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## NEWSLETTER

### *Thanking You for Another Successful Year* CAAA 35th Annual Event

The PAWsitively successful year of 2018 was celebrated during our annual volunteer event held March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Tempe Pyle Center. Our Board of Directors again put together a fun and informative program which included an introduction of new pet therapy teams, team recognition for milestone visits and the presentation to April Crow of the J. Suardini Outstanding Volunteer of the year award. There were raffle items, a photography session, dog tricks by Tawni McBee and a great lunch. All are highlighted in the pages of this edition of our newsletter.

CAAA's mission was again carried out through the efforts of all our members along with the 591 visits to elder care facilities this past year. Thanks to each of you for your part in all of our 2018 accomplishments.



*They're behind the scenes making it all possible - our Board of Directors (L to R) : Jane Conrow, Mary Anne Reyman, Secretary Sydni Talleri, President Pamela Peet, Melanie Lowrance, Treasurer Diane Miller, and Vice President Nancy Parker*





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## OUR MISSION

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

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*"To sit with a dog on a  
hillside on a glorious  
afternoon is to be back in  
Eden, where doing  
nothing was not boring -  
it was peace."*

*Milan Kundera*

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# April Crow

## 2018 Volunteer of the Year

*By Pamela Peet*



*President Pamela Peet presenting Willow and Aril with this year's award*

This year's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award was presented to April Crow. Since joining CAAA, April has quickly volunteered to assist in other ways besides providing pet therapy visits with her amazing Willow!

April chairs our annual picnic event and generously donates the food and prizes for the games. She's the savvy creator of our gift baskets as well as donating many of the items. This past year April volunteered to assist our Vice President Nancy with the operational details of our Margie Miller fund. She has helped to recruit volunteers and assisted them by permitting them to shadow on her visits with Willow, answering their questions and sharing helpful tips. She volunteers when we receive special community requests for pet therapy visits and is ALWAYS ready and willing to do more!

She and Willow spread cheer and loving memories to all they visit and for April's extraordinary enthusiasm for CAAA she was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award for 2018.

**Congratulations April!**





*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](mailto: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.



## Did You Know....

CAAA has a vet assistance helping hand fund. The Margie Miller Memorial Fund is available for the deserving companion animal of the elderly and/or disabled to augment vet costs. One time assistance per family is provided towards euthanasia and cremation up to \$350, end of life care or illness up to \$300 total (extreme situations may authorize more). Fund criteria is:

- Age 60 or older and/or disabled
- Total household income not to exceed \$1,800 a month
- Payment assistance from client when possible



*At this year's Annual Event CAAA Board Vice President Nancy Parker explained the Margie Miller Fund and made available the program brochures.*



# 35th Annual Event



**GETTING READY** - President Pamela Peet checking her notes and Board Secretary Sydni Talleri registering attendees



**GETTING ACQUAINTED**  
Tahoe, Summer, Simon & Lincoln



## LEARNING A FEW NEW Dog Tricks

Professional trainer and long time CAAA member Tawni McBee instructed several members on how to teach their dogs a few simple tricks. A highly qualified holistic dog trainer for over 20 years, Tawni has a long list of professional credentials. She and her husband Tom run *All Greatful Dogs, Inc.* located in Mesa. For more info about Tawni and some of the unique services she offers see her website at:

[www.allgreatfuldogs.com](http://www.allgreatfuldogs.com)



Above: Tawni (right) showing Gale how to motivate Crystal her Poochon (Poodle Bichon mix) with a treat.

Right: Crystal is joined by Mary and Angel





# WELCOME 2018 New Teams

*Left to Right:*  
*Jedi & Diane Laubmeier*  
*Gracie & Woody*  
*Cipollone*  
*Piper & Deannalee Plant*  
*Simon & Jodi Ferriera.*  
  
*Not pictured:*  
*Bella & Janet Biondo*  
*Chi Chi & Elizabeth*  
*Howell*  
*Lincoln & Sharon*  
*Joseph.*



## Team Milestone RECOGNITION

**25+**  
VISITS

*Tahoe & Lisa Healy*  
*and*  
*Crystal & Gale Peterson*  
  
*Not Pictured:*  
*Jonesy & Janet and Tim*  
*McClellan*  
*and*  
*Rudy & Jean Burton*





