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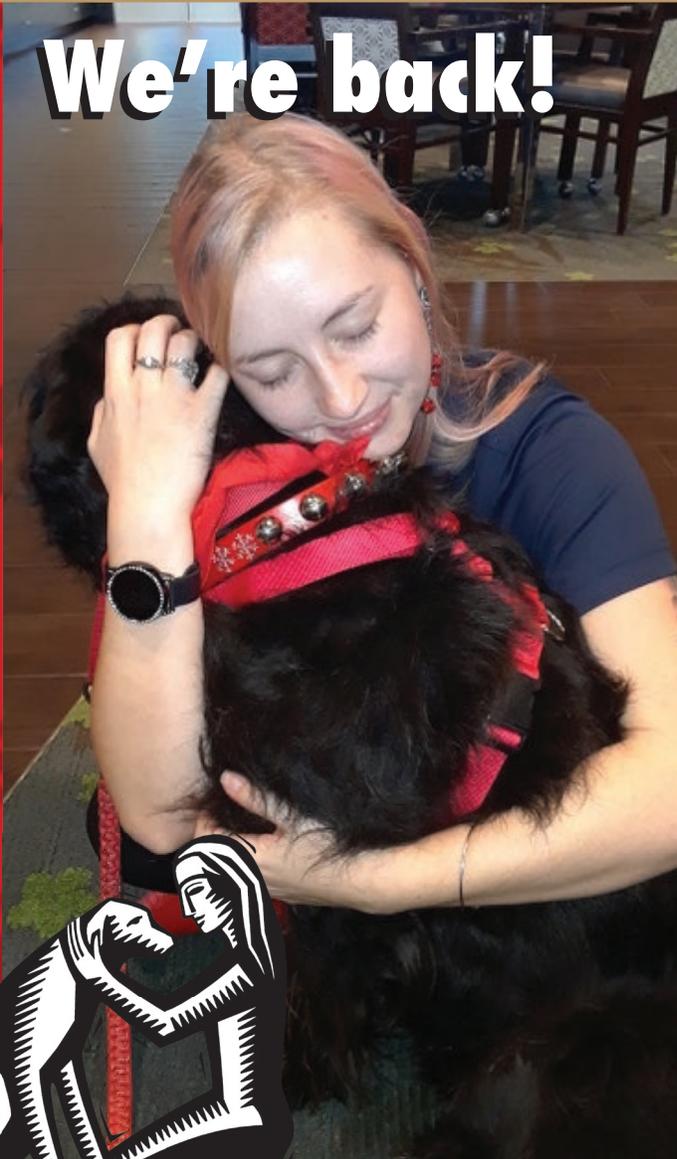
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Views

INTERMOUNTAIN THERAPY ANIMALS *Periodic News*

We're back!



therapyanimals.org

ITA animals have been especially important to our hospitals' physically and emotionally exhausted health care staff over the period of the COVID pandemic (see inside)

Who are Intermountain Therapy Animals?

We are a human service organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, headquartered in Utah, that brings the gifts of animal companionship and interaction to people in need. Our mission is to **enhance quality of life through the human/animal bond**. Our volunteers (people and their own companion animals) make regular visits to those who are physically or developmentally disabled, emotionally or psychologically impaired, lonely or suffering from depression. All services are free of charge to both client and facility.

ITA therapy animals and their handlers are screened, trained, licensed and insured to participate in animal-assisted interactions (AAI), which range from casual and informal to rigorous, goal-driven aspects of formal therapies. Successful teams have completed both health and temperament screening and volunteer training.

Now in our 29th year, we are one of the oldest and largest groups of our kind in the United States, with more than 300 volunteer teams visiting at more than 150 hospitals, counseling centers, nursing facilities, detention homes, extended care centers, and schools. Chapters of ITA now thrive in Montana and Idaho.

We are also the founders of Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®), a literacy support program to foster in children the love of books and the reading environment. R.E.A.D. has spread throughout the United States and beyond since we launched it in 1999.

If you would like more information about us and our work, please contact Executive Director Kathy Klotz at 801-272-3439. We welcome all who want to lend a helping paw! ♥



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Intermountain Therapy Animals' NEWS is published (at least) annually and sent to all members and contributors. Please call the ITA office at **801-272-3439** if you would like to receive it, whether in print or by e-mail.

