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NEWSLETTER

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Board Members Jane Conrow, Sydni Talleri, Wendy Rubicam, Bella Panchmatia, George Murname, Nancy Parker, Pamela Peet, Mary Anne Reyman and Melanie Lowrance

Tricks & Treats 2017 annual event

Breakfast *treats* were provided by the CAAA Board of Directors and the *tricks* by dog trainer Jean Burton at this year's Annual Event held in March at the Pyle Rec Center in Tempe. Prizes, awards, team milestone recognitions and a welcome to our new pet therapy teams added to the festivities making the morning a true celebration!

One of the many highlights was an interactive demonstration by Jean Burton from Desert Dog Obedience on how to train your dog to do basic tricks. A trick or two can add an increased interest, lots of fun and many more smiles during a therapy team visit. It did all of those things at this meeting as Jean demonstrated with her two dogs, Fancy and Rudy.

"Training for tricks is fun" said Jean, "You're not training for any event with standards and specific requirement so it doesn't matter what tricks you teach your dog. If they don't like one and it's not fun for them, just move on to another. The most important thing to remember is to break down the trick into small steps so your dog understands and stays interested." She added that although there are three basic methods, you should "Use whatever method or combination works for you".

Jean went on to explain and demonstrate those three methods. The first was "luring" which includes using a treat. She suggested that you think of the treat and your dog's nose as being magnetized and use it to guide your dog to do what you want them to. The second method, "modeling" includes physically helping your dog by putting them in the position you want them to be in. For example, pushing down on their back end to teach them to sit. "Targeting", the third method Jean demonstrated, is teaching your dog to touch something, usually starting



Jean Burton with her dog Fancy demonstrating the "modeling" method of training.



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The journey of life is sweeter when traveled with a dog -
Bridget Willoughby

with their nose - a target. This behavior can lead into more advanced tricks like shutting a door or ringing a door bell.

All through her presentation members were encouraged to bring their dogs forward and participate with Jean as she demonstrated these methods using Rudy and Fancy. There was lots of tails wagging and even more laughing as members and dogs were spinning, dancing, weaving and even peek-a-booing to one another. Jean showed everyone present that her opening statement, "training for tricks is fun", was certainly true.

Jean's Desert Dog Obedience is located in the Ahwatukee Foothills where group as well as private instructions are available. She can be reached through the website:

www.desertdobedience.com



Jean using "modeling" to teach Rudy to sit up



Terri Bounty and Blake also "modeling"



Deborah Hall and Sierra "targeting"



Chris Murray getting Indio's full attention



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.amazon.com/?ref=ast_hm)
- When you enroll your **Fry's** VIP card in their Community Rewards Program
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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.



"Luring" as Melanie Lowrance teaches Daisy to dance



↑ *Bob Ridpath using "luring" to teach Andy to dance and weave*



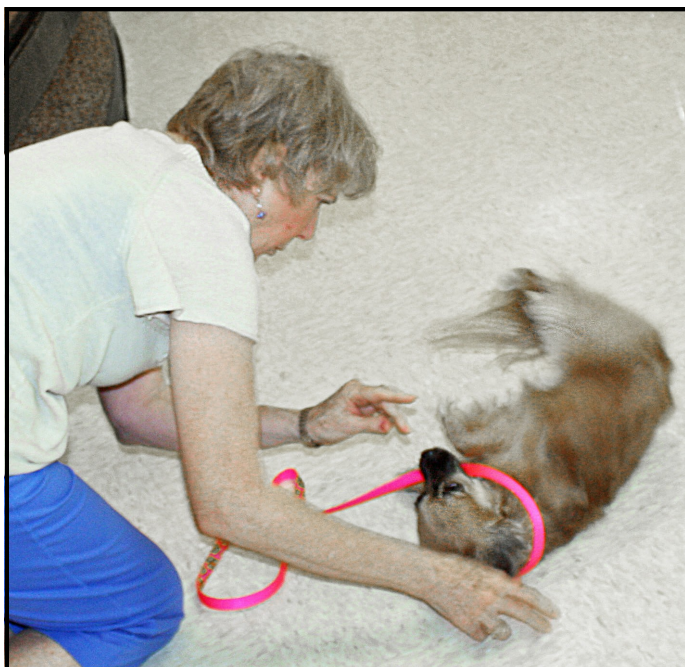
↑ *Joann Weschler and Robby "targeting"*



Terri Bounty and Blake & Ray Richotte and Julie "targeting"



Mary Beardsley "modeling" Angle to roll over



Hope Bennett's Cookie taking a training break



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Cindy Rubicam and Buddy - sit up



Laurie Coleman & Gigi - sit down

2016 volunteer of the year **TOM PALEN** *by Pamela Peet*

Tom has been a member of CAAA and working with therapy dogs for 17 years. In fact, when Tom joined, he went along with me on his Observation visit.

He's been visiting Mi Casa Nursing Center in Mesa for most of that time, but he originally visited Banner Desert Hospital for several years.

Tom has had 3 therapy dogs during this time; Jaspar, Boone (who have now passed) and now Lark.

So, why did Tom decide to get into pet therapy work? Well, that decision came after Tom endured some very serious health issues and knew first-hand what it was like to be alone in a hospital.

