

CAAA

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NEWSLETTER



TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

By President Pamela Peet

CAAA is very proud to have reached a 38 year milestone having visited thousands of elderly, sick and disabled in residential elder care facilities.

Companion Animal Association of Arizona, Inc. accomplishes all of this work with no paid staff. We are an all-volunteer organization supported by a board of 'working' officers and directors who ensures our program continues to successfully operate.

Our heartfelt thank you to our pet therapy teams who give their gift of time to those who need the warmth and compassion that pet therapy provides. Although for the better part of 2021, the kindness and commitment from many of our pet therapy teams have been greatly missed by those who would have benefited the most.

This year has been another struggle, with various policies and restrictions at the facilities, for the health and safety of the residents. Only a few of our pet therapy teams have restarted visitations. Some have started and had to stop, due to a rise in COVID cases at the facility. But, we continue to have hope that things are improving and those missing the comfort and companionship from our pet therapy teams will soon be greeted by a wagging tail!

For our teams who have been able to provide pet therapy visits, we are profoundly thankful for your effort.

Good wishes for a happy and healthy new year! May your holidays be full of warmth and cheer!

Sincerely,

The CAAA Board: Pam, Nancy, Sydni, Lee, Mary Anne, Melanie and the
Pet Therapy Committee: April and Rick



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OUR MISSION

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



"Love is a
four-legged
word".

~Unknown



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What Have You Been Up to Lately?



From Rene Chaillie:

Lady made the front
page of the Maravilla
(Care Center)
newsletter! She loves
her job and the
residents and staff!

Happy Holidays to all .



From Ray Ritchotte:

On the 31st of October
Blake won a UKC (United
Kennel Club) Reserve Best
in Show and another
Championship Title on his
Birthday week. He now has
an AKC (American Kennel
Club), an International Dog
Show, and a UKC champion
title. At eight years of age
he is still going strong on
everything he does. He now
visits three different care
facilities in the east valley.



Ray with Blake at this year's Fall Outing
& Volunteer Celebration





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)
- 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
- **Making United Way Agency** Pledges using code: Companion Animal Assoc 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.



Forever Grateful to Aura

*This month's 2020
American Humane Hero*

Aura is from Brunswick, Maine. She's seven years old and is the Guide/Hearing dog of the year for 2020. She serves an army veteran of 27 years who lost her hearing in Afghanistan. Here's that veteran's story in her own words.



Aura is a trained hearing service dog. She became my ears after I lost my hearing in a rocket attack in Afghanistan. I was in despair after my injuries. I needed a helper. What I received was a fur guardian angel. She has restored my independence. I went from being a blown-up deaf person to a person who now feels safe and secure in the world. She never has a day off and I rely on her to keep me safe. She provides me with the confidence I need to interact in the world. She has allowed me to pursue my passions and purpose in life. I have no regrets of losing my hearing, I would trade my ears for Aura any day. She is happy to work for me displaying undying loyalty. She knows I am deaf but loves me anyway. Always by my side, head up and ready for anything. She is my hope. I am forever grateful to her. There is not a medication or a therapy that could do for me what Aura does for me every day.

The photograph of Aura was taken on the very first day I received her. I immediately felt her love flow through her leash right into my heart. She looks at me like I am the best person in the world. We hope to continue to be ambassadors for people with hearing loss. She has changed how I see and feel about the world. Aura is the epitome of a hero; putting others before herself, ensuring my safety over hers and her constant service to me asking nothing in return. We will continue to hike, explore, travel and enjoy all the world has to offer. She is my most sacred companion.



Watch Aura's Video at - <https://herodogawards.org/dog/aura/>



AKC TRICK DOG CHAMPION TEAM

Debbie & Porscha

Remember Rin Tin Tin? Prior to the 1950's TV show a trained dog with that name was featured in the movies as early as the 1920's. And who could forget the Collie character of Lassie who also starred in the movies before appearing in the long running TV series by the same name (19 years!). They were probably the first dogs involved in the Trick Dog training we know today.

"Trick Dog" is one of the newest dog sports. It involves learning and performing various tricks that demonstrate the cooperation between a dog and handler. A title highlights a handler's skill, but more than that a trick dog title honors the dog, recognizing him as an intelligent and willing partner.

Besides being one of the newest dog sports it's also one of the most fun. Owners enjoy teaching new tricks and their dogs enjoy learning. Tricks are behaviors and learning them can put a dog into the habit of learning and also help make a good trainer. Teaching your dog new tricks often involves the dog getting some good physical exercise along with a lot of mental exercise. And the dogs love earning reinforces during training whether it be treats or lots of positive praise and affection.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is well known as the largest registry of purebred dogs in the U. S. But it also sanctions events in which dogs and handlers can earn recognition through the awarding of titles. One area is in the Trick Dog requirements. These are official AKC titles listed on the dog's title record. There are five levels of AKC Trick Titles. CAAA's therapy team, Debbie Zapusek and her Border Collie Porscha, are certified in each one:

AKC Novice Trick Dog (TKN) - Requires 10 skills from the Novice list provided by AKC (see links below for the AKC site listing skills for each level).

AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI) -Novice title, plus perform 10 Intermediate tricks.

AKC Advanced Trick Dog (TKA) -Intermediate title, plus perform 10 tricks from the Advanced list.

AKC Trick Dog Performer (TKP) -Handlers perform a short routine with at least 10 tricks with at least 3 tricks using props.

AKC Trick Dog Elite Performer (TKE) - The highest level requires performance to an Elite routine that has a story/script. At least 5 props are used.

Before earning her trick titles, Porscha participated in agility events and earned the highest title in that sport, AKC Masters Agility Dog. When a medical condition forced her to stop competing, Debbie knew such an active dog needed another activity so she choose Trick Dog. Why trick training? Debbie says "I chose trick training because she had already demonstrated great ability in service dog work and she needed a job that had a less stressful environment for over arousal as that is what triggered her seizures. Porscha is happy doing any job because a Border Collies best reward is doing the behavior over and over again."

Want to see some of the amazing things this team can do? Just click on this link to Porscha's Elite Performance Trick Title Video:

https://youtu.be/XOBnhI_5GKA

Source for this article:

[Trick Dog Titles - American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](https://www.akc.org)



Picking just the right toy! Debbie & Porscha at this year's Fall Outing and Volunteer Celebrating

A Time For Gathering, Celebrating and Eating

Everyone has their family traditions during the Holidays and a good many involve eating. From baking some of the cookies Grandma used to make to Mom's special stuffing for Dad's roasted turkey, we all have our favorite recipes. As much as we like to share all these good "eats", it's not a good idea to include your dog in the family feasts. Many of your favorites they'll also find delicious, but some are not good for your pup. Here's a list of things from the Humane Society to keep from them:

Bones: Bones easily splinter and can cause serious health problems (even death) for your pet.

Candy: Particularly chocolate—which is toxic to dogs, cats and ferrets—and any candy containing the toxic sweetener Xylitol.

Citrus and pits: Foods such as cherry pits and peach pits contain essential oils that have the ability to cause irritations and even central nervous system depression if a significant amount is ingested.

Coffee: Grounds, beans and chocolate-covered espresso beans.

Eggs (raw)

Grapes and raisins: These can cause kidney problems.

Leaves and stems: From vegetables like tomatoes.

Nuts

Onions & Garlic

Salt & Sugar

Trash: Pets that trash-dig can accidentally eat foods that are potentially poisonous to them. Keep trash hidden somewhere your pet can't access.

PETA adds to their list of "Holiday Foods That Are Bad For Dogs":

Alcohol

Caffeine

Dairy (Milk and milk based products)

Nuts and Nutmeg

Yeast Dough

So what's good to share with them? Try cooked sweet potatoes (minus any additional ingredients), baked potatoes, pumpkin purée, cucumbers, carrots, steamed green beans, unsweetened cranberries, bananas, and apples (not the seeds) are all good choices—and not just during the holidays. Tell them it's delicious. They'll believe you and eat it up!



Sources for this article:

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/holiday-safety-tips-pets>

<https://www.peta.org/living/animal-companions/holiday-foods-that-are-bad-for-dogs/>

2021 FALL OUTING & VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION



CAA BOARD & PET THERAPY COMMITTEE

PAM



**NOT PICTURED
RICK**



**MARY
ANNE**



SYDNI



APRIL



MELANIE



NANCY



LEE

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

May Your Holidays be Furry and Bright



GETTING READY FOR 2022

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
WILL BE MAILED OUT
SOON WITH A REQUIRED
RETURN DATE OF
JANUARY 31, 2022

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 **2021** VISITATION
LOG WITH YOUR
RENEWAL FORMS

RECORD OF VISITATION LOG for the year

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL
PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING/RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND CONTINUING YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell: _____ Work: _____ Home: _____
If you and your pet are ready to become an active pet therapy team to visit one of our host facilities, check here to be contacted about pending interest: ☐
If you would like to be contacted about participating, check here: ☐
To join or renew your membership in CAAA complete this form and attach your check for the Dues Category you are supporting.
Payable to: Companion Animal Association of Arizona.

DUES CATEGORIES (Check One)
☐ Residing (\$300) ☐ Organization (\$75)
☐ Family (\$45) ☐ Individual (\$25)
☐ Disabled, Student, or Senior Citizen (\$15)

☐ I also wish to make a donation to: _____ in Memory or Honor of _____
 Amount: _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Your check & your donation) _____

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Bernie for all
your photo
contributions
in this
month's
newsletter

The water base
of a Christmas
tree contains
dangerous
chemicals that
could harm your
pet



My truck load of
antidepressants
has arrived.



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2021

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