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Therapy Animals: For Staff, More Beneficial than Ever

OUR ITA TEAMS HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT facility staff and families need animal-assisted interactions almost as much as their patients. The experience of this long, dark pandemic tunnel has made that fact especially poignant. The preponderance of our service during COVID has been to provide the physiological benefits of ITA therapy animals to those who have been on the frontlines. ❤️



(More on page 5)

From ITA's Board Chair

Dear Friends,

It has been, and continues to be, an honor serving as Intermountain Therapy Animals' Board President. I am fully committed to continuing the most remarkable 29-year journey of this exceptional organization. Covid has certainly changed the landscape of ITA over the past two years but, as usual, ITA is a resilient and innovative organization and has managed to maintain and retain our wonderful staff and office space through the darkest of times. Although we have been unable to have our teams out in the field since March 2020 due to Covid, our teams are beginning to be called back to many facilities, and we are ecstatic.

In fact, my three-year-old Australian Shepherd, Mickey, and I have now been trained and qualified as an ITA team, and we are planning our first visit in the very near future. We are beyond excited to get to work providing therapy to those in need!

No matter what crises are going on in the world around us, individual people of all ages and socio-economic circumstances receive devastating diagnoses and injuries every day. Our teams are there to help them re-ignite their hope and enthusiasm for life, inspiring them to move forward on the tough path to healing. Our therapists tell us over and over, year after year, that the animals inspire cooperation, participation and progress that they cannot otherwise get from their patients. And now more than ever, we have seen what good medicine we are for families and staff, as well.

ITA has grown to be one of the most successful organizations of our kind. But it's a constant challenge, as for all charities big and small, to keep providing these crucial services during these challenging economic times. If you believe in the power of the human-animal bond, we ask for



Jane and Mickey

your help to continue helping our patient/clients in over 150 healthcare facilities to heal. Please do all you can to make room for ITA in your budget and your heart. Investing in animal-assisted therapy is a guaranteed Return on Investment—it succeeds every time!

As Board President, I am hopeful that ITA can count on your support. We need you now more than ever so that we can continue to serve thousands of people in our community every year!

With sincere thanks and appreciation,

Jane Fischer
ITA Board President

You may be able to make your donation to ITA go twice as far. Check to see if your employer will match your contributions.

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You can be a part of Intermountain Therapy Animals —With or Without Your Companion Animal

Yes! I will help ITA teams continue to bless the lives of so many who need them. Here is my tax-deductible gift:

- \$25 Friend \$50 Supporter \$100 Partner \$250 Advocate
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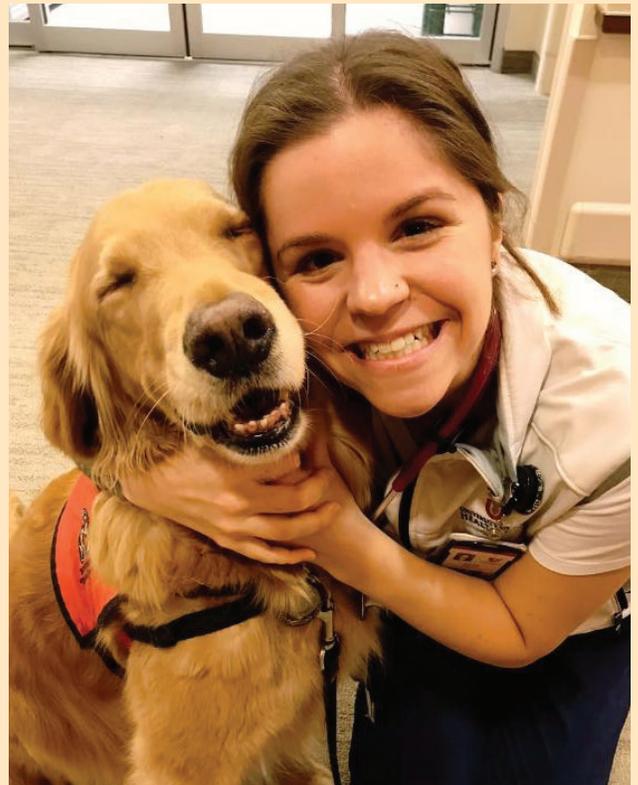
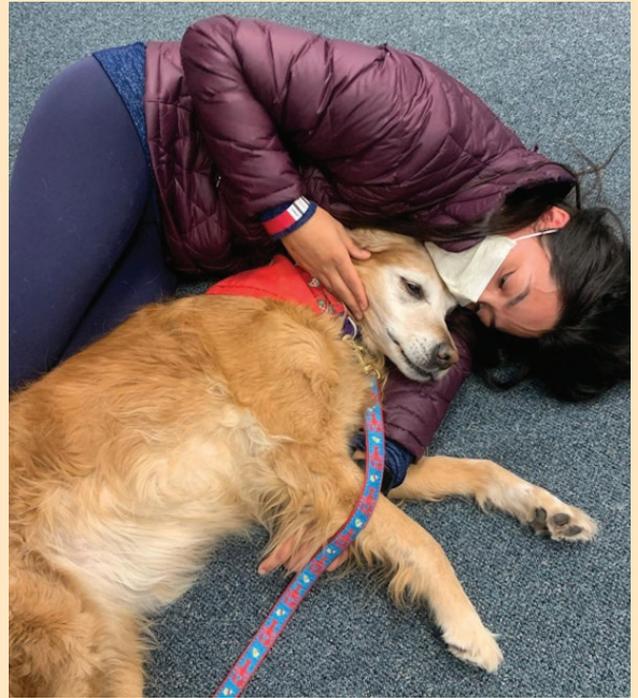
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Therapy for Our Healthcare Heroes (cont. from page 3)



