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Reading Education Assistance Dogs®:
Its tenth Anniversary finds R.E.A.D.®
recognized in the U.S. Senate, earning
scientific validation, and spreading
around the world

*Remembering Scotts, the
racing-greyhound-turned-
R.E.A.D.-dog.
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Who are Intermountain Therapy Animals?

We are a human service organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, headquartered in Utah, 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.

Serving our communities since 1993, we are one of the largest groups of our kind in the United States, with more than 350 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 Kentucky.

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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Readers' Choice

ITA Wins \$20,000 Grant from Better World Books

In January, ITA's Reading Education Assistance Dogs® program (R.E.A.D.®) was awarded \$20,000 from Better World Books (BWB), in their first-ever Reader's Choice Literacy Grant.

Over 50 grant applications were received, from which the Literacy Council of BWB chose ten finalists. Then they asked everyone to vote, and it was up to us and our supporters! Over 27,000 people cast their votes online (and only one vote was allowed per computer), and in the end it wasn't even close: R.E.A.D. was far and away the winner with 25% of the tally—more than 7,000 votes, and 3,000 ahead of the second-place finalist.

We will be using the funds to train a new vanguard of R.E.A.D. Instructors, and to hold several workshops and regional conferences around the country, to keep the program growing and moving forward. We are even hoping to hold our first session in the United Kingdom, where R.E.A.D. teams are popping up all over (see Letters on page 8).

R.E.A.D. teams have already made a presentation to the BWB staff at their distribution center in Atlanta, and ITA Executive Director Kathy Klotz has been invited to Indiana in October to report on the grant's use to the BWB headquarters staff and Literacy Council.

We are not only proud of all the support R.E.A.D. has garnered around the nation; we are also extremely proud to be associated with a company like Better World Books. Their business model is simple and profound: promote and fund literacy programs, rescue books otherwise destined for landfills, build a successful business. This triple bottom-line is laudable: the idea that it is possible —

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ITA Loses Our Most Senior Member

On February 19, 2010, **Betty Keuffel**, ITA's oldest and longest-serving volunteer and generous supporter, passed away at her home in Anacortes, Washington. She was 92 years old. Originally from the East and educated at Wellesley, Betty met her future husband Jack at Cal Tech in Pasadena, where Betty was working as a secretary for Linus Pauling during WW2. Jack and Betty married in 1946, moved to Princeton where he was in the Physics Dept., and came to Salt Lake when Jack joined the faculty at the U of U. They built a home and barn on 4 acres in Holladay, and raised, trained and showed Arabian horses for many years. After Jack's untimely death in 1974, of a heart attack while hiking, Betty eventually switched to llamas, and there were always Standard Poodles in residence, as well.

Betty was one of the very early enthusiasts for the concept of animal-assisted interactions, joining ITA in July of 1993 as one of its very first members, months before the organization even became a full-fledged nonprofit. She volunteered with her Standard Poodles Gwennie, Kyrie and Dido for many years until advancing age forced her to retire and move to Washington state with her son Warren and his family.

Betty's faith in ITA never faltered, through any of those times

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Utah Charities Golf Challenge

Intermountain Therapy Animals is pleased to have been chosen as one of the charities to receive funding from the 2010 Utah Charities Golf Challenge, sponsored by the Utah Families Foundation and hosted by U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch and his wife, Elaine. This year the tournament will be held at the Zermatt Resort located in Midway, Utah, on August 15-17th. Watch for us on the golf course during the Challenge!

From ITA's Board Chair

Dear Friends,

I have been in the proverbial trenches with Intermountain Therapy Animals now for ten years, all that time as a volunteer team with Colonel, my Golden Retriever, and most recently as president of the ITA Board of Directors.

I have been privileged in my life to participate in many great and important causes, and I can say with great passion that none have made such a dramatic and valuable difference in the everyday, real world challenges that people face, as animal-assisted therapies can and do.

People of all ages and socio-economic circumstances receive devastating diagnoses and injuries every day. Future paths must veer sharply, dreams are dashed, and all these events reverberate through a patient's family as well.

Our animals come into these situations with great wisdom and intuition; they are catalysts, motivators, sources of fun and inspiration, and — they pass no judgments. They make healing connections.

Animals the world over inspire these reactions, so work like ours may seem almost mundane or insignificant in the larger scheme of things. But nothing could be less true, because each encounter, one by one, is also unique and of singular benefit. 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.

ITA is struggling, like other charities big and small, to keep providing these crucial services during these challenging economic times. We need your help to survive, to

continue helping our patient/clients in over 100 healthcare facilities to heal. Please do all you can to make room for ITA on your budget and your heart. Investing in animal-assisted therapy is a guaranteed Return on Investment—it succeeds every time!

With sincere thanks,

Susan Daines
ITA Board President



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"The key to transformation is to make friends with this moment. What form it takes doesn't matter. Say yes to it. Allow it. Be with it."

(Oh, that was the dog's teaching. I'm just translating it into words.)

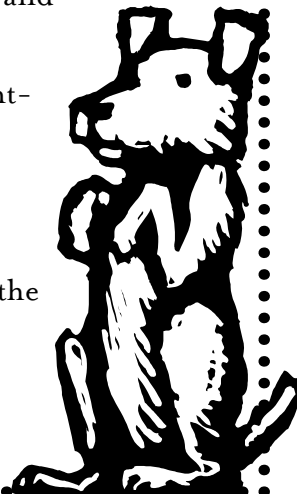
The vital function that pets fulfill in this world hasn't been fully recognized: **They keep millions of people sane.**

They have become our "Guardians of Being."

— Eckhart Tolle

ITA's Wish List . . .

- 8.5 x 11 white paper by the case, for copying and printing
- 11 x 17 paper in bright colors for Hydrant printing
- (6) Ergonomic desk chairs (Our ancient donated chairs are getting dangerous!)
- An "Easy-Up" tent for keeping our dogs in the shade during community events
- Portable display boards, for community educational booths and similar events



when we struggled to survive. In her quiet, elegant way, she was pivotal to that survival, making significant financial donations to get us through the worst of times. She became the first member to offer a monthly contribution to ITA, a practice she has continued for the past several years. The ITA Board appointed Betty to our Hall of Fame in 2002.

