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November Calendar

Monday, November 1 - “Dogs, Donuts and Don’t Stress” at USU

Friday, November 5 - Pleasant Grove Library, Spanish Story Time

Tuesday, November 9 - SLCC De-Stress Event

Tuesday, November 9 - ITA Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesday, November 10 - Weber State Mental Health Day

Thursday, November 11 - SLCC De-Stress Event

Wednesday, November 17 - ITA Continuing Education: Katie Domann, DVM, on the latest recommendations and advice for TRAVELING WITH YOUR ANIMALS, 7 pm ZOOM

Sunday, November 21 - ITA Members’ Team Screenings

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Saturday-Sunday, December 4-5 - THE PHOTO BOX Holiday Photo Event at ITA (see flyer on next page—>)

ITA Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm

CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING,

Thursday, November 25

(Fridays - CLOSED)



COMING UP



The Photo Box Photography is coming to town!
Intermountain Therapy Animals and The Photo Box are excited to announce a Christmas event you won't want to miss. For just \$30 you will get a 10 minute photo session and a free gifted 8x10 photo to leave with right after! You're welcome to bring pets, kids, your whole family, whatever you'd like. A variety of backdrops will be available and you'll have the option to order more photos in an online gallery. To reserve your spot contact Melissa at 801-272-3439 or scan the qr code on this announcement

**Saturday and Sunday
December 4th and 5th!!!**

Reserve your spot online:
<https://therapyanimals.org/events/>

www.ThePhotoBox.com

TPB



ITA Continuing Education

Traveling with your Animals

Wednesday, November 17

7 pm ~ ZOOM!

with Katie Domann, DVM

Do your future travel plans include your furry companion? Whether you are going by cars, planes or trains, Katie will be discussing all you need to know about new airline policies, health certificates and more!

It's a ZOOM, so our members in Montana and Idaho can join in, too.

*Please RSVP to Melissa
(melissa@therapyanimals.org,
or 801-272-3439).*

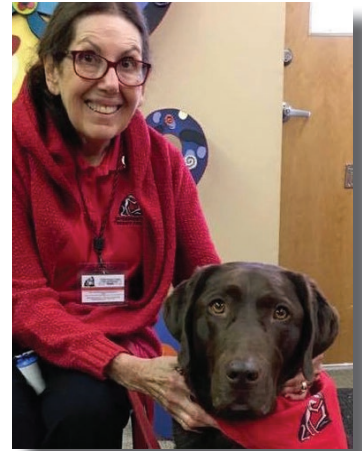


RETIRING ANIMALS

Johnny, partner of Caren Beeman

(Salt Lake) Johnny, Caren's chocolate lab, has been working since 2015 and has decided it's time to retire.

Caren has been with ITA since January of 2006, and she plans to continue with another partner. Happy retirement, Johnny, and thanks for all you have done!



Yoda and Elvira, partners of Judy Bohr

(Helena) Judy has been a member since August 2018, and she is retiring Yoda, her kitty partner, and Elvira, a mini-Dachshund, but she will be continuing on with her other mini-Dachshund, Ruby. Thank you, Yoda and Elvira!