"This is exactly what I needed most!"



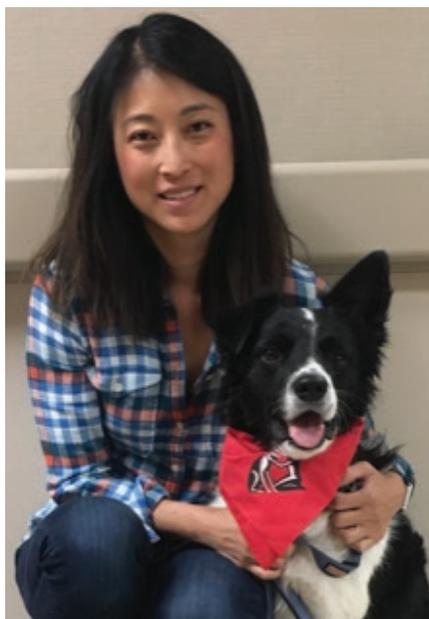
About Both Ends of the Leash

Holly Schick & Billy Salt Lake City, Utah

When Billy was found as a stray wandering around Vernal, Utah, in the late summer of 2017, he was hopping around on three legs because his front right paw was missing. No one really knows what happened to Billy, but CAWS, the organization that rescued him from the Uintah County Shelter, suspects that his paw got stuck in an animal trap, and he was somehow able to get free.

After CAWS took him in, his right front leg was amputated and he recovered for around a month with a foster family. As it happened, Billy was living with the same foster family from whom I adopted my first dog, and they told me that Billy was just like my dog: friendly and well-behaved. Because I'm a sucker for a special needs dog, an overnight trial visit turned into a permanent adoption.

About 9 months after we'd been together, he walked right up to ITA volunteer Peggy Chudd, who was having breakfast outside at The Bagel Project. She suggested that because he was so friendly



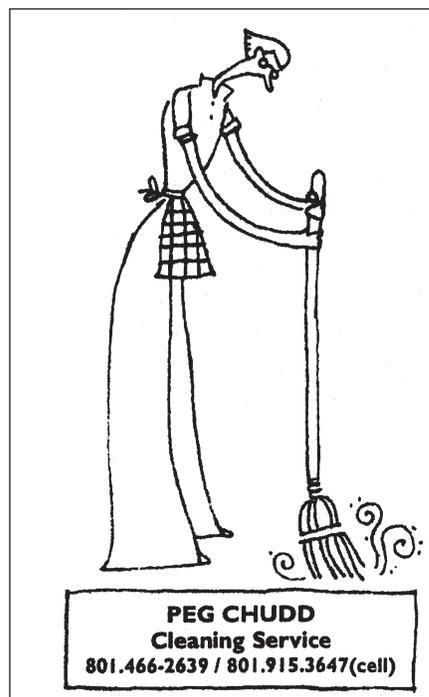
I should consider looking into working with him as a therapy dog with Intermountain Therapy Animals.

I have always been a big believer in the healing power of animals, so I was sold. By December 2018, Billy had passed his

temperament test, and once we passed all of our background checks, we were regularly visiting patients at the University of Utah Hospital and kids at Salt Lake County Youth Services.

