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*"Hope  
can be  
a medicine,  
and Love  
can be  
a cure."*

- MARLO THOMAS



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***"Dogs may be the real wonder drug!"***

***- Researcher Kayla O'Malley***

## Who are Intermountain Therapy Animals?

We are a human service organization, a Utah nonprofit that brings the gift 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 pets) 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 may be either animal-assisted activities (AAA) or animal-assisted therapy (AAT). Successful teams have completed both health and temperament screening and volunteer training.

Now nearing our 15th anniversary, we are one of the largest groups of our kind in the United States, with more than 300 volunteer teams doing animal-assisted therapy at more than 100 hospitals, counseling centers, nursing facilities, detention homes, extended care centers, and schools. Chapters of ITA now thrive in Montana, Idaho, Nevada, and Ohio.

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.

Our volunteers participate in therapy visits, training, community education, and important community service. ITA animals, having passed rigorous skills and aptitude tests, are certifiably good-tempered, healthy, safe, stable, predictable, obedient and well-groomed.

Demand for the services of ITA's well-trained animal/handler teams never slows down. In addition to the more than 100 institutions we are currently serving, many more facilities are on our waiting list. All our services are provided at no charge to facilities and patient/clients.

If you would like to schedule a visit from Intermountain Therapy Animals, or become involved with our organization as a volunteer (either with or without your own companion animal), or if you just want more information about us and our work, please contact Executive Director Kathy Klotz at 272-3439. We welcome all who want to lend a helping paw! ♥



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## Carlee & Bob Gulliver

June 20, 2008

DEAR ITA,

**O**N APRIL 13, 2006, MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER CARLEE, THEN THREE YEARS OLD, WENT TO PRIMARY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO HAVE HER TONSILS REMOVED. DURING the surgery she had an asthma attack and her right lung collapsed. Three days later her left lung collapsed and she went into the intensive care unit (PICU). For two days they kept her on 100% oxygen and helium, but then she stopped breathing and her heart stopped. She was revived and intubated, and kept this way for three weeks. When she was extubated she obviously wouldn't—couldn't—speak, and really didn't show much expression. The doctors told me this could be because of all her medications, but I was warned about the possibility of brain damage.

One afternoon I was holding her, rocking in a chair, when Bob Gulliver came walking past. Carlee

pointed to him, *smiled*, and whispered "doggie!" The nurse and I both cried! I knew Carlee had come out of her fog. We still needed to deal with the difficulties of learning to walk, swallow and potty-train again, but there was no permanent brain damage. Bob Gulliver and his owner, Jean (Glaser), pulled my baby out of this place when even I couldn't. I could never repay that, ever!

Fast-forward to November 2006: Carlee started the KUED reading contest. In January 2007 we went to the Utah State Fairpark for the party, and ITA was there with three or four R.E.A.D. dogs. And one of them was Bob Gulliver! I recognized him and began to cry. Whether Carlee consciously remembered him or not, I don't know, but she excluded the other dogs and was all over Bob. I briefly explained to Jean about our Primary experience, and she gave me Bob's "business card," which Carlee and I cherish. She is now an energetic 5-year-old, and she still has asthma and lung problems—damage from the collapse—but, happy and living, she completes our lives.



Bob Gulliver, partner of Jean Glaser of Park City.

I am a widow, raising four girls. I also teach junior high. Teachers get paid once a month, and usually by the end of the month things are tight. However, this month I had an extra \$50, which I am sending to you. Carlee and I were looking at Bob's photo in her photo album, and I was telling her about her time in the PICU. She smiled and said she loved him. I love him too—and Jean! God bless you both, and all of you at ITA for what you do! Thank you!

Love,

Tracie & Carlee

## Join Intermountain Therapy Animals —With or Without Your Pet

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

**2x**

Intermountain Therapy Animals participates in the Combined Federal Campaign, making it possible for all federal employees to donate to us through their workplace payroll deduction plans.



**Yes!** I want to help Intermountain Therapy Animals like Bob Gulliver continue to bless the lives of so many who need them. Here is my tax-deductible membership gift:

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# Gallery Around the Community



ABOVE, FROM LEFT:) Louise Fischman, art educator at the Primary RTC, ITA Board Member John Rettie, and Carol Osborn, MD, smile with Colonel (Daynes) at the opening of our art show, "Paws for Healing: Art and Animal Therapies at Primary Children's Residential Treatment Center" at Evolutionary Healthcare in January 2008.



## CACTUS & TROPICALS & THERAPY ANIMALS: A SWELL PARTY!



Rebecca Marriott Champion, here with ITA Board member Karen Duncan, was the principal sponsor of ITA's Cactus & Tropicals & Therapy Animals party on March 29, 2008, which netted ITA more than \$11,000. Thanks, Rebecca!