So along came Tom's first therapy dog- his beloved Jaspar and with Jaspar's wonderful disposition and love of people, he was perfect for pet therapy work! Then, after about 9 years, Jaspar started slowing down and Boone his other standard poodle took over the visits. When Boone passed away, Tom wasn't sure if he would continue pet therapy work but along came Lark. Lark who is a Silver Standard Poodle and is pure love was clearly born to do pet therapy work, so because of Lark - Tom HAD to continue the job that suited her!!!

Tom does have another passion, JUDO and is also proud of his 2 sons, 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild! I hear he also tolerates his wife Tawni's horses and is an amazing assistant to Tawni with her dog training workshops.

Clearly, Tom is an incredible *volunteer*, husband and father and because of his dedication to CAAA over these past 17 years, we were happy to present Tom with our 2016 Volunteer of the Year award!



new therapy teams and visiting milestones



New Team Mary Beardsley & Angel



New Team Laurie Coleman & Gigi

*New Therapy Teams
not pictured:*

Jane Conrow & Ty



*Alisa McCormick &
Maizy*

*Teams not pictured
with 25+ visits:*

*Linnea Barnes & Beau
who retired this year
after 29 visits*



*Larry Cooper &
Dickens 27 visits*



*Liz Stafford & Kiefer
26 visits*



*New Team and 25+ visits
Cindy Rubicam & Buddy 31 visits*



*New Team and 25+ visits
Hope Bennet & Cookie 38 visits*

50+ visits milestone



*Rick Reed & Jake 52 visits
Tom Palen & Lark 70 visits
Ray Richotte & Blake 57 visits*



100+ visits milestone

*Melanie Lowrance & Daisy 113 visits
Deborah Zapusek & Cheyenne 115 visits*



150+ visits milestone

Bob Ridpath & Andy 153 visits

Not Pictured:

*Jennifer Reese & Nitro who retired
this year after 171 visits*

200+ visits milestone

Joann Weschler & Robby 205 visits



***Honorable
Mention***
*goes to Ray
Richotte &
his Springer
Spaniel Julie
for 94 visits
at
Westchester
in Tempe
since 2012!*

thanks to members who helped in other support roles

Kath Giles - New Member
Screening

Tawni & Nancy - Telephone
Committee

April Crow - Gift Basket Creations

Dr. Melanie - Newsletter "Vets
Corner"

Jane Conrow - Pet Therapy Chair,
Presentations, and Much More!

**Hope & Cookie, Naomie & Lady,
Cindy & Buddy, Jane & Ty Linnea
& Beau, Melanie & Daisy** -
Special Events

Bob Ridpath - Webmaster

Jackie Redpath - Newsletter
Editor

2016 memorial wall of our cherished pets

MAX - Bonnie Trasamar's
Mini Schnauzer

LILY - Soo Zembala's Bernese
Mountain Dog

RIO & CHAR - Jane Conrow's
Afghan Hounds



Hope & Cookie



*Ray,
Terry
&
Blake*



*Laurie
&
Gigi*

Coyotes

They're not just in the outskirts of the city anymore. Over the past few years "urban" coyote sightings have become more and more common. Several have been sighted recently in the Central Phoenix corridor and even as close to downtown as Thomas and 7th Avenue.

The Urban Coyote Initiative, a Partner with the *WILD Foundation*, has a very informative article on their website that includes tips to keep you and your pet safe from coyotes. Following are four basic rules to remember:



- 1) Keep your dog on a six foot leash
- 2) Avoid areas known to have coyote activity, especially during breeding and puppy season
- 3) Stick to trails and open paths, avoid areas with thick brush
- 4) Avoid walking your dog at sunrise and sunset hours

Would you know what to do if you saw one while walking your dog? The article includes the answer to this question along with a lot more information including debunking the commonly held myths regarding coyote behavior. You'll find it at:

[www: urbancoyoteinitiative.com/what-to-do-if-you-encounter-a-coyote-while-walking-your-dog/](http://www.urbancoyoteinitiative.com/what-to-do-if-you-encounter-a-coyote-while-walking-your-dog/)



SAVE THE DATE

THIS YEAR'S FALL PICNIC WILL BE:

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2017

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE CAA NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

TO OUR NEW THERAPY TEAMS

*April Crow and Willow visiting at
Plaza Healthcare Scottsdale, and
Brookdale in Central Paradise Valley*



April was our Chair at last year's picnic. She and husband Rick Reid, a long time member, have been active not only in CAAA but also AZ Golden Retriever Rescue Connection. Willow is the second Therapy Dog currently in their household. She follows in the footsteps of "brother" Jake, Rick's 5th Therapy Dog.

*Lisa Healy and 8 year old Shih Tzu
Tahoe Visiting at Brookdale in
Central Chandler*



From Lisa after Tahoe's first visit:
"Thank you. We had a great time!
Tahoe was snoring all the way home.
It was an exciting and fun adventure
for him. And I loved it because it
reminded me of my junior high, high
school and college days when I
volunteered and visited with my
Grandma."



BULLETIN BOARD

DID YOU
KNOW....
Pet therapy teams
made over 425
visits in 2016

THANK
YOU



*Cinder and Angel getting acquainted
at this year's Annual Event*

To Our Membership:
We were delighted
to host the annual
celebration event
with our pet therapy
teams and general
membership, to thank
you for all of your
support and time
volunteering.

Board of Directors



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.

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