Watching Billy with patients and with kids is amazing. At home, he's squirmy and doesn't sit still for long even if it's just hanging out with me watching TV. At the hospital, Billy has laid in bed with patients for over an hour, resting his head on their laps and giving them kisses. At Salt Lake County Youth Services, he lets kids hug him, give him kisses, and brush him, reminding them of a family pet, or simply allowing them to be vulnerable and connect with each other. The fact that he is a tripod dog makes his visits even more special to patients and to kids. As long as Billy is up for it, I look forward to sharing his sweet disposition with as many people as possible. ♥

—Holly Schick



The R.E.A.D.® Program: Now 22 Years

R.E.A.D. at TEDxSLC!

KAREN BURNS, ITA ASST. DIRECTOR AND R.E.A.D. PROGRAM COORDINATOR (CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR as of January 2021), made a positive splash in her presentation at TEDxSLC on October 19, 2019. We didn't get a chance to crow about this to our broad audience sooner, but we were very proud!

There were lots of oohs and aahs from the audience when the pictures came up, and lots of cheering when she was done--even a standing ovation! It was clearly an audience favorite! (See the appreciative comment from one attendee at right.)

You can enjoy Karen's presentation (now translated into six additional languages) at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAqC-CFjnOc&t=150s>



Dear Karen,

I was an attendee at the TEDx SLC. You did such a great job on your presentation regarding the R.E.A.D. program with therapy dogs. The photos were so cute and endearing. You had everyone's hearts on their sleeves! I was aware that ITA had a program visiting sick people but wasn't aware of the reading program. It makes so much sense!!! Thanks for your years of work in this field. I can't imagine how many lives you've not only touched, but changed.

With gratitude,

Ruth

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Estate Planning for Your Pets

by CJ Puotinen



Because only one of every five Americans has an up-to-date will and only 20 percent of those include provisions for pets, an estimated 500,000 dogs and cats are euthanized every year when their owners die and they have nowhere to go.

Are your pets at risk?

Unless you make effective plans for their welfare in case you die or are incapacitated, the worst could happen.

But preparing for your pet's future can seem a daunting task. Wills, trusts, and financial instruments are complicated enough. Add caretakers, backup caretakers, specific instructions, plus veterinary care, and no wonder most of us simply hope we'll outlive our best friends.

Don't leave it to chance

If you assume that a friend or relative will love your pets as much as you do or that someone will always be there for them, think again. Every animal shelter deals with orphaned pets. They arrive for one reason: their owners didn't plan to die or become incapacitated. That didn't prevent them from having heart attacks or accidents, and now these special creatures are homeless.

Worse, they may be alone, starving, and frightened. Does anyone know they exist? Do they need medication? Are they on special diets?

Accidents can happen any time, but the following are risk factors for your companion animals:

- You live alone.
- You are a senior citizen or getting close.
- You have health problems.
- Your pets are elderly or have health problems.
- Your pets are shy or don't do well when their daily routines are disturbed.

Even a temporary incapacitation — you are hospitalized, require treatment away from home, or have to be away for

other reasons — can disrupt your pets' lives.

An ounce of (legal) prevention

The best way to prevent your pet from being harmed by your temporary or long-term absence, say legal experts, is through careful planning.

A will or testament is a legal declaration by which you name one or more people to manage your estate and transfer its property at death.

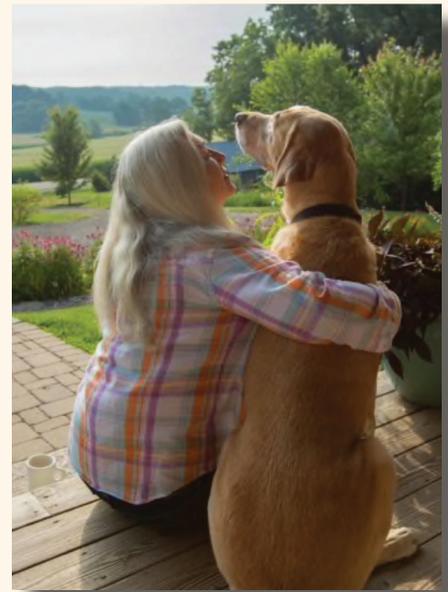
You cannot leave money or property to an animal, but you can leave assets to a person who agrees to care for your pet. Even if the person who agrees to take your pet can afford the animal's upkeep, you may want to leave both your dog and a sum of money to that individual.