(BELOW:) Bravo, partner of KC Owens, pleads earnestly for support during the Petco Sugar House Holiday Tree of Hope charitable campaign. Customers were unable to resist his sincere approach, and Petco patrons raised over \$4,000 for ITA. Thanks, Petco, and well done, Bravo!



(ABOVE:) Betty, partner of Diane Bracey, gets ready to smooch a new friend at Turn Community Services in January 2008.

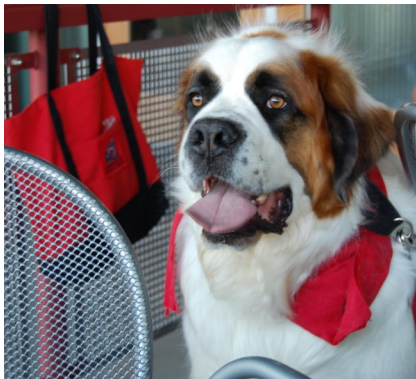
Ripkin, partner of Shelley Gallagher, learns agility skills from Josh at the Primary RTC. Such complex activities help the kids learn patience, persistence, how to follow instructions, and how to deal appropriately with frustration. Then they garner the esteem-building rewards of success and accomplishment after long and hard work!



After reviewing the expanding literature, researcher Kayla O'Malley asserts that "Dogs may be the real wonder drug — offering benefits of both physical and mental improvements to children, adolescents, and seniors" (in *Delta Society Interactions*, vol. 25 no. 2, 2007). This issue is packed with that evidence in stories and photos — enjoy!



## with Intermountain Therapy Animals



(TOP:) Millie, partner of Wayne & Jack Trice, samples one of the complimentary chips when ITA had Dinner Out With the Dogs at the Chipotle Grill in Sugar House on June 17th.

(ABOVE:) Rockea, partner of Lori Stockinger, was the biggest canine guest in attendance that night.

(BELOW:) ITA Board Member Peg Chudd and her partner, Grace, pose with Jose, one of our gracious Chipotle hosts who made sure we had a perfect evening. Thanks, Friends at Chipotle Grill!



(RIGHT:) Donna Olsen & Lucky, and Joe Vervaecke & Elliot were there to offer therapy to guests when ITA co-hosted with The King's English for the appearance of Ted Kerasote, author of Merle's Door, on May 12, 2008.

(BELOW:) Boomer, partner of Darryl Armstrong, collects a gaggle of kids at the KUED Reading Marathon Party in January 2008.



(BELOW:) Caleb suffered a catastrophic brain injury and multiple broken bones in a devastating car accident. His visits with Colonel, partner of Susan Daynes, were pivotal in helping motivate him to participate in his difficult physical therapies. Here he initiated a hug with his leg!



## Miscellaneous Cool Stuff

### Appreciating Us

We wanted to thank you for taking the time to come out and join with us in celebrating National Rehabilitation Week. I hope you know how appreciative we are of the many hours of service you provide to make that per-person connection. We wanted to acknowledge how much we appreciate the expertise, professionalism, and the intrinsic motivation that drive the pet therapy program. The element that you provide for us is irreplaceable. The difference you make, few humans can provide unless they are hairy, small, and super-ly unconditionally loving (a rare find!).

We had such a memorable event—thank you for coming to reinforce the benefits of animals and their healing tendencies. We appreciate all pet partners that service these three hospitals; we know it is a sacrifice. We hope that all the good karma you create will come back to you tenfold. If there is anything that we can do to help you, we are at your beck and call. We wish you well and hope that you know how much we appreciate your donating your time and efforts..

*Shauna Smith, RT*  
University of Utah Hospital  
Salt Lake City, Utah



### A Little Too Therapeutic?

"A doctor at Primary Children's told me today that I was causing him problems. He said that he was trying to discharge a little girl but she didn't want to go home because she would rather stay to have more visits with Jazzy!"

—ITA Member Lisa Towner



### How Do They Do That?

We are well aware that dogs are the single most adaptable and malleable species in relation to humans—there are more than 400 recognized breeds at this time. What makes such different shapes and sizes possible? Marilyn vos Savant says, "Dogs have genes that affect the timing, rate and length of development of separate body parts, which allows great variety. For example, the muzzle may start to form earlier or later, proceed fast or slowly, and take a short or long time. As the head, eyes and ears also are developing during this period—on their own schedules, too—these elements come together in different ways. No other species can produce such a kaleidoscope of forms."