Beyond her great contributions to ITA, Betty was a woman of great character and many interests. She also volunteered at the library, and ITA's development of the R.E.A.D. program absolutely delighted her. She read widely and voraciously to the end of her life, and was always ready for interesting and challenging conversation. I will personally miss her very much

— Kathy Klotz

Betty left Intermountain Therapy Animals a substantial bequest. To honor her love of both dogs and books, we will use her gift to 1) provide internships for those wanting to further their knowledge and/or careers in the field of animal-assisted interactions, especially the R.E.A.D. program; 2) seed an endowment, to assure that ITA will continue to thrive; and 3) revolutionize our R.E.A.D. training materials presentation: We have been able to put our DVD training video online, thus reducing costs both for us and for our potential volunteers, with a 47% reduction in the cost of the R.E.A.D. training package. We are eternally grateful to Betty. (–KK)

R.E.A.D. Teams Interview Martha (and her “handlers”)

INTERMOUNTAIN THERAPY ANIMALS and *Martha Speaks* on PBS KIDS® launched a collaboration on November 1, 2009. Series creators thought the mission of ITA’s Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®) program (improving children’s reading and communication skills through reading to specially trained therapy dogs) matched well with their educational goal of improving children’s reading and oral vocabulary by teaching new words through a dog-centered series!

As part of the collaboration, R.E.A.D. teams visit schools that are implementing the *Martha Speaks* Reading Buddies program and, this season, R.E.A.D. teams have been visiting libraries that are piloting the new *Martha Speaks* Read Aloud Book Club program. The *Martha Speaks* Read Aloud Book Club employs dog-themed books, *Martha Speaks* episodes, fun activities, and special guests to teach new vocabulary and build excitement about reading and new words. The visits from special guest R.E.A.D. teams is an exciting component of this program.

R.E.A.D. teams recently connected with Susan Meddaugh, *Martha Speaks* author, and Carol Greenwald, WGBH Senior Executive Producer for *Martha Speaks on PBS KIDS*, to learn more about the real dog that inspired the books and television series and the partnership between *Martha Speaks* and ITA.

Susan Meddaugh on Martha:

1. How did you come up with the fabulous idea of Martha talking due to eating alphabet soup?

Susan Meddaugh (SM): I wish I could take credit for that idea, but it was straight from the imaginative mind of my seven-year-old son, Niko. He was eating alphabet soup for lunch. Our dog, Martha, took up her usual position by his side, as close to the soup as possible without breaking the laws of physics. (Martha was a stray who never forgot her early lost and hungry days.) Niko said, “Mom, if Martha dog ate alphabet soup, would she speak?” He was kidding, but the image of Martha’s brain full of alphabet soup letters appeared instantly in my brain. This was the idea I had been hoping would find me because this wonderful interesting dog deserved her own story.

2. How much of Martha and her pals on the PBS KIDS series are based on the dogs in your life?

SM: The doggy cast in *Martha Speaks* is full of tail-wagging, fun-loving, garbage-eating, drooling, barking, affectionate real dogs from the families of people connected to the series, all thanks to the talented animators at Studio B Productions. Martha, Skits, Burt, Cisco, and John are some of the dogs from my family. Martha was the alpha dog, and Skits, her goofy sidekick in every way. Burt, whose real name is Oats, has all the entitlement confidence of his royal pug ancestors. Cisco was my brother’s family dog, and he was a manly poodle. John was actually my father’s dog. His real name was Mr. S. Parkinson, and he was a sweet, but slightly neurotic fellow. I hope for more opportunities to see my other

dogs, Daisy, Kaiser, and Dudley in the series. As well as my wonderful Manx cat, Monkey, whose name would probably have to be changed to avoid long-winded explanations.

3. With your background of French literature and fine arts, may we hope for future books about dogs speaking/reading French and visiting museums? Have the Martha books, or the series, been translated into other languages already?

SM: *Martha Speaks*, the book, had already been translated into French, Spanish and Japanese before the series was begun. The series has already been translated into 18 languages! In the TV show, Martha has visited one Museum, and even made an important contribution to that museum. Of course it was the Wagstaff City Museum of Natural History, and it was the Dinosaur collection that was of particular interest to her. As for her contribution, guess what it was?

4. What vocabulary words describe Martha?

SM: I would describe Martha as being smart, confident, feisty, opinionated, interesting, friendly, kind, honest, loving and adorable. She would no doubt add to that: beautiful and graceful.

Martha as a R.E.A.D dog:

1. Can Martha read, in addition to speaking?

SM: Martha can’t read, but I know she would really like to. Especially if it

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Author Susan Meddaugh hangs out with her pal Martha

allowed her to fact-check the stories about her.

2. "Martha Blah Blah" is one of my favorite books for R.E.A.D.ing with kids. What do you think Martha would be like as an actual R.E.A.D. dog?

SM: Martha loves to listen along when Helen reads to her little brother Jake or when T.D. shares his comic books with her. She's also very supportive of her friends and encourages them when they're struggling with things. So she'd probably be a very good R.E.A.D. dog, although she can be a little bit opinionated and she's definitely not quiet!

3. Based on your own experience with dogs, and your passion for kids and reading, what would you imagine is the value in having kids read stories to dogs?

SM: Since kids know that dogs can't read, this is a great opportunity to show their own expertise. But really I just think a dog makes every situation better.

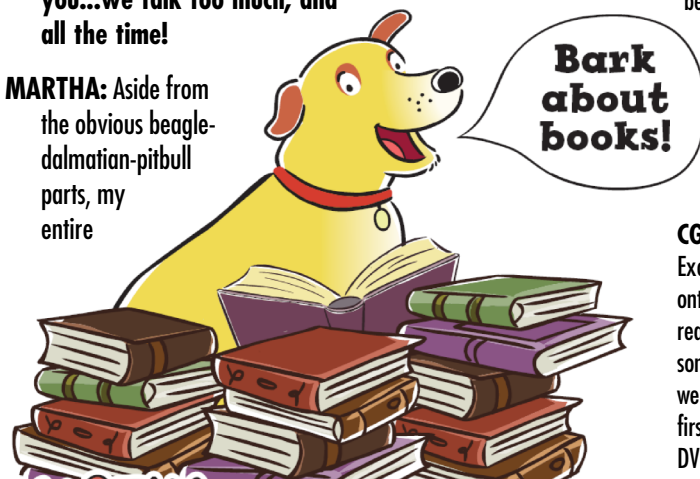
Questions for Martha from the R.E.A.D. dogs:

1. How does the taste of alphabet soup compare to a bone? Which do you prefer?

MARTHA: Ever since my people realized that chewing on real bones could be dangerous for dogs, most of my bones have been in biscuit form. Both biscuits and alphabet soup are delicious. Beef, chicken, turkey, lamb, fish, cheese - in any and all variations - are also delicious. So are peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, ice cream, French fries, most cooked vegetables with butter. As you can see, I do not discriminate. I love to eat. Although I have to admit a five-pound steak followed by a bowl of alphabet soup would be doggy heaven. Which is why I was so disappointed about T.D.'s steak tree failure.

