

THE HYDRANT

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If you are not planning on renewing your membership, please let us know so that we don't send more notices.

ITA Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm
(Fridays - CLOSED)



May Calendar

Monday, May 10 – Caregivers Appreciation at St. Mark's Hospital, 1-3 pm

Tuesday, May 11 – Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, May 16 – Member Team Re-Screenings at the ITA Office

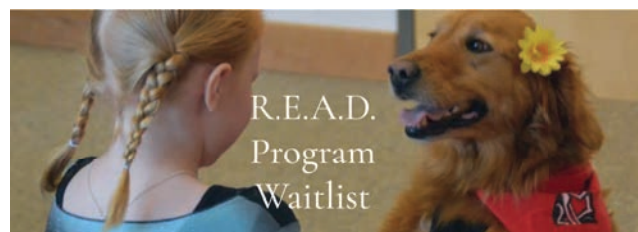
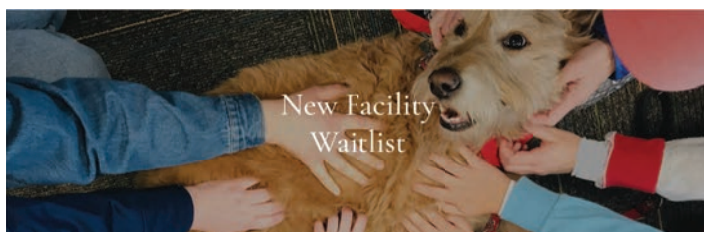
Saturday, May 29 – R.E.A.D.ing at the Discovery Gateway Children's Museum (time TBA)



Coming Back into Service ~

There is now enough action happening with our facilities that we no longer have room for the little list here. There is a much better place to see the whole picture: Go to **ITAVOLUNTEERS.COM** and see a glorious, constantly-updated display of possibilities for you and your partner!

Hope to hear from you *soon!*



RETIRING

Dorothy Weber & Katie

(Salt Lake City) Dorothy & Katie joined ITA on August 13, 2014, and have served at many different facilities. They are one of our very low-key teams who didn't make a lot of noise while faithfully and consistently fulfilling their commitments.



Susan Ayres & Kelby

(Helena) Susan & Kelby need to retire, at least for awhile, because Susan is facing a lot of additional family responsibilities due to the pandemic. We will look forward to seeing them again soon!



Linda Stangland & Zoey

(Helena) Linda & Zoey joined ITA in June of 2017 and became a R.E.A.D. team that same month! Thanks, Linda & Zoey!

Rebecca Troianos & Hazel

(Helena) Rebecca & Hazel joined ITA in October 2019.



Thanks for all you did for your communities!





Lynne Hanson & Lily Rose

(Salt Lake City) Lynne & Lily Rose joined ITA on March 15, 2010, and they've been stalwarts at Highland Ridge Hospital and LaEuropa Academy for all these 11 years. Lynne also served for many years on ITA's Board of Directors, and she and her husband Terry are significant financial supporters of our cause, as well. Lynne has another pup growing up, but she's not quite ready to take on the role of therapy dog yet.

Here is Lynne's message to all her ITA associates:

Hi to all our wonderful friends at ITA. We hope you are well and looking forward to emerging from the pandemic and moving on to the new "normal", whatever that may be. After careful consideration, we have decided that Lily Rose, at almost 13 years of age, should ease into retirement from active therapy work with ITA. We have truly missed our visits with students, patients and staff at La Europa Academy and Highland Ridge Hospital, over this past year due to the pandemic. There are so many amazing memories of our interactions with different people from all walks of life during her eleven years as a therapy dog. Most of all, how a ten pound Shih Tzu could bring so much joy to so many, or make a big difference in a person's day or even their life. Some of the highlights of Lily Rose's career include:

- Disney Princess for a Make-A-Wish Celebration
- Runway Model for a Grand Opening of Macy's
- Photo on an Interwest Transportation Truck
- 2 Live appearances on TV with Sterling Poulson, KUTV Chief Meteorologist
- 2017 Induction into the ITA "Hall of Fame"

As Lily Rose's Mom and therapy partner, I could not be more proud.

Other than slowing down a bit due to mild arthritis, Lily Rose is fortunately in very good health. She enjoys neighborhood walks, trips to St. George, patrolling her yard perimeter, and most of all, being a cherished member of our family.