### More Very Cool Awards

Our "Animal-Assisted Interventions" DVD, highlighting how to include therapy animals in rehabilitation therapies, and produced for us by Main Frame in Park City, has won a prestigious **Telly Award**, a SILVER (the highest possible) in the nonprofit category.

And, ITA's last calendar, 2007's "Classic Canines," won another GOLD Award from the Service Industry Advertising Association—this is the FOURTH such award for our fabulous calendars!

Congratulations and thanks to Ranee Stam, our calendar designer, and Kim and Steve Holmes at Main Frame, who have contributed so much to ITA's professional image and reputation!

**Telly Awards**



### Cover Dog!

**Poncho**, late partner of Darryl Armstrong and ITA's first Therapy

Dog of the Year (1998), was the cover dog on the Winter 2008 issue of *AWI Quarterly*, a beautiful publication of the Animal Welfare Institute in Washington, D.C. AWI's purpose is to reduce the sum total of pain and fear inflicted upon animals by humans.

ITA was contacted by AWI because they planned to do an article about how animals help with teaching, and they wanted the R.E.A.D.® Program to be a part of the article. We sent a selection of photos and they chose one of Cheryl Roht and Robbie, a R.E.A.D. team in Kansas City (see photo on next page). Then they asked us to provide possible cover shots, and they fell in love with this one of Poncho.

Although he died in December of 2006, after almost a decade of therapy volunteering, Poncho's influence lives on, as his smiling face will inspire many readers to open the magazine and learn more about animals as teachers, R.E.A.D.ers, and incomparable companions.





## Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (The R.E.A.D.® Program) News

Scotts, R.E.A.D. partner of Tony Nevett in the UK., by children's illustrator Lynda Nelson.

### R.E.A.D.® registers 1,900 Teams!

In June of 2008, we at ITA registered R.E.A.D. Team #1,800 nationally. Added to ITA's own 100 R.E.A.D. teams, we are now marching toward 2,000 teams and R.E.A.D.'s 9th anniversary in November!

### "Jump into Tomorrow"

An exciting new website called [jumpintotomorrow.com](http://jumpintotomorrow.com) launched recently, "listing and honoring breakthrough technology, amazing ideas and innovative individuals, every single day." Founder Sam Spear wanted to include R.E.A.D. when they launched the site, and we were



honored to be included. Right away, R.E.A.D. won the Voters' Choice Award for the week (the most votes from site visitors) and the site's expert consultants' unanimous choice endorsement as Technology of the Day for June 6th. Sam said, "What you and all the R.E.A.D. people are doing touched all of us in a different and warmer way than other award-winners, but that pales in comparison to the way all of you have touched all those people out in the world who have you to thank for inspiring a love of, and confidence in, reading."



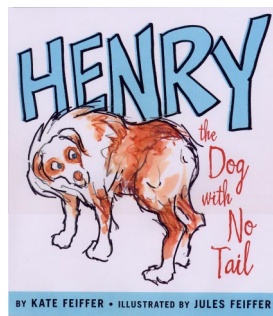
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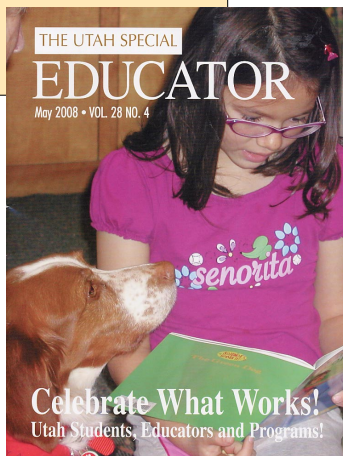
Classic R.E.A.D. scenes: (ABOVE:) Kimoa, R.E.A.D. partner of Terri Courtney of Antioch, California, and (BELOW:) Robbie (partner of Cheryl Roht) listens to Jordan Birmingham. Kansas City Star, August 2007.



For a second time, the folks at Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing donated 200 copies of a new book to benefit R.E.A.D.—this time HENRY, the Dog with No Tail, by Kate Feiffer and illustrations by the legendary Jules Feiffer (Kate's father, as it turns out). Henry is a great story about learning to love yourself the way you are, and it's bound to become a classic. Thanks again, Simon & Schuster!



The May 2008 issue of *The Utah Special Educator* focused on "Celebrating What Works" and, no surprise, the R.E.A.D. program merited the theme cover, featuring ITA R.E.A.D. dog Nicci, Brittany Spaniel partner of Judy Curtin of Ogden. Curtin and reading specialist Nancy Cook wrote the article about the program happening at North Park Elementary in the Weber School District.