2. Are you part collie? We have the same problem as you...we talk too much, and all the time!

MARTHA: Aside from the obvious beagle-dalmatian-pitbull parts, my entire



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complex mixture of breeds has never been deciphered. It's entirely possible that there was a collie somewhere in my family tree. I guess I could find out through DNA analysis, but I'd rather continue to be the mysterious and fascinating femme fatale that I am.

3. What were the hardest words for Martha to learn?

MARTHA: I have always had trouble with the words: NO DOGS ALLOWED.

4. Now that you are getting more and more famous, how are you managing all the puparazzi?

MARTHA: With grace and humility that my exceptional talent has been recognized. With joy and enthusiasm to be able to speak for the dog.

5. We love listening to kids read your books. Keep them coming!

MARTHA: Thank you. I love it too. And let me say that the stories and my words will continue to flow as long as kids continue to read and enjoy them. And probably even after that.

Questions for Martha Speaks executive producer Carol Greenwald:

1. I love the series and how the program inspires kids to learn new vocabulary words. Why did you choose to focus on vocabulary in Martha Speaks?

Carol Greenwald (CG): Surprisingly, first-grade vocabulary knowledge predicts eleventh-grade reading comprehension, so vocabulary is a central component of literacy development. When we designed the series, given how much Martha loves using her words, we decided to focus on increasing young children's oral vocabulary, i.e., the words they understand orally. People often assume that when you're talking about teaching young kids vocabulary, you're talking about words they are learning to read, like "hot," "cat" and "top." However, we're focused on helping kids learn the meanings of more sophisticated words which they may not yet be able to read, so that when they begin reading — and particularly when they move from learning to read to reading to learn — they will understand the meaning of what they are reading. It doesn't matter if you can sound out "aggravate," "encourage," or "custom" if you don't know what they mean. This lack of vocabulary knowledge is a significant contributor to the reading slump that happens in 4th grade.

2. What's in store for Martha Speaks on PBS KIDS?

CG: Martha is very busy! We have 15 new episodes coming out starting in October. Exciting new Web content will include opportunities for kids to upload their pets' photos onto the Web site where they can decorate them with Martha assets. We are launching a read-aloud book club in public libraries featuring dog-themed books (and hopefully some R.E.A.D. dogs as special guests). We have a lot of new TV tie-in books coming out; we will have 12 by the end of the year and another 6–8 in 2011. We are following our first home DVD (released in March) with a second for back-to-school, as well as a special DVD for educators with the Martha Speaks Reading Buddies cross-age reading program materials and episodes. And finally, we hope to start producing more episodes soon, because this dog has only just begun having her day! ♥

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Marlow Call
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Jackie Hirtz
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About Both Ends of the Leash ...

April Hollingsworth & Piggy

Piggy was my first and thus far only Pit Bull. I adopted her from Salt Lake County Animal Services about five years ago—because she smiled at me, and I had never seen a dog smile before. (I've since heard from many Pit Bull owners that their dogs also smile.) I was actually looking for my lost cat, and had no intention of adopting a dog until I saw her, but it was love at first sight and I had to have her.

I had a couple of concerns, though. I had an aging Beagle at the time, who had always been an only dog. I didn't know how he would take having a sibling, but I reasoned that it might help keep him active. Also, my boyfriend at the time (now my husband) had small children, so it was imperative that any dog in my family be good with children.

I was leaving town for a few days right after I met this smiling dog, but before I left I took my boyfriend to the shelter to meet her and asked him to bring the kids to meet her while I was gone, to see how she did with them. He protested that I did not need another dog, but I learned later that as soon as I introduced him to Piggy, he was as smitten as I was. By the time I returned, he and the kids had adopted her for me, and she was waiting at my house when I arrived home. (We named her Piggy because she had caught

a cold while she was in the shelter, and she snorted and grunted constantly.)

Looking back, I don't know why I didn't think of getting Piggy involved in the therapy animal program sooner. She was incredibly trainable—the star of her basic obedience class—and was amazingly gentle with children, cats, and my old Beagle, whom she would engage in gentle play every morning. But fate intervened: Piggy was hit by a car and paralyzed in her hind legs in November 2006. Since that time, she has required a "wheelcart" to walk. It was through that tragedy that I realized her potential as a therapy dog.

Piggy didn't let anything so trivial as paralysis slow her down or dampen her spirits. I have never known such a joyful creature, both before and after her accident. One spring day a few months after the accident, while out for a walk, we happened upon a man in a wheelchair who had been injured in a climbing accident seven years earlier. "Scott" was chronically depressed about his disability, and was visibly moved that Piggy still had such enthusiasm for life despite having to use a cart to get around. He began coming over to my house every week to visit Piggy, and often remarked that meeting her was the best thing to happen to him in seven years. Soon

thereafter, I entered Piggy in classes so she could get her Canine Good Citizen Certification, and the rest is history. Piggy currently visits children at Shriner's Hospital through ITA's program. ♥

[ED. NOTE: Piggy was featured in the Salt Lake Tribune on Saturday, March 27, 2010, p. B1, in an article entitled, "Perky pooch on wheels knows how to heal."]



Vignettes from our ITA Teams



• Kathy McNulty & Toshi

[ED. NOTE: Kathy is a 15-year-veteran with ITA. Toshi is her second therapy companion. Kiyoshi, her first Akita, worked with her for 11 years.]

Toshi, my husband George, and I visit the Surgery Waiting Room at Huntsman Cancer Hospital, and we are all thoroughly enjoying it. When we first go in, I lay out Toshi's pad, a few of her books, and a game people can play with her next to our desk. Walter, Kiyoshi's pet stuffed frog, is also with us on his own pad with a small doctor's bag. I give a brief introduction of us to those present, telling them what Toshi does and inviting anyone who is interested in meeting her, or who has questions about therapy animals, to come visit.

Come they do! Not only patients and family, but also nurses, doctors and staff interacting with her regularly. Children particularly enjoy reading to her or opening the frog's little doctor's bag to see what medical supplies are within. I particularly enjoy helping the children give Walter the inoculations he needs. To say the least, I'm having great fun there.

If it is quiet, I may go up to the 5th floor and visit patients for a short time and then return to the SWR. It really works because George, as a hospital volunteer without a dog, answers phones and keeps the books while Toshi & I are free to do our thing in whatever way seems most beneficial to the patients and families. ♥

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In memory of

Scottsy

First R.E.A.D. Dog in Britain

SCOTTS KELLY was a retired racing Greyhound whom his human, Tony Nevett, adopted from the Retired Greyhound Trust in 2004. The very first R.E.A.D. dog in England (Team #1261), Scotts went to six schools and various libraries, and also attended elderly care homes and hospitals. Tony says, "Scottsy had a special bond with many kids who didn't have dogs of their own, and he worked magic with autistic and Down's kids. Together, we gave seminars for the Society of Companion Animal Studies, and many education chiefs and library bosses came to see Scottsy at work. He was a great ambassador for R.E.A.D., and was honoured by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain for his work, where his picture hangs in the boardroom. His influence will continue even after his death, as Scottsy will be featured in 2011 (with Danny, our Greyhound-in-waiting) in the BBC series "Animals at Work," and he is to be featured in a new Greyhound breed book by Mark Sullivan later in the year. Most importantly, he was a good friend to all."