But wills are not acted upon immediately — there is a waiting period before wills are read and property changes hands, and, should legal disputes arise, final settlements can be prolonged for months or years — so a will cannot guarantee that an animal's needs will be met in a timely manner. A will that includes specific instructions for an animal's care cannot be enforced. Wills do not allow the disbursement of funds over a pet's lifetime, and courts can change the provisions of a will that is challenged by relatives or other interested parties.

Wills are still important, but they reflect the need for additional arrangements.

Pet trusts are such plans. They involve a trustee, which can be an individual, bank, or non-profit organization such as a humane society, which handles the finances; a beneficiary, who is the person you choose as your dog's new owner and caretaker; and you, the settlor, the pet owner who is setting up the trust.

A traditional pet trust, which is legal in all 50 states, instructs a trustee to help a beneficiary by paying for the pet's expenses according to the settlor's directions as long as the beneficiary takes proper care of the pet. Traditional pet



trusts provide the owner with significant control over the animal's care, such as by specifying who will be the trustee, who will be the beneficiary/caretaker, what pet-related expenses the trustee will pay, what type of care the pet will receive, what will happen if the caretaker can no longer care for the animal, whether the animal will be buried or cremated after death, and where the pet's remains will be interred or stored.

A pet protection agreement can be simpler and less expensive than creating a trust, but a trust offers more legal protection, such as insuring that your pet can live with you in a long-term care facility if you have to move to one, or that your wishes regarding your pet's care will be honored.

Factors to consider

It's essential to find a committed care provider, but just as important is a written plan that can be found when needed, so that the care provider can be notified before the animal is surrendered to a shelter or euthanized at the direction of an uninformed third party. This can happen if there is a plan but no one knows of it.

Even if a friend or relative promises to take your dog, promises can't always be kept. Today's uncertain economy is hard on pets, who are adversely affected by unemployment, divorce, home foreclosures, and relocations.

Even if your friend or relative remains

willing and has a stable home, additional pets can be a source of stress and expense, especially if animals are elderly, on special diets or prescription medication, require frequent veterinary visits, or have challenging symptoms like incontinence, seizures, severe arthritis, or confusion. Puppies and young dogs place a different kind of stress on caretakers, including their need for training and exercise.

Your caretaker will be your pet's new owner. Transferring ownership through your will or the establishment of a trust is important because without this provision, your pet will go to your residuary beneficiary (the beneficiary who inherits everything that's not taken care of by the rest of your will); or, if you don't have a will, your pet will go to your next of kin, as determined by state law.

Once you find a willing caretaker, it's important to review everything that's important to you. Special diets, treatments, training, and activities cost time and money. Well-intentioned friends and relatives who don't share your interests or income may provide a loving home but not necessarily the one you want your pet to enjoy.

Do you have more than one pet? Are they closely attached? Do you know someone who would foster them while looking for an adopt-them-both home?

Once you find a willing caretaker, look for another one. Having a backup caretaker can save the day if your first choice loses her job, has to move, is in an accident, falls ill, or is for some other reason unable to accept your pet or continue its care. Having at least two backup caretakers and at least two backup trustees (if you create a trust) is highly recommended.

If you can't find a good caretaker

If your dog came from a breeder, shelter, or organization that requires the dog's return, you have a safety net. But what if you don't know anyone who could care for your pets for the rest of their lives?

Members of dog organizations, such as kennel clubs, dog sport clubs, ITA and other therapy dog organizations, and rescue groups, along with those who take their dogs to trainers, can network with fellow members to find appropriate temporary care (think foster homes) for your dogs if needed.

Veterinarians, animal shelters, and pet sanctuaries are other options. Some veterinary schools and no-kill shelters have continuing pet care programs in which animals live the rest of their lives on-site in comfortable surroundings, are adopted out, or put into foster care. These programs typically require an enrollment fee (such as \$1,000) and an endowment (such as \$10,000 or more) either now or as a bequest in your will.

Funding your pet's future

Once you decide what arrangements to make, the important question is where the money will come from to support your pets after you die or when you are no longer able to care for them. Trust funding or direct bequests can come from cash, life insurance, annuities, stocks, bonds, or property that can be sold, such as a vehicle, house, or boat. An attorney or financial advisor can explain direct transfers, life insurance, pay-on-death accounts, and other options.

Do you need a lawyer?

For the simplest of care arrangements – your best friend, a member of your family, or someone who loves your pet volunteers to care for him if something happens to you – the transfer of ownership and a simple bequest probably won't require a lawyer.