Moving forward, our hope and plan is for Lola Grace, Lily Rose's little sister, to follow in Lily's paw prints and become a therapy dog. Lola Grace has the outgoing, curious, people loving personality traits of a great therapy dog, but still needs more time working on her training and manners.

We will continue to support ITA and participate in upcoming events, and look forward to being an active therapy team in the future.

With much gratitude to everyone who participates in ITA, our best to all of you,

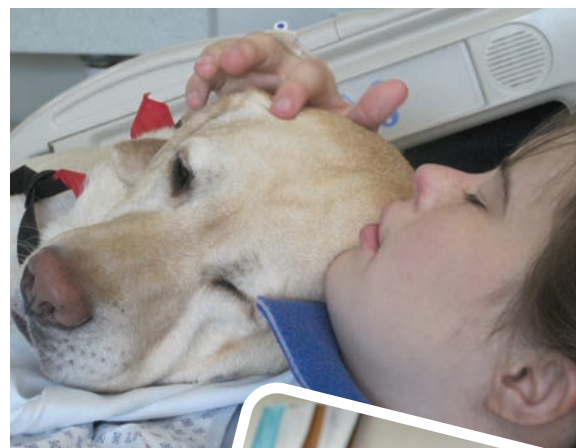
Lynne, Terry, Lily Rose & Lola Grace



PARTNER LEAVING EARTH



Diva, dear and faithful partner of Susan Daynes, was an ITA therapy dog from January 2010 until she left us on May 3rd. She was Susan's second therapy dog, after the legendary Colonel. He may have been a hard act to follow, but Diva worked with a style all her own, of course, and left her own lasting legacy of beautiful interventions and stories to inspire us all in her 10+ years of service. These photos are some contributed by families during Diva's visits, eager to capture the magic of the moments. Thank you, Diva, and Godspeed.



OUT & ABOUT



[ABOVE:] ITA Teams are excited to be getting “out & about” more, at last. The Salt Lake International Airport celebrated all the “Pilot Pups” in April, and they are very much appreciated by the travelers (*see the note below*).

[RIGHT:] De-stressing event at the Salt Lake Community College/Redwood Road campus.



Good morning Susan!

Just a note to let you know how much we enjoyed meeting you all last week at the airport....

You and Cindy were wonderful to have both Dresden and Ardi available for the traveling public to meet and enjoy! Quite a contrast to the previous Thursday, when we were very involved (40-50 feet away) in the active shooter episode.

We have a yellow Lab and had been away from her for about 10 days ... so your partners provided a good “fix” until we returned home and reunited with our pup!

Our compliments and THANKS to you all!

-JGM



ITA Member in the News

Belgrade, Montana member Mary Miller and her collie partner Dandy got a front page article in The Livingston Enterprise on April 7th called “Reading With Dandy,” all about their program with first graders at St. Mary’s Catholic School.

Our congratulations! Getting an article in print is never easy, and hitting the top of the front page is extremely rare and difficult indeed. We applaud their efforts to get their program going again, now when kids need motivation more than ever. Well done!



[LEFT:] Dandy & Mary Miller R.E.A.D.ing with a first grader at St. Mary’s Catholic School in Livingston.
[RIGHT:] Mary & Dandy escort a student to their R.E.A.D.ing session.



One Hundred (100) Copies Available!

Thanks to a donation from Preston Chiaro, we have 100 copies of this beautiful canine coloring book to share with our youngest clients. Please call the office (801.272.3439) or stop by if you’d like to have some for your own visits.



Another Happy Instance of “Rescue Goes Both Ways”



Brian Meyers, 59, fell from his bed and suffered a stroke that left him unable to get up. Meyers lives alone, and his phone was on his dresser, 15 feet away. Sadie, his German shepherd,

sensing something was wrong, came over and began licking his face and crying. Meyers grabbed onto her collar and she began pulling him toward the dresser until he could reach his phone, get help, and be taken to the hospital.

Meyers had adopted Sadie only four months before, after he had his first battle with Covid-19 in March of 2020. “It was the best decision I ever made to adopt her,” said Meyers. “I really feel it was meant to be.”