# ITA's Donors & Supporters 2007 – 2008

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## About Both Ends of the Leash

# Raffertie Rosenbury & Raisin

If therapy goes to the rats, it just may be a great thing!

On Monday, July 30, 2007, the *Salt Lake Tribune* noted the following:

RATS! Did your kid start begging for a rat the moment the credits rolled on the summer blockbuster "Ratatouille?" If so, you might want to give in. According to the latest issue of *Wondertime*, rats are the best small pets for kids. Rats are smart, gentle and meticulous. They love attention, do tricks, come when called, and play games. They are also nocturnal, so they're game for playtime in the evening and morning, which fits with many families' schedules.

ITA junior member Raffertie Rosenbury is ahead of the curve! She and her little Raisin, a hairless rat, joined ITA in 2007 and went right to work, volunteering at the Turn Summer Camp.

Raffertie is unusually committed for her young age (14), and very clear about her goals and preferences. She has a great desire to work with the developmentally



challenged, and it is a delight to watch her and Raisin interacting with their clients.

Debbie McAllister, her ITA mentor, says Raffertie relates beautifully to her clients, is skilled at engaging them in fun conversation, and manages to be a great advocate for Raisin's safety while simultaneously educating the kids about rats and redirecting without criticism. Debbie says watching Raffertie and Raisin at work is simply delightful, almost magical!

—Kathy Klotz



(ABOVE:) Jazzy Towner on the dining room table.  
(LEFT:) Little Raisin the hairless therapy rat, with handler Raffertie Rosenbury, were a huge hit at Turn Summer Camp this year!

# Lisa Towner & Jazzy

Hi, I am a cute, 44-pound curly black bundle of hair, full of energy and love of life, especially playing ball! (That's me on the cover of this issue, with a little girl at Primary Children's Hospital.) I listen countless times when Lisa explains to strangers to "think twice before getting a Portuguese Water Dog," as I was apparently a terror as a puppy. I don't really get that, because all I wanted was her undivided attention at all times. I accomplished this by leaping on the dining room table, throwing my ball under the couch and then scratching at the fabric like a madwoman, sitting on her feet so she couldn't cook, and generally YAPPING at her to insist she focus on me. What's wrong with that? Life should revolve around ME. And of course, three exercise sessions a day were NEVER enough. Who could live with just lying around anyway?

So now I am two. I understand exercise comes in two-a-days, along with playing ball in the house. The furniture is for people (darnit).

I also get to go on these therapy outings, twice or more per week. The staff and others all want to pet me and talk about me and ask questions about me. Sometimes I think that is my job. But Lisa gets frustrated. I don't have any acts to follow my brother, Hoop or sister, Dunk (whom I never actually met). That's because I am COMPLETELY different. But Lisa keeps saying we need to get going because our real job should be about the patients. My uniqueness holds us up from our real job because everyone wants to TALK, TALK, and MORE TALK.

When we finally sneak away to really get down to our work, I understand why these people need me. I forget about my home behavior and go into work mode. I love to leap into beds or really high

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## Lisa & Jazzy (Continued from page 4)

plinths to snuggle with kids. I have a great time with all the adults that need help with their bodies, minds, and speech. It's all great stuff. But then it happens again . . . someone wants to discuss ME again and again and again.

I just came up with an idea: Perhaps we could clip me in some horrid chopped manner so I didn't look so adorable! I don't think that would stop it though, because then they would say I am so homely I am cute.

— Lisa Towner

[ED. NOTE: Lisa has been an ITA volunteer for \_\_\_ years, first with her Golden Retrievers, Hoop and Dunk, and most recently with Jazz. Lisa was given ITA's Heart & Hand Award as part of Utah Philanthropy Day in November of 2007.]



## Raymond Gunn & Lily

Each year almost every breed club holds a national specialty show, "specialty" meaning only pure breed members of that breed may enter; a celebration of the breed. And the Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) is no different.

Each Spring one of the regional affiliates host this national show at a different locale around the country. 2007's show was in Wisconsin, in 2008 it will be in Rhode Island. During 2007 our regional club, the High Country Newfoundland Club, representing the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming put on the national speciality; 450 Newfoundlands for seven days at the Millennium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder Colorado.

Events include conformation, agility, and obedience judging (as would be the case at any regular all-breed dog show)

plus carting, which is an event shared by several of the 24 "Working" breeds identified the American Kennel Club. Also, the Newfoundland breed offers an AKC recognized testing/title which is very rare if not unique to our breed, that of Water Dog, Water Rescue Dog, and now Water Rescue Dog Excellent depending upon the complexity of skills required by the exam.