We in the ITA office were treated to continual evidence of Scottsy's adventures, including his visit to #10 Downing Street, his night at the British Museum with J. K. Rowling, his series of wonderful portraits and cartoons by assorted British illustrators, and most of all his endless iconic photographs with kids, many of which we have featured in the R.E.A.D. brochure, manual and workshop, and on our website. (See a gallery of Scottsy's R.E.A.D. images on page 15.)

Scotts had a great, long life, and Tony and Danny will continue on in his pawprints. Still, we who are his friends on the other side of the planet will be missing him. (-KK)



Goodbye & Godspeed

DECEASED:

Betty Keuffel

Anacortes, WA
ITA's oldest and longest volunteer and generous supporter

Blue

Partner of Sandra Kaplan, Incline Village, NV

Rusty

Leonberger partner of Polly Sarsfield of Incline Village, NV

Sadie

German Shorthaired Pointer partner of Gary & Kristin Wiedenfeld of Sandy, UT

Rosie

Golden Retriever partner of Lisa Pertzborn of Bozeman, MT

Hoop

Golden Retriever partner of Lisa Towner of SLC, UT

Jazz

Sheltie partner of Autumn Ennis of Fromberg, MT

Mole

Chocolate Lab partner of Susy Sands of Belgrade, MT

Samantha

English Cocker partner of Gina Fisher of SLC, UT

Daisy Duke

Hound partner of Jan Nemcik of Park City, UT

Max

Golden Retriever partner of Lori Jacobs of Bozeman, MT

Boomer

Border Collie Mix partner of Darryl Armstrong of North Salt Lake, UT

Hagen

Lab/Pit mix partner of Charles Christopher of SLC, UT

Molly

Chocolate Lab partner of Graham Walker of SLC, UT

Lucky

Lab mix partner of Teri Larsen Kassens of Belgrade, MT

Dyna

English Cocker partner of Jose Woodhead of SLC, UT

Callie

Portuguese Water Dog partner of David & Judi Harris of Park City, UT

Bob Gulliver

Australian Shepherd partner of Jean Glaser of Park City, UT

Annie Mae

Hound partner of Jan Nemcik of Park City, UT

Molly

Golden Retriever partner of Sigrid Gentile-Chambers of Bozeman, MT

RETIRING:

•Willow and Sadie, partners of Lori Jacobs of Bozeman, MT

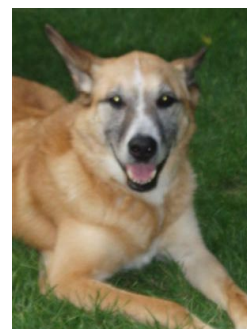
•Dexter, partner of Franci DeLong of SLC, UT

•Murphy, partner of Tennille Mendez of WVC, UT

•Bridger, partner of Brenda Hansen of SLC, UT

•Pat & Merle Berry and Luther of SLC, UT

•Darrel & Robin Choate, Noodles and Bailey of Bozeman, MT



I wanted to let everyone at R.E.A.D. know that my precious Coco has gone to the Rainbow Bridge (January 2010). Arthritis in her legs and hips was the cause. We were one great team working with special needs kids who loved reading to her. I have a collection of cards drawn by the kids for Coco—I could have an art exhibit! Her bookmarks were always a huge success. Please if you could make mention of her, in memory of all she has done, that would be so appreciated.

My precious girl is now no longer in pain, but my heart is broken. I miss her so.

Thanks,

Karen Cobin

R.E.A.D. Team # 1073

Floral Park, NY

Recognition & Memorials

DONATIONS

In MEMORY of . . .

Baile Vance, R.E.A.D. partner of Gayle Vance)

Virginia Dearborn

Bob Gulliver

The Chudd Family

Susan Daynes

Kathy Klotz

Bucky

Shirley Schmitt

Daisy Duke, partner of Jan Nemcik

The Chudd Family

Dyna, my ITA partner

Jose Woodhead

Kathy Klotz

Gabe & Kelly Bean

Penny & Sands Brooke

Hoop

Lisa Towner

Jackson

Beth Wolfgram

Betty Keuffel

Kathy Klotz

Cathleen & Jerry White

Lily, companion of Janet Hillis

Kay & Clough Shelton

Barb Preusser

Penny & Sands Brooke

Ryleigh Thomason

Cindy & Mike Bender

Waldo, partner of Peggy Chudd

Kim Collins

In HONOR of . . .

All our Wonderful Parent Volunteers

Dana Hurlbut and her Second Grade

Students in San Clemente, CA

Phyllis Bushman

Her Family

Curtis Bennett/O.C. Tanner

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Ridge, my ITA Partner

Jan Owens

Ridge, our Granddog

Marjorie & George Owens

Sam, Partner of Norma Disz

Patricia & Eugene Campbell

Tiffany White & Simba

UnitedHealth Group Dollars for Doers
Program

In TRIBUTE to . . .

All of Our Pets

The Counselors & Math Dept. at South

Jordan Middle School

Mom & Dad

Nancy & Keith Andrews

Donna DeWitt

Susanna Williams

Patty Frank

Micah & Richard Morrison

Louise & Ernie Frankel

Allyson & Jennie Musika

*All the ITA dogs who visit at Primary Children's Medical
Center*

Cindy & Mike Bender

Barbara Kott

Linda & John McDonald

Tom Lueders

Kathleen Lueders

Razzi & Bone, the special dogs in our lives

Francie Alexander & David Blasband

Elin Schwartz

Allyson & Jennie Musika

Maggie York

William York

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Beth Wolfgram

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(R.E.A.D.)

William York (R.E.A.D.)

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Karen Duncan (2 Lladro figurines)

Vicky Hall (auction items)

Kathy Klotz (new Steelcase office chair; booth fee for Strut Your

Mutt)

Christine Miller (table linens for "Paws to Indulge" gala)

Donna Olson (16 Christmas dog collars)

Williams & Sons Engraving (heart dog tags)

X-Mission (website services)

Going Ever Greener:

Would you prefer to receive
the ITA News by e-mail in
the future? E-mail
melissa@therapyanimals.org
and we will make it so!

IF THERE ARE NO ANIMALS IN HEAVEN, THEN WHEN I DIE,
I WANT TO GO WHERE THEY WENT.