(In *The Week*, 3/19/21)



DISINFECTING DO'S & DON'TS

There has been a tremendous amount of confusion on how to disinfect and clean your house if you have dogs. First, carefully read the label of whatever disinfectants you're using. Most will declare if they pose a risk to pets or children. Next, use common sense: Cleaners used on surfaces aren't meant to clean sensitive skin, especially a dog's. Veterinarians are seeing a surge in dogs with serious skin reactions due to being wiped down by counter wipes.



Disinfectants proven to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 include rubbing alcohol; 0.5% hydrogen peroxide; and diluted bleach (5 tablespoons 5.25% to 8.25% sodium hypochlorite per gallon of room temperature water). All of these cleaning agents can be toxic to dogs if they drink them or even just lick excessive amounts. These disinfectants can also cause severe injury if they contact the eyes, mouth, nose or skin. It only takes a drop of bleach solution to cause tremendous injury to a dog's eye. If you think your dog has accidentally ingested or contacted any cleaning product, contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control center immediately. (888-426-4435)

Dog shampoo and clean water are all you need to disinfect your dog. I can't believe I have to say this, but never give dogs bleach solution to drink or rinse their mouth. Yes, it's a thing. And dogs are getting poisoned from it.

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Another Valuable Offer for ITA Members and Friends!

A new and comprehensive pet shopping site, Infinite Wags, has asked to help ITA on their site. **YOU** get 10% off any purchase when you use the code below, and **WE** get a \$5 donation.

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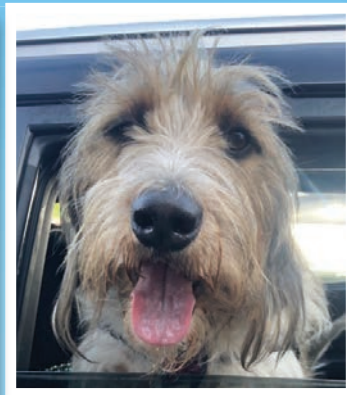
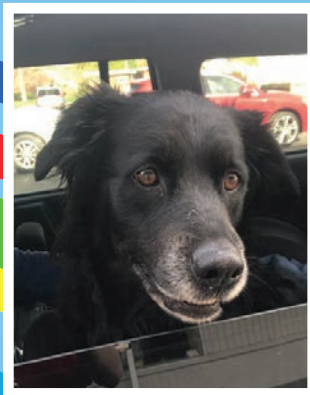
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Paws around the (virtual)



We LOVED that so many of your dogs came along for the ride (and the treats)!

Thanks for coming to our



The crew putting the picnic packages together (left) and posing with the May flowers, all ready to deliver.



Some of our guests loaded up with lots of goodies AND lots of dogs!

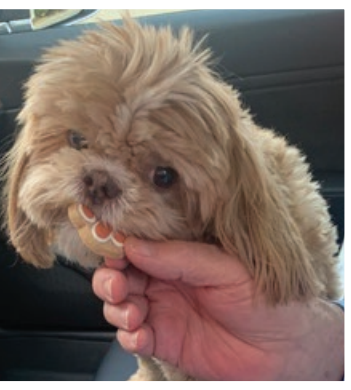


More Thanks to:

**An Exquisite Affair catering~Susan Stutchbury, Melora Wood and PETsMA
ITA members Nikki Bleggi and Tamara Riggs for their basket donations, Al
Meow, all the ITA Board members (Becky Butler, Peggy Chudd, Susan Dayn
Ambrose, Carol Prince and Beth Wolfer) for wine and chocolate!**



MAYPOLE



our drive-through picnic!

Lucky (and happy) prize drawing winners included the Kestaloos (right) and Bee Lufkin (below) with the wine.



John Stockinger, Melora Wood and pups stayed to "tailgate" in the ITA parking lot with a few other sociable souls!



RT (her store at 5650 South 900 East), Alexis & Alyssa Butler at The Dog's, Jane Fischer, Jane Peterson, Eileen

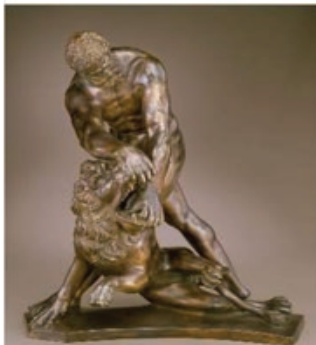
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HERCULES ATTEMPTING TO GIVE HIS CAT A PILL