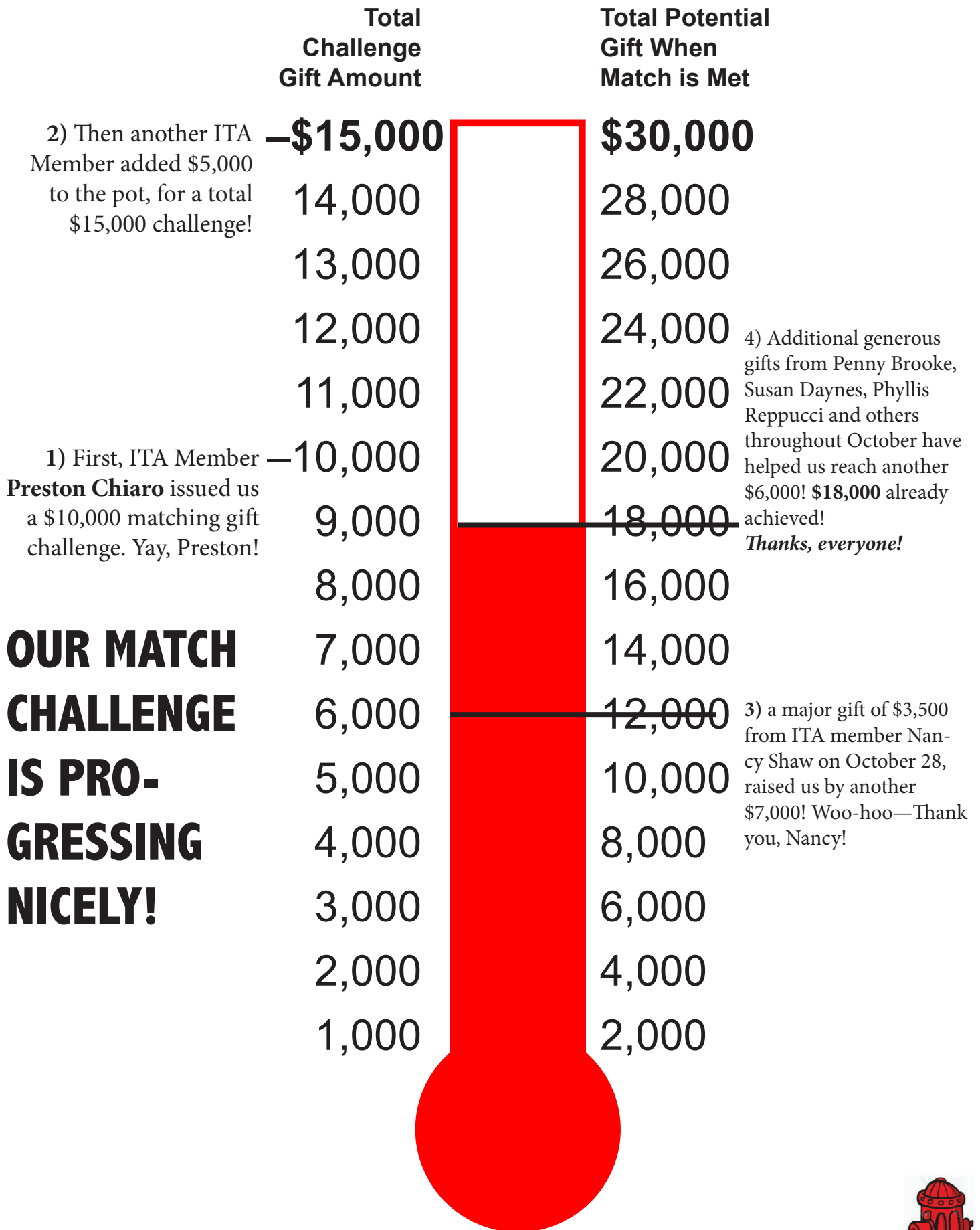


Hartley, partner of Kara Truesdell

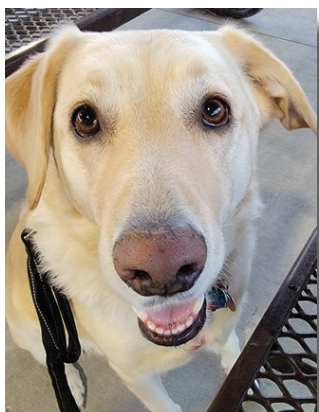
(Billings) Kara & Hartley have been a team since March of 2019, and Kara will continue with her other partner, KO. Thanks to Hartley for his service during our weird COVID world!



Thank you! Wishing you a happy retirement!



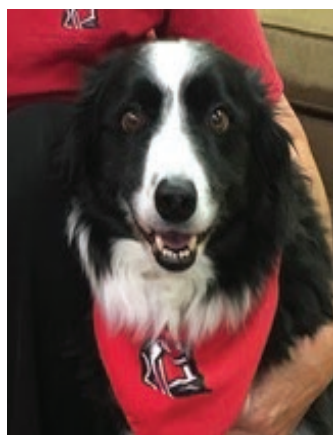
LEAVING EARTH



Cricket, partner of Elizabeth Foote

(Salt Lake City) Cricket left his family peacefully in his sleep on September 30th after a rapid decline with an auto-immune disorder that could have been anything from a tick bite to cancer. He was only 5+ years old. Elizabeth & Cricket joined ITA in March of 2019 and managed 12 months of service before COVID shut everyone down, but they left a significant mark in that short time, and we are so sorry he is gone.

Elizabeth told us, “For the 12 months that Cricket and I were an active therapy team, he brought smiles and laughter to those he met, often singling out one person and jumping up on their bed to be closer to them. Thank you for giving us that amazing opportunity.”



Abby, partner of Debbie Schiffman

(Ogden) Abby & Debbie became an ITA team in 2016 and did much wonderful work together. She died on September 29th at age 14. Rest in peace, dear Abby.



Michelle MacDonald

(Salt Lake) We are sad to report the passing of Michelle MacDonald on September 29th, way too soon at age 59. She received a terminal cancer diagnosis 20 years ago but managed to hold it at bay for two decades. Michelle and her Berner, Gretchen, were a team for just a year in 2016, but they loved the work and ITA loved them.





Marlene Johnson

(Salt Lake) We are likewise so sad to report the passing of Marlene on October 6th, also with cancer. Marlene and her doodle partner, Nikki, were a wonderful team since February 2016, and they had been looking forward to getting back to work after COVID subsided.



Mavis, partner of Anne Diekema

Anne had to say goodbye to Mavis on October 27th. She says, "The degenerative myelopathy (canine ALS) finally got the best of her, and she could no longer walk. Mavis lived a full life to the end. The vet came to the house and Mavis left this world peacefully." Anne has been an ITA member since March of 2009, and she and Mavis have worked together since March of 2014, more than 7 years.



OUT & ABOUT

ITA therapy teams brought an extra dose of smiles at SLC International Airport in their Halloween costumes the last week of October.



HALLOWEEN PHOTO CONTEST

WINNERS

All entries in our Halloween photo contest were voted on via Instagram. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who entered!

Single Dog in
Costume: Nikol
Mitchell's Dudley
as Dudley Do-
Right



Human & Dog Coordinated
Costumes: Beth Wolfer & Edgar
going on Safari



Multiple Dogs: Nikol Mitchell's
Victor and Dudley as Snidely
Whiplash and Dudley Do-Right



Human
Only:
Dave
Harris as
Bernie
Sanders



The Lighter Side

No matter how, where or with whom you gather, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