Since our national speciality is a qualifying event for our breed for The Westminster Kennel Club show in New York, and for Crufts, the All-England Dog Show, the largest dog show in the world. it attracts Newfs and humans from around the world. We met people from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Mexico, Sweden, and three wonderful ladies from Scotland.

On day three, the NCA held a special ceremony to recognize the hard work and the contribution to the breed made

by the 50 active therapy Newfoundlands participating.

One by one the group was announced to the center of the show ring to be recognized by Mr. Roger Frey, NCA president, and to receive an award in keeping with the theme of this year's show "Rocky Mountain Rendezvous" - a large red Newfoundland-sized bandana, and a gold pin of a standing Newfoundland in profile with a red cross in the center.

The above photo is of my wife, Mary Delle, taking Lily into the ring. I was the Emcee for the 2007 show and so you can imagine what a proud moment it was to be able to announce "Avalon's Highland Lily to center ring please."

— Raymond Gunn



**Barb Guy**

## The passing of a beloved pet brings back bittersweet memories

This week we said, "Adios" to Cinco.

Our fluffy eight-pound terrier mutt had become the punch line to a sad joke. He was epileptic, had lost a leg to cancer years ago, and now, at sixteen, he faded to six pounds. He also was afflicted with a creepy skin condition, cataracts, dental disease, a weird open sore on his throat that wouldn't heal, and, for the last several days, whenever he would awaken and try to get up, he would squeal out in agony. (Lost dog: Answers to "Lucky.")

The vet came to our house. He agreed Cinco was in pain and near the end of his life. Within minutes, our little friend lay lifeless on the couch. Soon after, Chris, still a farm boy, was digging a straight, deep hole in the back yard.

Cinco was my mom's dog. The year my dad was dying, Chris and I took Millie to the Pima County Animal Shelter. They chose each other through the chain link, this funny little rag mop and the sharp-dressing, delighted-by-life older lady. They loved each other from the start. It was just before Mother's Day, the fifth of May, and we christened Cinco with rounds of margaritas.

For the ten years my mom lived after my dad died, Cinco was her partner. She taught him to growl when a certain car dealer's commercials came on television. She took him out for french fries. She made Halloween costumes and Santa hats for him. He went with her to the bank, the doctor's office, the grocery store, the hair salon.

Cinco was as at home in Tucson as Millie was. Even on the hottest days, they both would lay among the rocks and bougainvillea, soaking up the sun. But in the end, they shared a lot more than a love of sunshine, junk food and each

other. They both lived longer than they should have, both ending up tragically far from the joyous beings they had been.

Cinco was a faithful friend to Millie as she began losing all the pieces of her world. She moved to Salt Lake City, getting a place near us. Then she had a stroke. Cinco visited her every day in the hospital. When Millie and Cinco couldn't live in their house anymore, we found an apartment for seniors that allowed pets. As Millie's cognitive ability went down and down and down, we started to get as many calls about Cinco as we did about her.

Millie was incessantly dialing zero on her telephone, thinking she was calling the front desk of her "hotel." Unsupervised, Cinco was cavorting through the assisted living center's fancy restaurant and peeing on its fine carpets.

So Cinco came to live with us. By the time Millie was moved to the nursing home she didn't notice whether Cinco visited her. I was her only child, but soon she didn't have any idea who I was. I hope she didn't notice she had traded lovely carpets for linoleum, wine with dinner for fruit punch, and caring nurse's aides for disinterested men who would hose her down in a giant roll-in shower. On the day Millie finally, finally died, Cinco was curled up in bed with her as I sat holding her hand.

The passing of Cinco is the passing of the last piece of Millie and it really hurts. But what's worse is that after seeing the hopelessness and unbearable suffering, I was able to make a courageous, terrible, loving decision for a little dog, but we live in a culture where there's nothing you can do for a mother.

—

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 Bush Sales & Manufacturing  
 Ronnie Johnson  
 Shirley May May  
 Tom Lueders  
 Katie Lueders  
*Mattie, companion of Kathy Klotz*  
 Peggy & Andy Chudd  
 Kathy Klotz  
 Sandi Martin  
 Nancy Rosen  
 Debbie Martin  
 Elizabeth Shannon  
 Valerie Sims  
 Lynda Miner's Mother  
 Joan Reid  
 Greg Otteson  
 Donna Olsen  
*Raven, partner of Vicki Hall*  
 Erika Banning  
 Peggy & Andy Chudd  
 Ann Marie Darstein

*Jerr, companion of Austin & Joan Larsen*  
 Pamela & John Berman  
*Sofie, R.E.A.D. companion of Susan Bass*  
 Susan Bass  
 Sugar Stelly  
 Anita P. Vigil  
 Jaelynn Golson  
*Yodel, R.E.A.D. Dog #616, partner of Phyllis Conrad*  
 Phyllis Conrad  
 Betty Nelson