— Will Rogers

Dear ITA

Letters from our Friends

February 19, 2010

Dear Kathy & Colleen,

I thank you so very much & sincerely for offering visits at LifePath Hospice & Family Care to your pet therapy teams.

Two of your teams, Patrice Mealey & Sid and Joe Vervaecke & Elliot recently provided one of our clients something so amazingly special I feel you should know.

They honored a special request that came from a dying woman in her final hours of life over the Valentine weekend.

On Friday (2/12/10) LifePath hospice admitted a 97-year-old woman who was declining rapidly. She had only a few hours left and just one final wish: to see and touch a dog one last time. The ITA teams came right in to comfort this woman and her grieving daughter, and within hours, Catherine let go and peacefully passed away.

I have witnessed many blessings in my time and this is truly one of them. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the work that you do!

Gratefully,

Shannon Thompson

Volunteer Coordinator
LifePath Hospice

♥

Hi R.E.A.D. Headquarters

I felt compelled to send this email. We visit 3 schools and one library. I have been the Paws to Read coordinator for four years in the Indianapolis, Brownsburg (Indiana) area.

Today at one of the schools where I volunteer, one of my third grade boys was reading to Elsa. At one point he stopped reading and started to pet Elsa's face and head. He said to me, "I think Elsa has a soul, don't you?"

I of course said yes, and he smiled at me. Then I looked for the closest box of Kleenex in the classroom!

What a blessing our therapy/R.E.A.D. dogs are, and so are the children we interact with. No matter what our country is enduring with this recession and any difficulties our lives and many others are enduring, we still have the unconditional love of dogs and the innocence of children.

Rosemary Marburger & Elsa

(the Golden Retriever Achiever)

Dear ITA,

As the Director of Volunteer Services at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, I strongly support the use of Intermountain Therapy Animals in our facility.

Brett and Rachael Beasley and "the boys" have been with our facility for several years now. They have been a tremendous addition to the healing process of our patients in pediatrics and medical oncology (chemotherapy).

The therapy animals help the patients focus on the animals while procedures are being done and it helps them not hurt as much. The patients love the visits from the teams because it shows that they are cared about. We want the patient to know we will do what we can to help in their healing. The patients look forward to the teams coming through and so does the staff.

We know when a team has come through your process that they are ready to work with the patients. We highly recommend therapy teams in healthcare facilities and believe that you at Intermountain Therapy Animals have the best process.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Call, CAVS

Director of Volunteer Services/UVRMC



March 4, 2010 (email)

Greeting from Sudan,

I am the Learning Center Coordinator at Khartoum American School. I believe The R.E.A.D. program is a great one.

Our first and fourth grade students have recently raised money to purchase a donkey. Pumpkin has been a great addition to our school. Our struggling readers really enjoy reading with her. Thanks for the inspiration.

Sincerely,

Ben Voborsky

www.krtams.org

From Our READ Forum Online:

April 26, 2010

Hi All,

I live in Dublin, Ireland and am involved with a charity there called Irish Therapy Dogs. I just recently completed my registration with Intermountain Therapy Animals and just got my certs and dog tags today. I am very excited to be a part of this program, and have recently started doing a reading program in a school with a group of boys in the 9-10 year age group. I have two dogs: Toby, a golden retriever and Bailey, a ruby Cavalier King Charles. So far the reading program is going well and the boys are really enjoying it. I have taken lots of the advice from the manual and am incorporating it into the program. It's so great to be involved in something that is very new in Ireland and I look forward to learning more as I go on. As they say in Ireland 'Slán go fóill' (goodbye for now).

Gillian Hennessy

♥

Hi Gillian,

I'm just across the water from you, in Pembrokeshire, West Wales.

I have 5 dogs, they are all Italian Spinones. Two of them are PAT (Pets As Therapy) dogs, and one is also a R.E.A.D. dog. We have been visiting our primary school since July of last year, and Lizzie listens to 6-year-olds reading to her, and absolutely loves it, she gets so excited when I put her bandanna on. R.E.A.D. is still also a new concept over here too; most people find it fascinating though, when you explain what it is all about.

Babs Davies

♥

June 28, 2010

Dear All of You at ITA,

Thank you all very much for the gift you sent in memory of Dyna. She was a sweet dog and loved the work she did. She knew her purpose in life was making people feel good—a job at which she excelled. However, it's only through all your efforts at ITA that our dogs can live up to their full potential. Hopefully, the enclosed donation in Dyna's memory will further the wonderful work you/we all do. Many Thanks and Love,

Jose Woodhead

The R.E.A.D.® Program

Bark Magazine Honors ITA's Sandi Martin

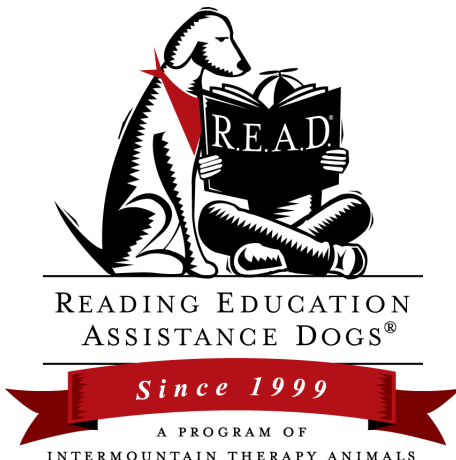
The February/March 2010 issue of *BARK* includes Sandi Martin as one of the "The Bark's 100 Best and Brightest," honoring the researchers, trainers, healers, scientists, advocates and others who have reshaped the world of dogs. Under the sub-category of HELPERS, they write:

"Sandi Martin's flash of brilliance: Children who struggle to read will do better if reading to dogs. The success of her Intermountain Therapy Animals' Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®) program spawned a four-pawed literacy revolution."

This puts Sandi and R.E.A.D. in some rarified company, indeed. Congratulations!



Sandi and her current partner, Zelda the Portie.



UC Davis Study Shows Dogs Can Help Youngsters Read

As first revealed in the *Sacramento Bee* on March 20, 2010, and soon to be published in the journal *Anthrozoos*, a study at the University of California/Davis is the latest to endorse the value of the R.E.A.D.® program with scientific data.

UC Davis researchers have found that youngsters who regularly read to dogs significantly improve their skills. The study confirms what we at ITA/R.E.A.D. have long observed but could prove only anecdotally.

"We always go into research with a healthy dose of skepticism," said Martin Smith, the UC Davis veterinary medicine researcher who led the study. "We were really pleased to see the outcome, and we would like to pursue this further."