But if your estate is large or complicated, if relatives are likely to challenge your plans, or if you want to maintain as much control of your pet's future as possible, you need an attorney.

Some legal firms offer do-it-yourself will-writing software or programs that create pet trusts. These can be inexpensive, but will programs are not usually state-specific, and laws on estates and trusts vary from state to state. Also, will programs come with general but not specific advice about estate planning. Beneficiary designations, joint tenancy ownership, and other property issues have to be coordinated with the planning in a will, and online programs may not incorporate them. In other words, it's a good idea to check with a local lawyer who has estate-planning and pet trust experience.

For more information:

To check the status of pet trust laws in your state, go to the ASPCA's website, aspc.org/pet-care/pet-planning/pet-trust-laws.

For detailed reports about all aspects of pet estate planning, visit the Michigan State University Animal Legal & Historical Center at animallaw.info and search for pet estates.

For free planning forms and emergency notification cards, visit **2nd Chance for Pets**, 2ndchance4pets.org.

ITA's Heart & Paw Circle ~ for further information:

YES, I want to leave a lasting legacy to ensure that ITA can continue to bring the healing benefits of animal interactions to others long into the future.

I have already included a gift to ITA in my will or estate plan.

I wish to remain anonymous.

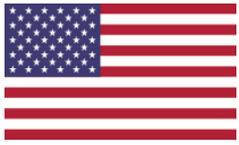
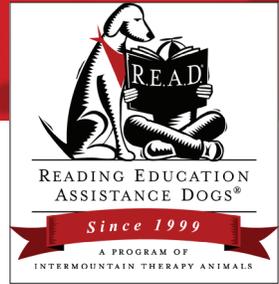
I am actively considering a gift to ITA in my will or estate plan. Please contact me with detailed information on my options.

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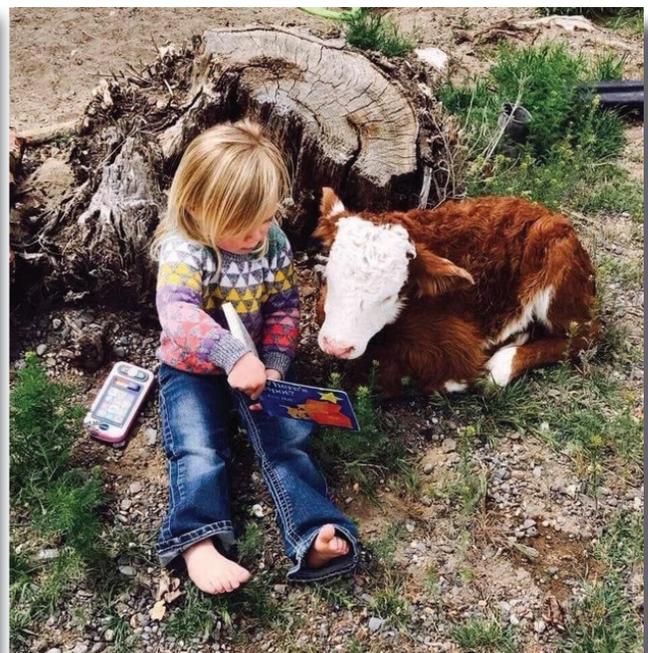
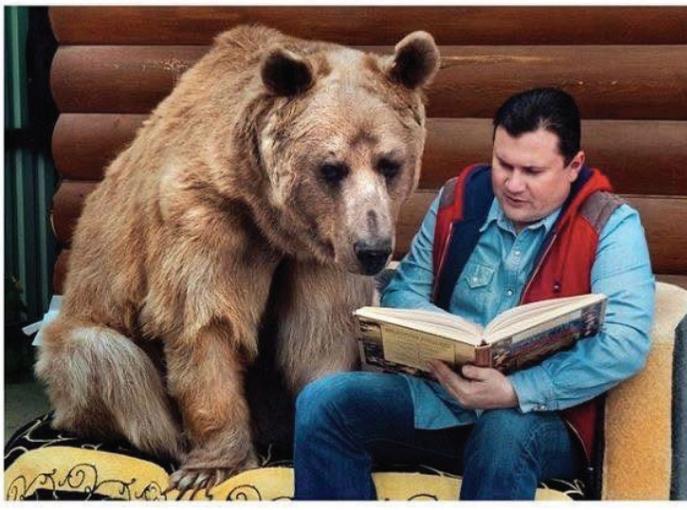


Italy



Republic of China/Taiwan

Read the part where she burns her mouth on my porridge again



Appreciation

2 PAINLESS Ways to Help ITA

Thank you for letting Beijo and I be a small part of this amazing organization. Keep up the great work. Miss y'all!

