog; all have been Golden Retrievers and all have been rescues. Besides visiting patients at facilities, throughout the past 30 years Rick has also assisted other teams during the certification process, participated in many CAAA presentations and made trips to job sites where companies have requested social therapy visits for their employees. He and wife April are now our CAAA Pet Therapy Coordinators. When asked what was the reason he has continued with CAAA for over 30 years he answered with just a few words, "I've had great dogs". Rick has truly enjoyed providing comfort and bringing smiles to people over the last 30 years and will continue as long as he can.

# SATURDAY IN THE PARK

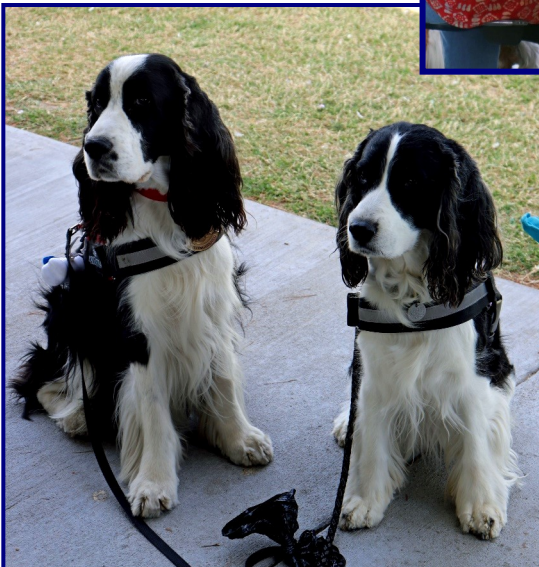






*thank you!*

Board of Directors  
and April for  
another great  
Annual Event!







*Thank you!*

Bernie, Skip and Rick for your pictures in this newsletter!



# SCENT WORK

## *Training for Dogs*

Looking for an activity that will keep you dog busy, mentally stimulated, can make the bond between the two of you stronger and can even be done in or outdoors? If so, look no further, Scent Work is for you.



Aleks Woodroffe, our special guest speaker at this year's Annual Event, explained and demonstrated just what scent work is all about. Modeled after police working dogs, it trains dogs to detect a scent and determine the source. Through her company, Release Canine LLC in Phoenix, Aleks provides this canine scent work training. She is a full-time Canine Scent Work Trainer, AKC Scent Work Judge, Canine Bodyworker (Canine Massage) and also offers personalized Canine Fitness Services.

Her training philosophy is simple – Trust Your Dog. Unlike other types of dog sports such as obedience and agility, in scent work the dog does all the work. Because they make all the decisions without any direction from the trainer, it is a totally independent activity. As Aleks explained “They think with their nose (so to speak). You are not training for a behavior but rather a concept; one in which you do not control the dog. They get a treat only after they have located the scent, so you are rewarding their decision NOT their behavior. All the work and thinking is from the dog. You are also building a very strong relationship with your dog that is totally based on trust and you’ll be amazed at what they can do”.

Training is done by applying an essential oil on a cotton swab that is then hidden out of sight of the dog. The oils of anise, clove and birch are most commonly used due to their unique scent, the way they dissipate into the air and they are safe for dogs. Because the same training doesn't work for all dogs Aleks adjusts her training techniques when necessary, always finding just the right method that will work. Some are quite creative, such as beginning by using an electrical receptacle box containing the scent swab at ground level so the dog learns to “smell” for the scent in, out or around objects.

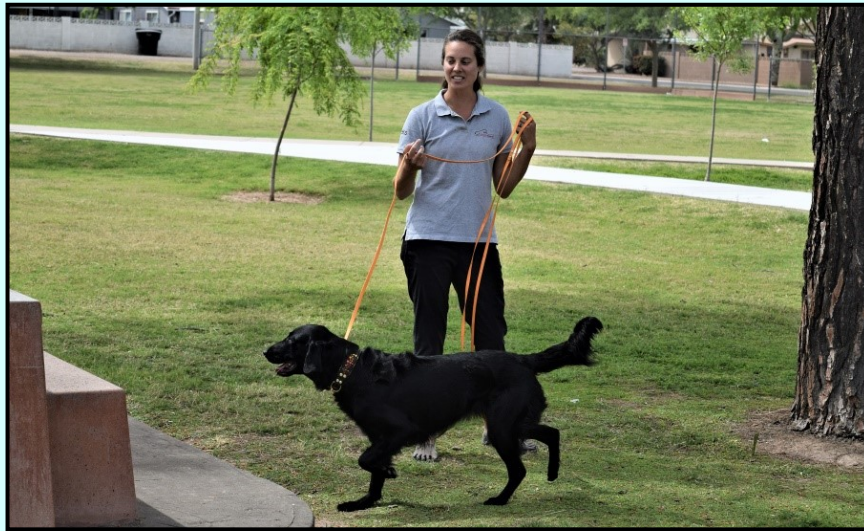
Scent Work is recognized as a sport by the AKC (American Kennel Club - <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/>) and the NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work - <https://nacsw.net/>). To demonstrate, Aleks brought her Flat Coated Retriever Tana. “I am fortunate to be able to compete with Tana who has earned first overall in all levels of NACSW we have competed in so far” says Aleks. “We earned our Elite 2 in February 2022 and in just 5 trials.