#### In HONOR of . . .

*Bob Gulliver, partner of Jean Glaser*  
 Tracie & Carlee McEwen  
*Penny Brooke*  
 IHC Foundation  
*Nancy Brooks*  
 Prudential Foundation  
*Debra & Jim*  
 Mary L. Lillian  
*Jeanette Golden & Dune, for R.E.A.D.*  
 National Capital Therapy Dogs  
*Anne Jacob*  
 Amy Simpson  
*Sandi Martin*  
 Cheré Romney  
*Annette Migliaccio & Maggie*  
 Rocky Mountain Power Foundation  
*Lucky & Rusty, partners of Donna Olsen*  
 Ann Elizabeth Williams  
*John Rettie's Birthday*  
 Sharon & David Rettie  
*Shadow*  
 Susan Arsh  
*Alden Taylor's Birthday, for R.E.A.D.*  
 Kathleen K. Todd  
*Lisa Towner & Jazzy*  
 Victoria & Paul Bennett  
 Vicki Bennion  
 Ross Marquez  
 Barbara & Richard Towner  
 Constance Ogilvie  
 David Ogilvie  
 Lou Ann & Peter Stevens  
*Debbie & Ed Whiteaker*  
 Buck Coleman

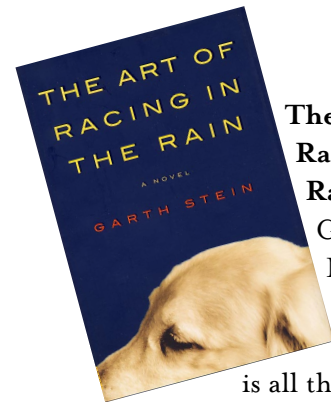
#### In TRIBUTE to . . .

*Annie Rose & Buddy, R.E.A.D. Partners of Maggi Payne*  
 Christina, Dave, Chrissy, Elizabeth  
 & Allison Oh

I WILL STAY IN YOUR HEART,  
 AND WHENEVER YOU SPEAK MY NAME,  
 I WILL LIVE AND LIVE AND LIVE.

— the late Ken W. Brewer, former Poet Laureate of Utah

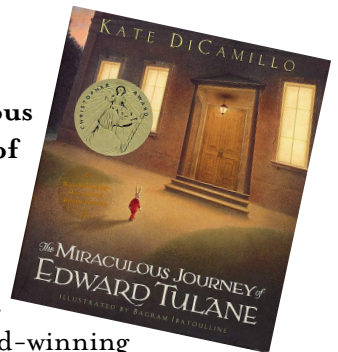
## Great Reads, for Summer or Anytime



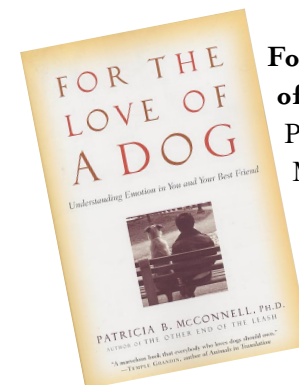
**The Art of Racing in the Rain**, by Garth Stein. Narrator. Philosopher. Dog. Enzo is all these things.

You will love this heart-wrenching and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty and hope.

**The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**, by Kate DiCamillo.



This award-winning author will make you care desperately about this hero, who just happens to be a china rabbit.



**For the Love of a Dog**, by Patricia McConnell, PhD. All about understanding your

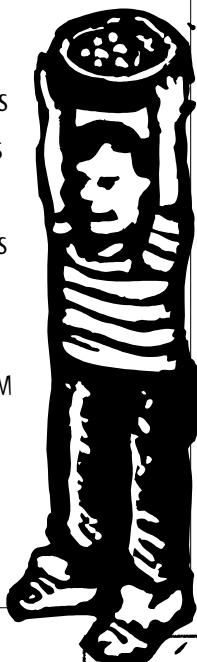
dog's emotions. Since we canine-lovers often get confused in the fuzzy terrain between dogs and humans, projection and anthropomorphism, this one is a must!

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## Things to NEVER feed your pet

1. Alcohol
2. Apple cores
3. Avocado
4. Cooked bones
5. Caffeine
6. Cheese
7. Chocolate
8. Corn cobs
9. Dough
10. Fat
11. Garlic
12. Grapes
13. Ham
14. Liver
15. Milk
16. Moldy foods
17. Mushrooms
18. Onions
19. Potato peels
20. Raisins
21. Tuna

— Karen Halligan, DVM



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## Tortie cat keeps railway from going belly up

A money-losing Japanese train company has found the purr-fect mascot to draw crowds and bring back business—tortie cat, Tama.