Melissa Barnett
Retired ITA Handler

To the Angels at Intermountain Therapy Animals,
Our son Kevin was at McKay Dee for nine days recently with kidney failure.

The wonderful loving dogs and owners came almost every day to see him. We loved Bear, Ella Mae, Annabelle, Donny, Daisy and Abby. These visits truly lifted his spirits. We can't thank you enough!

With love,

Kevin & the Baker Family

Hello this is Nathan Rexroat your friend

I want to thank you all for what you have done with the dogs and bringing them to Shriners Hospital for the children and doing what you do best. Me and my mom Lana and my sister Rosa and I thank you for bringing the dogs when I wasn't feeling too good. You made me feel better when you brought the dogs in and after that I looked forward to seeing them.

Thanks for everything you all do. Here's a little extra to help keep the lights on. We can't wait to get back out there.

Thank you! Thank you!

Linda Wright & Gordon Dog



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Brett Glatfelter (10.21.21)
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Roy & Jackie Byrd (8.23.21)
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The Catherine Chamberlain Trust (10.4.21)

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Anna Elyzabeth Perez (11/19/21)
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Kathy Klotz

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Lorraine Slattery (11.30.21)
Mr. Cooper, companion of Rick Ford
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Crystal Puckett & Cache Tolman's wedding
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Jane & Dave Staplin (10.11.21)
Bonnie Rockwood
Laurel Romero (9.9.21)
Merrily Shultz
Kathy Klotz (9.9.21)
Beth Wolfer & Kozzy
Teresa Ford & Spencer Bishop (3.16.21)
Andrew Bernard (3.17.21)

In MEMORY of . . .

Alvin, ITA partner of Beth Wolfer

Teresa Ford & Spencer Bishop (3.16.21)
Annie, partner of Ellen Jennings
Steven Kornfeld (5.3.21)
Curt Astin
Jody & Bill Andes (1.12.21)
Geraldine Babcock (R.E.A.D.)
Ninon Bartlett (1.16.21)
Vicki Pfeifer (1.24.21)
Bocca, beloved ITA partner of the Allens
Lauren Allen (8.23.21)
Peggy Rosati Allen (8.24.21)
Catherine Chamberlain
Kathy Klotz (8.10.21)
Bee Lufkin (9.22.21)
Ann Hollowell (9.29.21)



Myrtle DeCoursey

Kathy Klotz (2.8.21)
Drover, a R.E.A.D. dog in Texas
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Robert & Arlene Ellis
Mark Ellis (4.5.21, 6.3.21, 9.7.21, 11.2.21)
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Tonia Boike (6.27.21)
John Catlett (6.9.21)
Lynne Ferkinhoff (7.20.21)
Amy Glaser (6.25.21)
Jenni & Andrew Lawrence (8.2.21)
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Charyl Schmidt (8.2.21)
Kristin Schnuckle (6.8.21)
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Amanda Trudeau (6.13.21)
Janice Yglesias (6.8.21)

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Laurel Romero (11.4.21)

Jesse, partner of Susan Gagnon

Steven Kornfeld (5.3.21)

Leroy, my R.E.A.D. dog, R.I.P.

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Michelle Macdonald

Jill Colton (10.7.21)

Nicole Thompson (10.8.21)

Bill & Sharon Smith (10.7.21)

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Mickey

Pamela Metz & John Bermen (10.29.21)

Molly, companion of Charlotte & Bob Fischer

Jane Fischer (2.22.21)

Thomas Neeley

Ruth & Jerry Blazek (3.23.21)

Bob Rial

Jane & Dave Staplin (10.11.21)

Ranger Shriner, a true heart and the best listener

Karen McNeil (5.8.21)

Sage, non-official therapy dog of Julie Hopkins and the most beloved dog in Park City

Julie Lewis and the Williams/Lewis Family (5.17.21)

Lebert Schultz

Kathy Klotz (2.25.21)

Merrily Shultz (2.25.21)

Stacy Winkler (2.25.21)

Skye, companion of Kathy Klotz

Jane Fischer (5.8.21)

Laurel Romero (5.12.21)



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Gifts to Honor & Remember 2021 (cont.)

In MEMORY of . . . (cont.)

