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NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU

RICHARD HOWELL
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There were smiles all around as Richard Howell recently presented CAAA President Pam Peet with a \$500 donation from his company Keller Williams Realty.

The Howell family and their Golden Mix rescue Chi Chi were featured in one of our newsletters last year. In that article Richard explained how he and his partners felt strongly about giving back to their community and decided to donate a portion of their commissions to charity. He explained how important it was to him to try and make a difference in someone else's life and pledged "To give back part of every one of my successes in real estate because it's the right thing to do!" So his team at Keller Williams offered to support CAAA with donations of a portion of their commission on real estate transactions for CAAA members, or any client who selects CAAA as the charity of their choice.

It's pretty obvious in the above picture that even Taka, Pam's Bichon Frise knows just how important a contribution like this will be in providing therapy dog services to our community.

Thank you Richard and everyone at Keller Williams Realty, Biltmore Partners who helped to make this generous contribution possible.

Richard Howell
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"DOGS DO SPEAK,
BUT ONLY TO THOSE
WHO KNOW HOW TO
LISTEN."

ORHAN PAMUK

So..... What's in a Name?



Robert the Bruce was the first King of Independent Scotland from 1306 to 1329. No connection, but there's also a 21st century Robert the Bruce and this one is a beautiful little Shetland Sheepdog who belongs to Joann Weschler. She, her husband Lou and "Robby" moved into Friendship Village in Tempe in the summer of 2011 when he was three. Ever since, Joann and Robbie have been a CAAA team visiting the Health Care Center there.

The Healthcare Center offers various levels of care. Joann and Robby visit the Alzheimer area where

they meet patients in the community living room. Robby goes from person to person while Joann encourages interaction by having him perform tricks for everyone. With every trick he gets a small treat. If the patients are able, she allows them to offer Robby his treats; but only after making sure they know it's for him and not them!

When it comes to teaching dogs tricks as well as obedience Joann has had years of experience. In the mid 80's she had heard from a friend in Davis California about a new concept in dog training; basic obedience classes for puppies. After some research she and her partner became the first in Arizona to offer "Puppy Classes". Their eight week classes were limited to 12 puppies, 8 to 12 weeks in age. They required vet verification of health and only adult or older teen handlers. The training was aimed at getting the puppies socialized early along with some basic obedience and a few tricks. Joann says it's extremely important to get your puppy socialized EARLY; before ten weeks old. Get them used to other places, people and always other dogs. One of the most effective techniques used to socialize her





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, Keller Williams Realty**, Biltmore Partners:
www.myPHXrealestate.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.



"students" were to have everyone sit in a circle on the grass with their puppy in their lap. After a short period of time they were told to pass their puppy to the left. The passing continued until each puppy completed the circle and ended where they started, with their owners.

Of course there was plenty of running and playing as well and the puppies loved it! And so did their owners. After a year or two they wanted another class for older puppies. So Joann added one with continued training in obedience and even a small agility course for puppies. For older dogs she also taught classes at the Phoenix Field and Obedience Club that were aimed at competition with the American Kennel Club.

When requested, Joann and Robby visit other areas of the Friendship Village Healthcare Center; especially when any of her neighbors are temporarily in the hospital wing. Joann recalls a time when visiting a good friend after falling and breaking her leg in several places. She was in shorts and her bare feet were sticking out at the end of her hospital bed. Robby looked at them and then start licking her left foot. Robby was told to stop but the friend wasn't minding the massage at all, so he didn't. "The funny thing" Joann says "is that he looked at the right foot but had no interest in it; only the left one. And that was the leg that had been injured".

To date, Joann and Robby have well over 200 visits as they continue to visit at Friendship Village every Monday.

*Joann , Robby
and Lou at
the CAAA
Picnic*



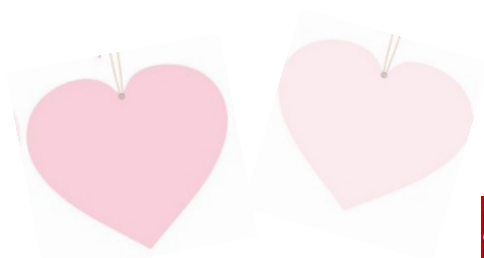
CAAA TEAMS HELP TO MAKE VALENTINE'S DAY EXTRA SPECIAL

This past Valentine's Day, the Iora Primary Care facility located in North Phoenix held an open house for approximately 50 Senior Citizens within their service area. Their Community Development Leader contacted CAAA requesting some of our members to be a part of this event by being "Greeters" and welcoming everyone as they arrived. Five of our teams volunteered and as you can see from the pictures on the next few pages - they stole the show!



THANK YOU

Jane & Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Ty
Hope & Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Cookie
Naomi & Standard Poodle, Lady
Linnea & Golden, Beau
and
Cindy & Klein Poodle, Buddy



WELCOME

TO OUR NEW THERAPY TEAMS



*Laurie Coleman and eight year old
Gigi visiting at Brookdale North Gilbert*



*Alisa McCormick and Maizy visiting at
Brookdale Gilbert*



*Mary Beardsley and her dog Angel
visiting at Hacienda Healthcare*



Our newsletters are always written for these **PET** purposes:

To **PRAISE** our wonderful volunteer pet therapy teams.

To **ELEVATE** the lives of residents/patients with the joy of the human/animal bond.

To **THANK** all of our membership.



For more than 20 years, our local channel 12 News has supported volunteerism through the **12 Who Care** volunteer recognition program. Each month a non-profit agency doing extraordinary work in our community is honored.

CAAA COULD BE NEXT!

AFTER ALL, WE DO EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY, DON'T WE?

- One agency a month will be selected as a 12 Who Care honoree.
- The agency will receive a \$1,200 donation.
- The agency will be featured on Arizona Midday, 12 News and 12news.com.
- The agency will be hosted at a luncheon at 12 News.
- A :30 second promotional spot based on the agency's story and volunteer information will air on 12 News.

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING CAAA FOR THIS HONOR

Qualifications:

- The agency must be servicing the local community in Arizona.
WE DO!
- The agency must be in operation for over 12 months.
WE HAVE BEEN!
- The agency must be a 501c3.
WE ARE!
- The agency tax ID number must be submitted on the [nomination form](#).
OUR EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) IS 94-2908620
- The agency is only eligible to be a 12 Who Care recipient every 7 years.
WE'RE ELIGIBLE!



[HERE IS A LINK TO THE ACTUAL NOMINATION FORM:](#)

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HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY!

These days, Google has become known for its sneaky April Fool's - which have included the unveiling of a pigeon-based search algorithm, a research centre on the moon and a broadband system that runs through the toilet. Watch out for 2017!

Burger King ran an ad in USA Today announcing its new "Left-Handed Whopper," which was specially designed for left-handed burger-lovers by rotating all condiments exactly 180 degrees.

When Burger King revealed the ruse the next day, they revealed thousands of their customers had requested the new sandwich.

facebook update

DON'T FORGET WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU?

Share your stories from pet therapy visits on Facebook.

If you have a story to share, please send it to Wendy at

wendy@rubicamwriting.com.

NEED TO REACH THE PET THERAPY COMMITTEE?

HERE'S HOW.....

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