All the 9-year-old female has to do is sit by the entrance of western Japan's Kishi Station, wearing a black uniform cap and posing for photos for the tourists who are now flocking in from across the nation.

Her job makes cultural sense in Japan, where cats are considered good luck and are believed to bring in business.

Tama has done such a good job of raising revenue for the troubled Kishikawa train line that she was recently promoted to "super-stationmaster." "She never complains, even though passengers touch her all over the place. She is an amazing cat. She has patience and charisma," said Wakayama Electric Railway Co. spokeswoman Yoshiko Yamaki. "She is the perfect stationmaster."

People have been snatching up novelty goods—postcards, notebooks and erasers—bearing Tama's photos.

The Kishikawa line had been losing \$4.9 million a year as passenger numbers fell steadily to as low as about 5,000 a day, or about 1.9 million a year. After Tama's appointment last year, passenger numbers have risen by 10 percent, to about 2.1 million a year. ♥



# The Facilities and Programs We Serve

Intermountain Therapy Animals' volunteers are currently participating in animal-assisted therapy (AAT) and/or animal-assisted activities (AAA), including R.E.A.D. programs, at the following facilities.

## UTAH – SALT LAKE AREA

Aspen Ridge Rehabilitation Center  
(Rehabilitation therapies)  
Atria Crosslands / Sandy (Assisted Living)  
Benchmark Hospital / Woods Cross  
(Adolescents in Residential Treatment  
Program for Drugs and Violence and  
R.E.A.D. program)  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Midvale (R.E.A.D.)  
Canyon Rim Care Center (short- and long-  
term care)  
Care Source Residence (Hospice care)  
Children's Center / Kearns (Child Learning)  
Cottonwood Hospital (Surgical Waiting  
Room)  
Grace Mary Manor  
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital / Sandy  
(Long-term Rehabilitation)  
Heritage Place / Bountiful (Seniors)  
Highland Care Center / SLC (Senior  
Care)  
Infinia at Granite Hills / SLC (Long-  
term rehabilitation)  
Inn at Barton Creek (Seniors) /  
Bountiful  
Inspiration Hospice / Murray  
Jackson Elementary / SLC (R.E.A.D.)  
Jordan Valley Hospital / West Jordan  
(Med Surg)  
Lakeview Hospital / Bountiful (Senior  
Psych Unit)  
LDS Hospital (IHC) / Rehabilitation  
Services  
Learning Services / Riverton (Adult  
Males with Longterm Disabilities)  
LifePath Hospice  
Lone Peak Elementary / Sandy  
(R.E.A.D.)  
Longview Elementary / Murray  
(R.E.A.D.)  
Neighborhood House / Cottonwood and  
SLC (elder daycare)  
Observation & Assessment, Boys' Unit / Salt  
Lake City (Adolescents in juvenile  
detention)  
Observation & Assessment, Girls' Unit / Salt  
Lake City (Adolescents in juvenile  
detention)  
North Canyon Care Center / Bountiful  
Parklane Senior Living / SLC  
Primary Children's Hospital (IHC) / SLC  
(Inpatient Rehabilitation Services)  
Primary Children's Residential Treatment  
Center (IHC) / SLC (Children With  
Emotional and Abuse Issues)  
Promise Specialty Rehab / West Valley City  
Ronald McDonald House / Salt Lake City  
Salt Lake City Libraries / SLC (R.E.A.D.)  
Salt Lake County Libraries (R.E.A.D.)  
Salt Lake Regional Medical Center / SLC  
Sandy Regional Medical Center  
Shriner's Hospital for Children / Salt Lake  
City (Children Undergoing Orthopedic  
Procedures)  
South Davis Community Hospital /

Bountiful (Long- and Short-term Rehab)  
South Valley Sanctuary / West Jordan  
(Woman & Child Center)  
St. Joseph's Villa / SLC (Senior Care)  
St. Mark's Hospital / Salt Lake City  
(Rehabilitation Services and Transitional  
Care)  
TURN Community Services / SLC  
TURN Community Summer Camps  
University of Utah University Hospital  
(Rehab Services, Burn ICU, MedPsych  
Unit and Surgical Waiting Room)  
University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute  
(Adult and Child Units)  
Utah Cancer Specialists / SLC  
Utah School for the Deaf & Blind / Connor  
Street (Children With Multiple  
Disabilities)