Lori Stockinger & Rocea

John Stockinger (1.1.21)

Gary Wiedenfeld (died May 17, 2021)

Marsha Baumhover

Diana Brown

Brenda & Danny Chandler

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Ann Didonato & Michael

Fitzgerald

Don Frazer

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On Giving Tuesday, November 30, 2021

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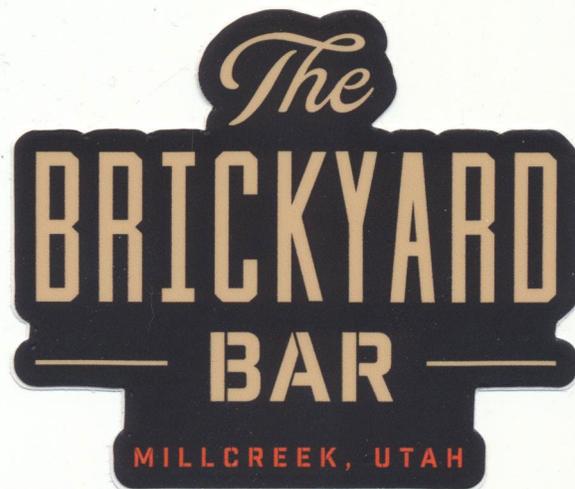
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UTAH – SALT LAKE AREA

Canyon Rim Care Center
Collective Recovery
Copper Hills Youth Center
Discovery Gateway Children's Museum [R.E.A.D. PROGRAM]
Encircle SLC
Huntsman Mental Health Institute (formerly UNI)
Huntsman Mental Health Institute (Youth Residential Treatment)
Intermountain Medical Center (IMC)
Lifelong Learning Center
Millcreek Community Library (R.E.A.D. Program)
Neighborhood House
Primary Children's Medical Center (P.C.M.C.)
Primary Children's Residential Treatment Center (R.T.C.)
Redwood Elementary [R.E.A.D. Program]
Riverton Hospital
Rocky Mountain Care - Riverton
Sagewood at Daybreak
Salt Lake Behavioral Health
Salt Lake International Airport
Shriner's Hospital
Spring Gardens Holladay
St. Joseph Villa
St. Mark's Hospital
University of Utah Hospital and Rehabilitation
Utah School for the Deaf and Blind
West Valley Elementary (R.E.A.D. Program)

UTAH – PARK CITY AREA

Park City Medical Center

UTAH – OGDEN / LOGAN

Bristol Hospice - Ogden
Gardens Assisted Living

George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home
McKay-Dee Hospital
Mountain Ridge Assisted Living
Ogden Regional Hospital
Our House Assisted Living of Ogden
Treeo Senior Living

UTAH – UTAH VALLEY AREA

Center for Change /Orem (Eating disorders)
Springville Library (R.E.A.D. Program)
Utah Valley Regional Medical Center / Provo



SOUTHERN UTAH – ST. GEORGE & CEDAR CITY

Advanced Health Care
Meadows Assisted Living
St. George Library (R.E.A.D. Program)
St. George Regional Hospital
Washington City Library (R.E.A.D. Program)

MONTANA – BILLINGS, BOZEMAN, AND HELENA AREAS

Arrowhead School (R.E.A.D. Program)
Birchwood
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
Bozeman Public Library (R.E.A.D. Program)
Caselen Living Center
Gallatin Valley YMCA
Heart of the Valley
Elkhorn Treatment Center
Fort Harrison Veterans Center
Hunters Pointe

Legacy Assisted Living
Shodair Children's Hospital
Touchmark Assisted Living

MONTANA – WHITEFISH AREA

Logan Health Whitefish (AKA: North Valley Hospital)
The Springs at Whitefish
Flathead Valley Community College
Flathead Emergency Crisis Team
Montana Veterans Home, Columbia Falls
Beehive Homes Senior living

Glacier High School
Whitefish Community Library (R.E.A.D. Program)

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Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (E.I.R.M.C.)
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Gables Assisted Living – Idaho Falls
St. Anthony Detention Center

Each of our ITA therapy teams is absolutely unique, since all the people and animals bring to their volunteer practice an endless kaleidoscope of ages, sizes, backgrounds, temperaments and talents.

And we need more of them! What about you and your companion animal? If you think you both might enjoy volunteering with ITA, providing animal-assisted interactions, we are pleased to announce that we are able to hold training classes again in 2022.

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• Or go to our website: **www.therapyanimals.org/volunteer**

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