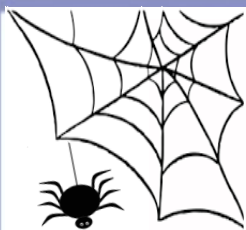




NEWSLETTER



NO Tricks BUT LOTS OF Treats



Along with a beautiful sunny morning, there were muffins, bagels, fruit, coffee cake, donuts and even dog biscuits..... lots of great treats awaited our CAAA Therapy Teams at this year's Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Held at Tempe's Hollis Park, the October 12th event included Halloween decorations, games, door prizes and the annual Pet Costume Contest.

Our MC and Board Member Melanie Lowrance started out the morning events by welcoming everyone and introducing one of our newest therapy teams, Gretchen and her Pug Grant. April Crow coordinated and led the games and raffle before Melanie wrapped up the morning with the final activity - the Pet Costume Contest.

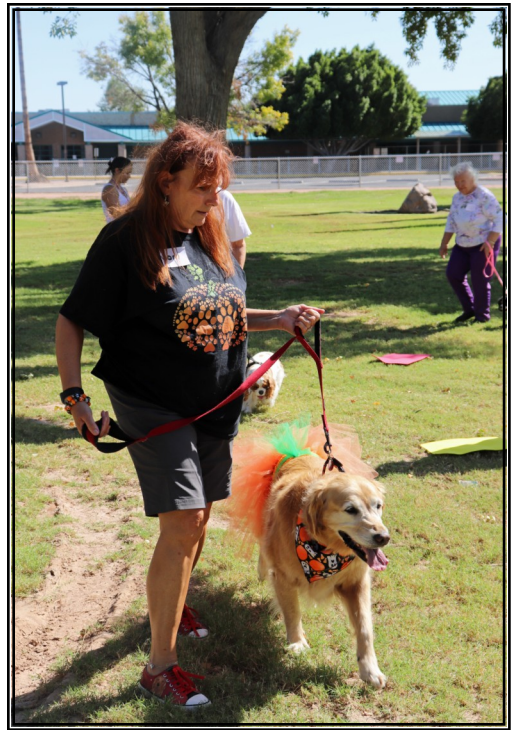
Thanks to everyone who attended, shared information and celebrated this year. And thanks especially to the Board of Directors for all their time and effort in putting this year's Picnic together as well as donating all the food. April Crow was the lead and along with husband Rick Reid donated the game prizes and baskets. To all.....it was a job well done!



Tom & Tawni with Standard Poodle Lark , MC Melanie and April & Rick with Golden Jake

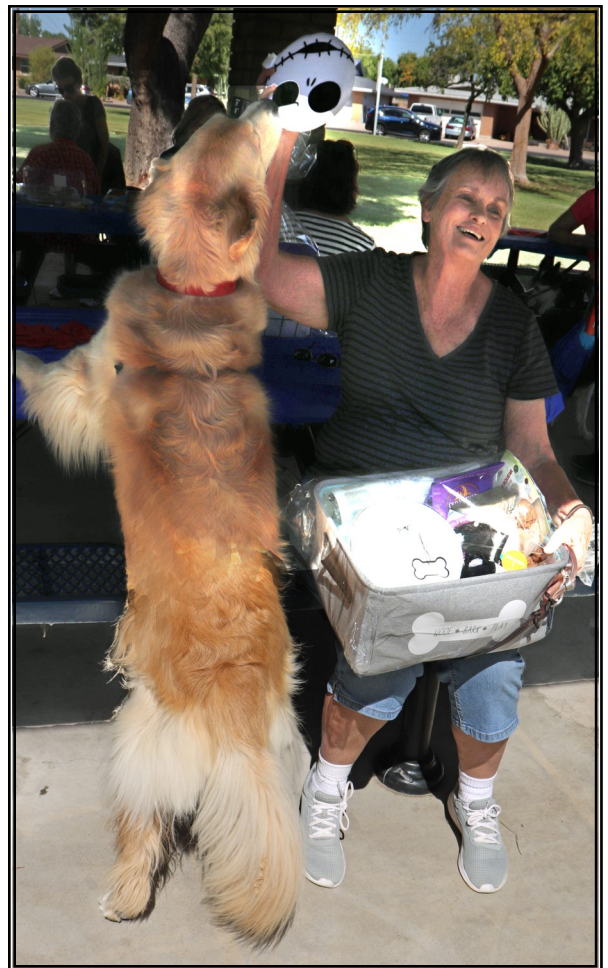
2019 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic







Gretchen & Grant



Diane & Jedi



Mary, Trina & Angel



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"Dogs laugh, but they
laugh with their tails"
- Max Eastman

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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
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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.



It's Been a Great Month For Blake

By Ray Ritchotte

First - Blake was awarded a Gold Medal and certificate for the AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished Title. He earned it by performing over 400 Therapy Visits in the four years he has been certified as a Therapy Dog.