Test subjects were third-graders, and those who read to dogs once a week for 10 weeks, improved their skills by 12 percent. A third-grade class that acted as the control group had no improvement over the same period of time. In a second project involving home-schooled youngsters, participants logged a 30 percent reading improvement. Reading skills measured were reading fluency, or words per minute, and accuracy, or errors per minute.

Avaloria San Juan, 13, who participated in the study with her little brother Zephaniah, said the program "sounded kinda weird" when her mother first told her about it. But the program made a difference in her life, she said. "Before, I didn't like to read out loud because I felt like I couldn't do it right," she said. "Now I feel better about it. The dogs don't say anything about you. They just listen."

Zachary Callahan, 7, reading to his research partner, a Chihuahua mix named Lollipop, observed, "When I read to her, she seems to calm down," Zachary said of the diminutive canine at his side. "I feel kind of relaxed and calm, too. "I think we both really enjoy it." ♥



A Dog in the Courtroom

The Marin County District Attorney's Office is the first DA's office in California to incorporate a service dog into its prosecution efforts. The highly trained dog is used with traumatized witnesses and victims of crime. Often victims need to be interviewed or called to court to testify about horrific acts done to them. The dog acts as a companion for them by easing their tension and quieting their fears.

Vivian, the dog now employed, was bred, raised and trained by Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), at a cost of \$60,000, which CCI bore in its entirety. In addition, the Marin County Humane Society is providing health and vet services for Vivian whenever needed at no cost to the county.

Vivian has an official handler and guardian, one of the Deputy DA's, who underwent extensive training to qualify. Vivian has been employed for various purposes, including being available to staff attorneys for meetings; accompanying and assisting the attorneys, inspectors and victim advocates that work at the Children's Center with children who have been victims of physical and sexual abuse; helping the elderly and dependent adults; and appearing at hearings with children. In that setting, she lies quietly at the children's feet as they are questioned and cross-examined, helping them to answer the judge's questions calmly.

ITA sends teams to the Utah Guardian ad Litem's office for similar assistance to children who must be questioned by attorneys and judges, often in custody disputes which can be especially stressful to children. We hope to have courtroom dogs in our future.

Yet another way that dogs are enhancing quality of life. ♥

Donkeys Bring Mobile Library to Children in Rural Colombia

Magdalena, Colombia (CNN) -- To the unaccustomed eye, a man toting 120 books while riding a donkey would seem nothing short of a circus spectacle. But for hundreds of children in the rural villages of Colombia, Luis Soriano is far from a clown. He is a man with a mission to save rural children from illiteracy. "There was a time when many people thought I was crazy," said Soriano, a native of La Gloria, Colombia. "But I've overcome that."

Soriano, 38, is a primary school teacher who spends his free time operating a "biblioburro," a mobile library on donkeys that offers reading education for hundreds of children living in what he describes as "abandoned regions" in the Colombian state of Magdalena.

"In rural regions, a child must walk or ride a donkey for up to 40 minutes to reach the closest schools," Soriano said. "They have very few opportunities to go to secondary school. There are few teachers who want to teach in the countryside."

At the start of his 17-year teaching career, Soriano saw that some students were having difficulty learning and finishing their homework assignments. In the rural villages, illiterate parents and lack of books were big obstacles. He decided to personally bring books to the children.

"I saw two unemployed donkeys at home and got the idea for my biblioburro project because they can carry a heavy load," Soriano said. Every Wednesday at dusk and every Saturday at dawn, Soriano leaves his wife and three young children to travel to select villages—up to four hours each way—aboard a donkey named Alfa. A second donkey, Beto, follows behind, toting additional books and a sitting blanket. They visit 15 villages on a rotating basis. "It's not easy to travel through the valleys," Soriano said. "You sit on a donkey for five or eight hours, you get very tired. It's a satisfaction to arrive to your destination."

At each village, some 40-50 youngsters await their chance to get homework help, learn to read or listen to any variety of tall tales, adventure stories and geography lessons Soriano has prepared.

"You can just see that the kids are excited when they see the biblioburro coming this way. It makes them happy that he continues to come," said Dairo Holguin, 34, whose two children take part in the program. "For us, his program complements what the children learn in school. The books they do not have access to they get from the biblioburro."

More than 4,000 youngsters have benefited from Soriano's program since it began in 1990, not to mention countless parents and other adult learners who often participate in the lessons.

Soriano has spent thousands of hours riding his donkeys, and he's not traveled unscathed. In July 2008, he fractured his leg when he fell from one of the donkeys; in 2006, he was pounced on by bandits at a river crossing and tied to a tree when they found out he had no money. Despite these injuries, which left him with a limp, Soriano has no intention of slowing down.

In addition to the biblioburro program, he and his wife built the largest free library in Magdalena next to their home. The library has 4,200 books, most of which are donated—some from as far away as New York City. They also run a small community restaurant. Soriano's hope is that people will understand the power of reading and that communities can improve from being exposed to books and diverse ideas.

"For us teachers, it's an educational triumph, and for the parents it's a great satisfaction when a child learns how to read. That's how a community changes and the child becomes a good citizen and a useful person," Soriano said. "Literature is how we connect them with the world." ♥

Scottsy's Legacy



This was the theme photo for our R.E.A.D. 10th Anniversary celebrations, and graces the newest R.E.A.D. brochure.



Scotts and Tony spent the evening with J. K. Rowling at the British Museum when Harry Potter #7 was rolled out. He took naps as needed; Ms. Rowling looks like she would have enjoyed doing the same.



Scotts and friends delivered R.E.A.D. information to the Prime Minister at #10 Downing Street.



Scotts had a lot of talented fans! (FROM LEFT:) Portrait of Scotts by children's illustrator Lynda Nelson, cartoon by Noel Ford; and a pencil sketch by Ruth Tyrell.

BILINGUAL HELP WANTED

A local business was looking for office help. They put a sign in the window saying:

HELP WANTED

Must be a good typist and be good with a computer.

Successful applicant must be bilingual.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A short time later a lovely golden retriever dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it, whined and pawed the air.

The receptionist called the office manager. He was surprised, to say the least to see a canine applicant. However, the dog looked determined, so he led him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped up on a chair and stared at the manager expectantly.

The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you must be able to type." The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to quickly type a perfect business letter. He took out the page and trotted over to the manager, gave it to him, then jumped back up on the chair.

The manager was stunned, but told the dog, "That was fantastic, but I'm sorry. The sign clearly says that whoever I hire has to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down again, went to the computer and proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs, produced a sample spreadsheet and database, then presented them to the manager.

The manager was dumbfounded! He said to the dog, "Hey, I realize that you are a very intelligent applicant and have fantastic talent, but you're a dog -- no way could I hire you."

The dog jumped down and went to the sign in the window and pointed his paw at the words, "Equal Opportunity Employer."