Tana is also the first Flat Coated Retriever to have earned AKC's Scent Work Master Elite title, as well as the Scent Work Detective title. We are working towards our SWME (Scent Work Master Elite 2) and SWD 2 (Scent Work Detective 2) titles now! These titles require 20 qualifying runs in the 5 elements at the hardest difficulty available in AKC Scent Work."

Aleks had placed scent swabs in several areas throughout the park including under a bench and on a tree trunk several feet off the ground. Tana went to work and found every last one while everyone, including Aleks, stood by and just watched.



After explaining, demonstrating and answering questions about Scent Work, Aleks also discussed the many positive aspects of this type of training. A few of which are:

- It is available to everyone; there are no physical limitations or requirements of the trainer.
- There are no large or expensive necessary equipment only a few essential oils, a 10 foot lead (and maybe an electrical box or two).
- Scent games allow dogs to use their amazing and natural love of sniffing.
- It enriches a dog's mind and is good exercise for their bodies.
- There are no age limits; very young and even older dogs can enjoy scent work.
- It strengthens the trust and bond between you and your dog.



So try scent work training and have some fun while spending time with your dog, but always remember - the nose knows!



To learn more about Aleks, Scent Work Training for Dogs and all upcoming "Sniffy Competitions" in Arizona visit her website at:

[WWW.RELEASECANINE.COM](http://WWW.RELEASECANINE.COM)



## *Who Retired Who - New Member Status*

*By President Pam Peet*

CAAA is implementing a new pet therapy team membership status call Retired.

This type of membership is for those pet therapy teams who have retired their pet from pet therapy visits due to the age of their pet and/or their pets waning enthusiasm for on-going pet therapy visits.

The purpose of this new membership type is to allow for members and their certified pets to still participate in special CAAA events after they've discontinued on-going pet therapy visits.

Currently we only have 2 types of membership: Pet Therapy and General Membership

If you would like to participate as a 'retired' pet therapy team, then you would need to keep up your pet's certification at renewal time by:

- keeping your membership current and renew as 'retired'
- providing the annual vet check form

We hope any retired pet therapy team would consider this new membership status and remain involved in CAAA with your pet on these special occasions, as long as your pet agrees !



## *Chase Herding*

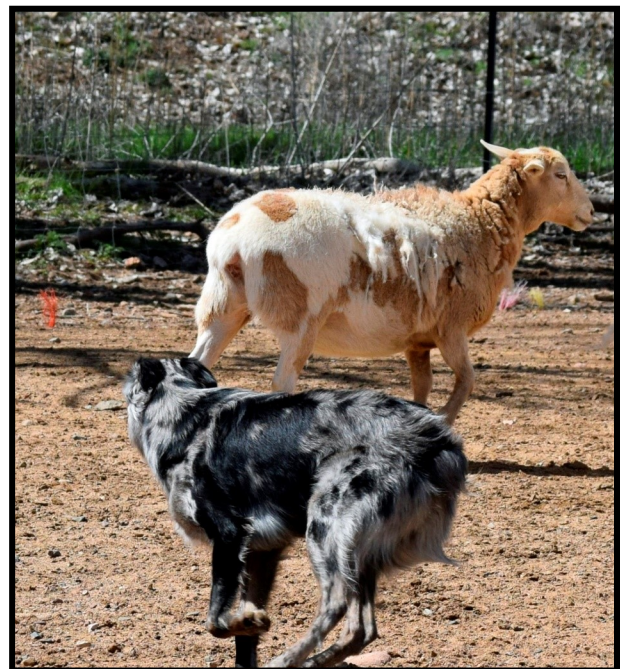
From Debbie Zapusek: Chase has acquired his first two herding titles with American Herding Breed Association after his first two Herding trials. Chase trains at Painted Seven Ranch in Dewey Arizona.

## **What is Herding Competition for Dogs?**

In herding competitions, cued by handlers, dogs use their physical presence to move livestock to specific locations. This is a physically strenuous sport and Dogs must be very fit to train and compete. In addition to basic obedience cues such as sit, down, stay, and come, dogs are trained to respond to cues that tell them when to start moving livestock, in which direction to move them, when to stop moving them, when and how to move them into pens, and how to use their physical presence to pressure the stock to move but not to scare them into running or stampeing. Courses can take place in an open field or a small arena and involve hundreds of yards or hundreds of feet, three to 100 sheep, and each run on a course can take anywhere from 10 to 45 minutes.

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## More Photo Highlights



Lady is in the March issue of the Maravilla Care Center newsletter. She loves going each week to visit her friends.

During these difficult times, we can always count on Lady to bring some life into the facility.



"How is your day going? Two hours of grooming to get Darla ready for a pet therapy visit....."

.....and 30 minutes into her visit. Darla says "Crazy Hair, don't care. I'm just living life to the fullest!"



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