Second - He was also a nominee for the AKC Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence (ACE) for 2019 and received a Certificate of Recognition. This is the second in a row for Blake doing service for mankind as a Therapy Dog.

This award was created to honor deserving canines in the categories of Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Therapy, Service and Exemplary Companion Dogs.

Also, Blake was entered in two UKC dog shows where he received two ribbons for First Place and two for Best Male. Then he continued on to receive two more Ribbons for Best of Breed, a Group One and three for the Gundog category. And to top of a great month, he also got to celebrate his sixth year old Birthday Party with his Brother Richie and sister Lacy at an ICE cream shop in Mesa.



Did you know?

Our hot Arizona summers may be over but your dog can still get dehydrated any time of the year. Here's a simple test to help determine if it is.

Skin Elasticity Test: Pinch the dogs skin on the back between the shoulders with your thumb and forefinger. Gently lift the skin 2-3 inches from the body. When you release the skin, it should go back immediately. When the dog is dehydrated, the skin slowly returns to the normal position or in some very bad cases, the skin doesn't go back at all.
(Thanks Jane Conrow for the tip)

PET THERAPY VISITS - A FEW REMINDERS

By PAMELA PEET



Simon



Gracie



Cheyenne

- Dogs should be well-groomed
- Ask permission to put your dog in a resident's lap or bed and provide a towel or mat for the dog to sit on
- No choke/prong collars; Use quick release/buckle collars
- Leashes must be no longer than 4 feet; no retractable leashes
- Dogs must be kept on the leash at all times; no off leash is acceptable
- Handlers must have their attention on their dog at all times for their safety and welfare
- Excuse yourself and your dog from any situation you do not believe will be positive experience
- Remove dog tags as they could cause possible injury
- Photos may NOT be taken without prior permission
- Never discuss a resident's health or personal issues with the resident or anyone else
- Dog should respond to 'leave it' or similar command
- Recognize signals that our dogs are becoming tired or disengaged such as: yawning, lip licking, tail between legs; turns head away and panting



Merry Everything
and
Happy Always



Have a Safe & Joyful Holiday Season

TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

These tips have appeared in previous Newsletters; they are worth repeating again. There's lots of information on many different websites to help us keep our pets safe during this Holiday Season. Following is a list of tips along with just two:

www.avma.org
www.asPCA.org



Christmas Tree Tips:

1. Place your Christmas tree in a corner, blocked off from your pet's wanting eyes. If this doesn't keep your dog or cat from attempting to jump onto the tree, you can place aluminum foil, a plastic drink bottle filled with knick knacks, or anything else that creates noise on the tree's bottom limbs to warn you of an impending tree disaster.

2. Tinsel can add a nice sparkling touch to the tree, but make sure you hang it up out of your pet's reach. Ingesting the tinsel can potentially block their intestines, which is generally only remedied through surgical means.

3. Do not put lights on the tree's lower branches. Not only can your pet get tangled up in the lights, they are a burning hazard. Additionally, your dog or cat may get shocked by biting through the wire.

4. Ornaments need to be kept out of reach, too. In addition to being a choking and intestinal blockage hazard, shards from broken ornaments may injure paws, mouths, or other parts of your pet's body.

5. For those buying a live Christmas trees this year, keep the area free and clear of pine needles. While they may not seem dangerous, the needles can puncture your pet's intestines if ingested.



Kitchen Safety Tips:

1. Tin foil, meat strings, and toothpicks can cause serious digestive problems if swallowed.

2. Dough can expand in the stomach and cause severe problems if swallowed.

3. Chocolate, coffee, and tea are very toxic for dogs. Unsweetened baking chocolate and dark chocolate are most dangerous.

4. Bones, cooked or uncooked, can tear or obstruct the digestive system.

5. Sweets and greasy or spicy foods can cause a serious inflammation of the pancreas and can be fatal.

6. Alcoholic beverages are attractive to some dogs, especially sweet alcoholic beverages such as eggnog. A small amount of alcohol can be fatal.

7. Garbage contains discarded food and the smells can be enticing for your dog. Keep all garbage covered and out of reach.

8. Plastic wrapping can obstruct the digestive system and cause severe problems if swallowed.



Other Great Holiday Item Tips:

1. Did you know holly, mistletoe, and poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs or cats? If you normally use these plants to decorate your home, they should be kept in an area your pet cannot reach.

2. Edible tree decorations, whether they be ornaments, or cranberry or popcorn strings, are like time bombs waiting to happen. These goodies are just too enticing and your pet will surely tug at them, knocking down your wonderfully decorated spruce.

3. Burning candles should be placed on high shelves or mantels, out of your pet's way. There's no telling where a wagging tail may end up. Homes with fireplaces should use screens to avoid accidental burns.

4. To prevent any accidental electrocutions, any exposed indoor or outdoor wires should be taped to the wall or the sides of the house.