The exasperated manager said, "Yes, I know what the damned sign says. But the sign also says you have to be bilingual."

The dog looked him straight in the eye and said, "Meow."

Vignettes from our ITA Teams

(Continued from page 9)

• Chris Cooper & Carlos

Carlos is the only Mini Bull Terrier currently serving as an ITA therapy dog. He is prick-eared, short-haired, and muscular. When we started doing visits I



was worried that people would be put off by his appearance. Boy, was I wrong. Instead I have found that his looks are definitely a conversation starter. His sloped face, in particular, fascinates young and old alike who have never seen a

head quite like that. As we walk through the halls of the hospital we are met by smiles. I have found that just the presence of a dog makes people smile even when no words are spoken.

• Liz Ward & Sam

I worked with ITA pet therapy teams for six years as a recreational therapist and was constantly amazed at the impact they had on our residents. For several patients, getting them to move or talk was like pulling teeth, but as soon as the dogs came to visit they were suddenly chatter boxes, reaching out their hands to pet the dogs.

Now I have the opportunity to be on the team side of things, volunteering weekly with my dog Sam. I believe in the benefits that pet therapy visits have on



people and I am so lucky to have a dog who feels the same way. Watching him interact with the patients we visit, he seems to know just what the particular person may need that day. I've always felt Sam has had a tender heart, and it is shining through during our visits.

Thanks to ITA for helping us bring a lot of smiles to all those we visit.

• Patrice Mealey & Sid

"Patrice and Sid show love and concern for our students and give them an incentive to be at school and work on reading. Sid's impact was most evident with our most challenged reader, who became more confident and much more vocal and receptive to tutoring with the help of the dog. Sid was certainly non-judgmental and loved the children, and

they loved him.

Sometimes he put his paw on the page and the children were convinced he really could read. Perhaps he

couldn't read, but he 'read' the students and knew they needed support. Thank you for providing this program!"

— Wendy Linares, Title I Facilitator

— Jan Smith, Title I Teacher
Copperview Elementary
Midvale, Utah



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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

RESOLUTION

Designating November 14, 2009, as "National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day"

Whereas reading provides children with an essential foundation for all future learning;

Whereas the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program was founded in November of 1999 to improve the literacy skills of children through the mentoring assistance of trained, registered, and insured pet partner reading volunteer teams;

Whereas children who participate in the R.E.A.D. program make significant improvements in fluency, comprehension, confidence, and many additional academic and social dimensions;

Whereas the R.E.A.D. program now has an active presence in 49 States, 3 provinces in Canada, Europe, Asia, and beyond with more than 2,400 trained and registered volunteer teams participating and influencing thousands of children in classrooms and libraries across the Nation;

Whereas the program has received awards and recognition from distinguished entities including the International Reading Association, the Delta Society, the Latham Foundation, the American Library Association, and PBS Television; and

Whereas the program has garnered enthusiastic coverage from national media, including major television networks NBC, CBS, and ABC, as well as international television and print coverage: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the R.E.A.D. program, designates November 14, 2009, as "National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day."