# 50+ VISITS



*Ty  
&  
Jane Conrow*



*Indio & Chris Murray*



*Willow  
&  
April Crow*

*Not Pictured:  
Dickens  
&  
Larry Cooper*



# 100+ VISITS

*Not Pictured:  
Buddy & Cindi Rubicam*

*Lark  
&  
Tom Palin*

# 125+ VISITS

*Not Pictured: Midnight & Jennifer Reese*



*Blake & Ray Ritchotte*



*Cookie & Hope Bennett*



**150+**  
VISITS

*Cheyenne  
&  
Deborah  
Zapusek*



*Daisy  
&  
Melanie  
Lowrance*



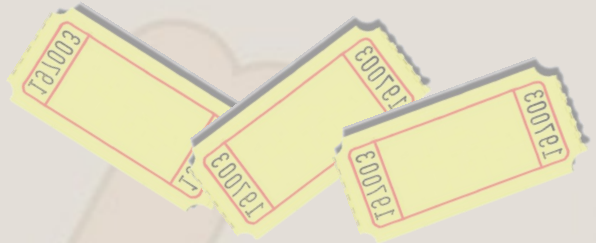
**275+**  
VISITS

*Robby & Joann Weschler*





# RAFFLE WINNERS



*Jessie  
&  
Russel*



*Angel  
&  
Mary*



*Cookie & Hope*





*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP



She was on her knees, sometimes on one leg and at other times almost upside down!

She's professional photographer Rachel Mostofizadeh. All her efforts were to get the best shot possible of the therapy dogs attending this year's Volunteer Celebration. Thanks to her donated time and talent along with funds from former Treasurer George Murnane we'll now have CAAA Therapy Dog ID cards.

You can see more of Rachel's work along with information on how to contact her on her website at:

[www.rachelelizphoto.com](http://www.rachelelizphoto.com)

*Rachel Elizabeth*  
PHOTOGRAPHY





# 2018 Retirees



Gigi and Laurie Coleman made 25 visits to Brookdale North Gilbert & Brookdale Chandler.



Piper and DeanneLee Plant visited at Cooper Village in Mesa.



Also retired but not pictured are therapy team Bella and Janet Biondo. They made visits to Friendship Village's Nunnenkamp Assisted Living facility in Tempe.



## Over the Rainbow Bridge

Chi Chi, a beautiful, spirited and playful 4-legged Golden Retriever amputee provided joy and comfort to those she visited as a certified therapy dog. She was a rescue from South Korea and exemplified resilience and forgiveness with her courage and ability to trust again. Her loving parents, Richard and Elizabeth Howell miss her dearly. Elizabeth posted the following on her Facebook page, "Even during her final moments with us, her spirit was strong. She was smiling and happy and sharing her love with those surrounding her. Her body couldn't go on, but her spirit will live forever." Chi Chi's story of survival inspired people all over the world. Read about her at: <http://herodogawards.org/dog/chi-chi/>





## CORNER

BY DR. MELANIE LOWRANCE

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THE VET'S



### What to put in a Pet's First Aid Kit



Disaster preparedness is always in the back of our mind. It's important for us to be prepared as well as to have an emergency kit for your pet. I came up with a list of the most important things to pack in our emergency pet kit. I keep a bag in a location in my house that all family members know about in the event of an emergency. For my diabetic dog I have a special kit that I also keep stocked at all times.

#### GENERAL PET FIRST AID KIT CHECK LIST:

- phone numbers: veterinarian, emergency veterinarian, ASPCA poison control hotline
- picture of your pet in case he gets lost and you need to post his picture (consider microchipping your pet and keep information up to date with the microchip company)
- extra collar and leash
- gauze which can be used for wrapping wounds, making a muzzle and a tourniquet for bleeding
- vet wrap- a non-adhesive medical wrap to attach gauze
- activated charcoal- given orally if a pet gets into poison (under direction of a veterinarian)



- hydrogen peroxide (3%) - to clean wounds and to induce vomiting (under direction of a veterinarian)
- blanket- for warmth or to be used as a make-shift stretcher



- food (dry or canned with pop-top lid) and clean water for 7-10 days
- plastic bags for pet waste
- oral syringe/dropper- to administer medication or flush wounds
- digital rectal thermometer

If your pet has medical needs then talk to your veterinarian about what to pack for that pet in an emergency. For example, I have a box in my house for my diabetic dog. This box goes with us anytime we take our dog to visit family out of town or to go to our cabin where veterinary hospitals are over 30 minutes away. I pack 2 vials of insulin in case one breaks (this happened once) with its own small cooler and ice pack, extra insulin syringes, small sharps disposal canister, oral Karo syrup, glucometer/strips for measuring blood glucose with extra batteries (this happened too), syringes, prescription dog food cans and all her other medications (pain control for arthritis, urinary incontinence drugs, Benadryl because she is allergic to bee stings, etc.)

Make sure to change out food/medications in your emergency kit so that they don't expire. Hope these tips help to make any emergency situation timelier and less stressful. *(Sources for some of the information in this article are from the American Veterinary Medical Association and the ASPCA).*



# CAAA

## BULLETIN BOARD



*Jedi and Gracie*



*Summer*

A few of the attendees at this year's Annual Event



*Lisa, Tahoe & Marc*



*Jodi & Simon*

Thanks to Bernard Zapusek for providing pictures in this newsletter

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2019

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&  
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