5. When gift wrapping, be sure to keep your pet away. Wrapping paper, string, plastic, or cloth could cause intestinal blockages. Scissors are another hazard, and they should be kept off floors or low tables.



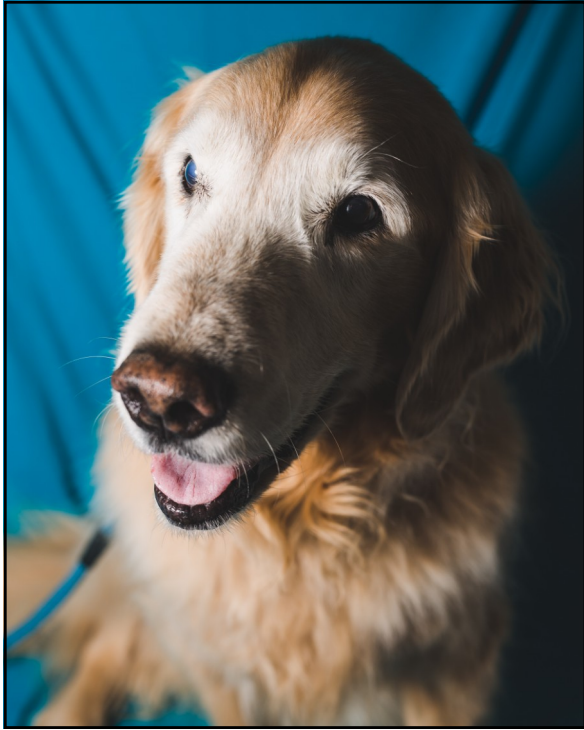
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SEASON**



CAAA Photo Gallery

The last of our CAAA Star's photo ID pictures. All photos were taken by Rachel Mostofizadeh who donated her time and talent. Visit her website at:

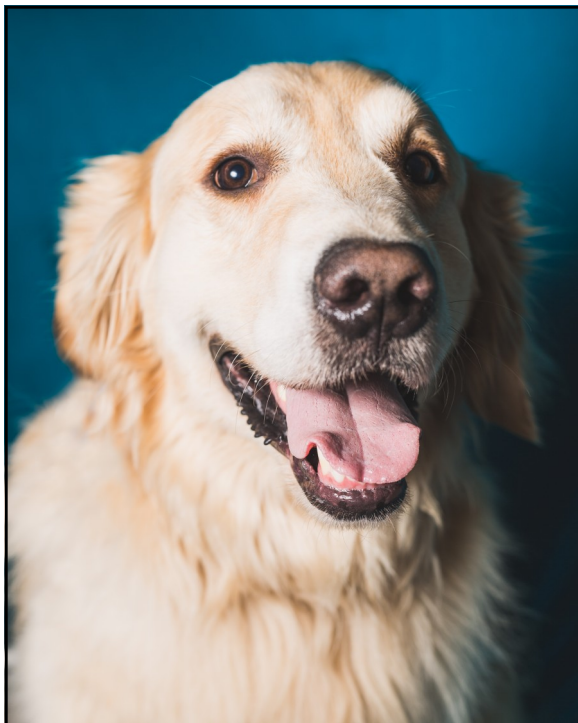
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PET TRAVEL *Options and Tips*

Around the holidays we all think about visiting friends and family, but what do we do with our pets? If I don't have ample time to spend with my pet on vacation, I always choose an in-home pet sitter or boarding facility as an alternative. Traveling long distance can be stressful for pets and I don't advise it unless absolutely necessary. There are 4 main ways to travel with your pet (not your service or support animal) either by car, ship, train or plane. There are also pet transport companies if you can't accompany your pet.

Car- If traveling by car, pets should be placed in a crate or carrier in the back seat with a seatbelt over the front of the carrier. There are no proven effective pet safety belts. Make sure to have a leash and collar available and stop often to have your pet eliminate. Consult a veterinarian if your dog or cat is anxious in the car or experiences motion sickness. There are medications that can help keep them comfortable.



Ship- Some cruise lines, like the Queen Mary 2, will allow pets on their transatlantic voyage. They have a deluxe kennel with a full-time pet master for dogs and cats.

Train- Amtrack is now allowing small dogs and cats on the train. They can only eliminate at station stops.

Plane- The best place for a pet on a plane is in the cabin, which can usually only accommodate small dogs and cats. Brachycephalic breeds (short nosed dogs such as the Pekinese, bulldog, pug and Persian cats) should proceed with caution as they can overheat and become oxygen deprived. Pets must not be exposed to extreme temperatures and can't fly during extreme cold or heat if in cargo. Remember to have a leash and collar and allow time for special screening in the security area.



Remember to consult the USDA and/or country/ state of destination, your veterinarian and chosen carrier months prior to leaving. It is important to obtain all health certificates, requirements, breed/medical restrictions, etc. prior to traveling so everything goes smoothly. I also carry my pets medical records, rabies certificate, microchip number and tags in addition to all other paperwork required just in case they get sick or misplaced by the airline.



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