Crestwood Care Center / Ogden  
H. Guy Child Elementary (R.E.A.D.) /  
Ogden  
The Gardens / Ogden  
Heritage Park Care Center / Roy  
(Alzheimer's Patients)  
Holt Elementary School / Clearfield  
(R.E.A.D.)  
Infinia Healthcare / Ogden (Assisted Living)  
McKay-Dee Hospital (IHC) / Ogden  
(Transitional Care, Psychiatric, Oasis  
Program and Rehabilitation Units)  
Mountain Ridge Assisted Living / Ogden  
North Park Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Roy  
Red Cross Adult Transition Program /  
Ogden (R.E.A.D.)  
Rocky Mountain Care / Clearfield (Assisted  
Living)

## MONTANA

Aspen Pointe / Bozeman  
Bear Creek Respite / Bozeman  
Big Sky Ski Patrol / Bozeman  
Big Sky Youth Center / Bozeman  
Birchwood Retirement / Bozeman  
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (cancer  
treatment center, dialysis unit and  
surgical waiting room)  
Bozeman Public Library (R.E.A.D.) /  
Bozeman  
Churchill Retirement Home / Bozeman  
Eagle Mount Camp / Bozeman  
Emily Dickinson Elementary (R.E.A.D.) /  
Bozeman  
Epicenter / Bozeman  
Frontier Assisted Living / Bozeman  
Gallatin Rest Home / Bozeman  
Great Northern Physical Therapy  
Hawthorne Elementary School  
(R.E.A.D.)  
High Country Care / Bozeman  
Highgate / Bozeman (retirement home)  
Morningstar Elementary (R.E.A.D.) /  
Bozeman  
Mountain View Care Center / Bozeman  
New Horizons / Livingston  
Parkhaven Retirement / Bozeman  
Prestige Assisted Living / Bozeman  
REACH Homes for Developmentally  
Disabled Adults / Bozeman  
Springmeadows Assisted Living / Bozeman  
Whittier Elementary (R.E.A.D.) /  
Bozeman



*Pile 'em on! The more the merrier! Donna Olsen & Lucky, and Diane Bracey & Betty, at the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind.*

Utah State Prison / Women's Inpatient Unit  
Veterans Hospital / Salt Lake City  
(Rehabilitation/Hospice/Care Center)  
Volunteers of America Women & Children's  
Center / SLC  
Wasatch Youth Center (Youth Focus)  
Wentworth at Willowcreek

Utah Schools for the Deaf & Blind / Harrison  
Blvd., Ogden (Children with Multiple  
Disabilities)  
Vista Care Hospice / Ogden  
Wasatch Care Center / Ogden  
Weber County Library / Ogden (R.E.A.D.)  
Weber Valley Detention Center / Ogden  
Willard Elementary / Willard (R.E.A.D.)

## UTAH – PARK CITY AREA

Parley's Park Elementary (R.E.A.D.)  
McPolin Elementary / Park City (R.E.A.D.)  
Park City Library (R.E.A.D.)  
Rocky Mountain Care Center / Heber  
Summit County Library (R.E.A.D.)  
Wasatch High School / Heber (Special  
Education)

## UTAH – OGDEN AREA

Aspen Behavioral Center / Syracuse  
Aspen Care Center / Ogden (Assisted Living)  
Behavioral Health Institute / Ogden (Acute  
Care and Day Treatment)  
Christmas Box House (Children in care of  
state services) / Ogden  
Country Pines Retirement / Ogden

## UTAH – UTAH VALLEY AREA

American Fork Hospital  
Center for Change / Orem (Eating disorders)  
Central Utah Counseling Center / Mt.  
Pleasant  
Courtyard at Jamestown / Provo  
Utah Cancer Specialists / Provo  
Utah Valley Regional Medical Center / Provo

## UTAH – OTHER AREAS

Autumn Park Assisted Living / Mt. Pleasant  
Central Utah Counseling Center, Ephraim,  
- AAA / R.E.A.D

## IDAHO

Bridgeview Estates (long-term care  
center) / Twin Falls  
Canyon View Psychiatric & Addiction  
Hospital / Twin Falls  
Cassia Regional Medical Center / Burley  
Hansen Public Library (R.E.A.D.)  
Rupert Long Term Care Center / Rupert  
Southern Idaho Learning Center / Twin  
Falls  
Twin Falls Public Library (R.E.A.D.)

## NEVADA

Camp Care, Camp Lotsafun & MDA  
Camp / Reno  
Incline Village Elementary (R.E.A.D.)  
Marvin Piccolo School / Reno  
(R.E.A.D.)  
Nevada State Dept. of Corrections /  
Carson City  
Tahoe Forest Hospital / Truckee  
Washoe County Public Library  
(R.E.A.D.) / Incline Village

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