ITA's 2nd Annual Bowling for Therapy Animals

Paws in the Alley 2010

Held on Sunday,
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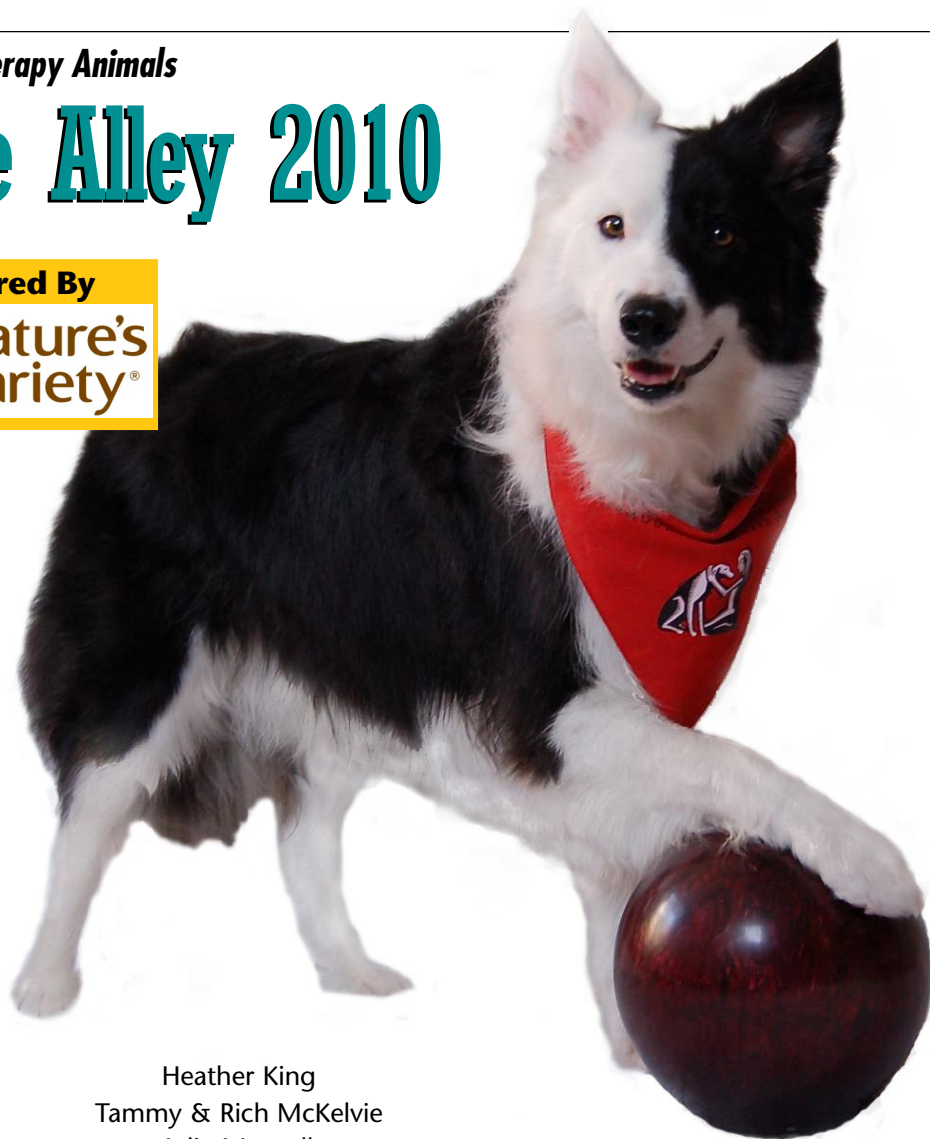
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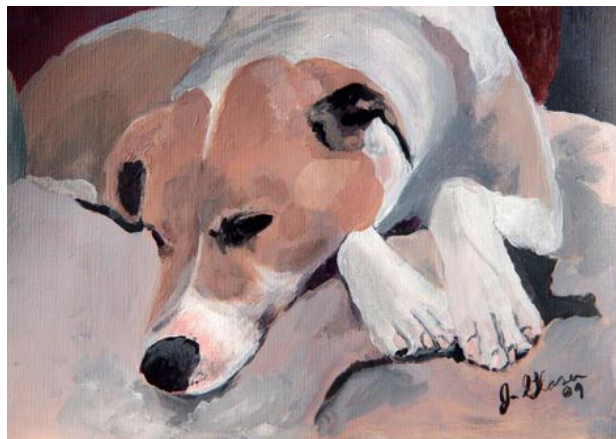
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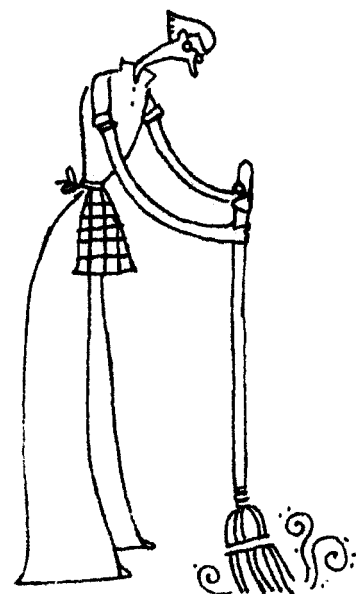
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Alta Ridge of Holladay
Alta View Hospital / Sandy
Arlington Hills / SLC (Assisted Living)
Aspen Ridge Rehabilitation Center (Rehabilitation therapies)
Atria Crosslands / Sandy (Assisted Living)
Benchmark Hospital / Woods Cross (Adolescents in Residential Treatment Program for Drugs and Violence and R.E.A.D. program)
Bonneville Jr. High / SLC (Special Education)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Midvale (R.E.A.D.)
Bluffdale Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Bluffdale
Canyon Creek Assisted Living / Sandy
Canyon Rim Academy / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
Canyon Rim Care Center (short- and long-term care)
Care Source Residence (Hospice care)
Chateau Brickyard / SLC
Christ-Centered School / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
Columbus Community Center / SLC
Copperview Elementary / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
Crossland Rehabilitation / SLC
Garden Terrace / SLC
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital / Sandy (Long-term Rehabilitation)
Heritage Place / Bountiful (Seniors)
Highland Care Center / SLC (Senior Care)
Highland Cove Retirement Community / SLC
Holladay Healthcare
Holy Cross Ministries (R.E.A.D.)
Hope Center for Children / SLC
Inspiration Hospice / SLC
Intermountain Medical Center / Murray
Jackson Elementary / SLC (R.E.A.D.)
Jordan Valley Hospital / West Jordan (Med Surg)
La Europa Academy - Girls' Residential Treatment / SLC
Lakeview Hospital / Bountiful (Senior Psych Unit)
LDS Hospital (IHC) / Rehabilitation Services
Learning Services / Riverton (Adult Males with Longterm Disabilities)
LifePath Hospice
Neighborhood House / 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)
Park Lane Senior Apts. / SLC (retirement housing)
Pioneer Valley Hospital / WVC
Primary Children's Hospital (IHC) / SLC (Inpatient Rehabilitation Services)
Primary Children's Residential Treatment Center (IHC) / SLC (Children With Emotional and Abuse Issues)
RHA Community Services / SLC
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
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Sarah Daft Home / SLC
Shriners'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. Mark's Hospital / SLC (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 Guardian Ad Litem's Office / SLC
Utah School for the Deaf & Blind / Connor Street (Children With Multiple Disabilities)
Utah State Prison / Women's Inpatient Unit
Veterans Hospital / SLC (Rehabilitation/Hospice/Care Center)
Volunteers of America Women & Children's Center / SLC
The Wentworth at Millcreek
Work Activity Center / Midvale

Crestwood Care Center / Ogden
Davis Behavioral Health - Crisis Recovery Unit / Layton
H. Guy Child Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Ogden
Emeritus Estates Assisted Living / Ogden
The Gardens / Ogden
George E. Wahlen Veterans Home / Ogden
Girls Independent Living / Ogden
Heritage Park Care Center / Roy (Alzheimer's Patients)
Highland Park Elementary / Clearfield (R.E.A.D.)
Holt Elementary School / Clearfield (R.E.A.D.)
Manor Care / Ogden
McKay-Dee Hospital (IHC) / Ogden (Transitional Care, Psychiatric, Oasis Program and Rehabilitation Units)
Mountain Ridge Assisted Living / Ogden
North Ogden Jr. High (R.E.A.D.)
North Park Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Roy
Rocky Mountain Care / Clearfield (Assisted Living)

Big Sky Ski Patrol / Big Sky
Big Sky Youth Center / Bozeman
Birchwood Retirement / Bozeman
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (cancer treatment center, dialysis unit and surgical waiting room)
Bozeman Lodge (Retirement)
Bozeman Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
Community Medical Center
Eagle Mount Camp / Bozeman
Edgewood Vista (Retirement)
Emily Dickinson Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Bozeman
Epicenter / Bozeman
Frontier Assisted Living / Bozeman
Gallatin County Health Dept. / Bozeman (Immunization clinics for kids)
Gallatin Gateway School (R.E.A.D.)
Gallatin County Rest Home / Bozeman
Hawthorne Elementary School (R.E.A.D.)
Head Start (R.E.A.D. programs)
High Country Care / Bozeman
Highgate / Bozeman (retirement home)
J's Place Mental Group Home
LaMotte School (R.E.A.D.)
Longfellow Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Missoula Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
Morningstar Elementary (R.E.A.D.) / Bozeman
Mountain View Care Center / Bozeman
New Horizons / Livingston
Operation Military Kids / 4H Youth Center
Parkhaven Retirement / Bozeman
Quaw-Heck School (R.E.A.D.)
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Riverside Assisted Living
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Park City Library (R.E.A.D.)
Rocky Mountain Care Center / Heber
Summit County Library (R.E.A.D.)
Timpanogos Intermediate School / Heber (Special Education)
Wasatch High School / Heber (Special Education)

UTAH – OGDEN AREA

Archway Youth Service Center / Ogden
Aspen Behavioral Center / Syracuse
Aspen Care Center / Ogden (Assisted Living)
Behavioral Health Institute / Ogden (Acute Care and Day Treatment)
Canyon View School LIFE Program / Ogden
Chancellor Gardens / Clearfield (Assisted Living)
Christmas Box House (Children in care of state services) / Ogden
Clearfield Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Coalville Library (R.E.A.D.)
Country Pines Retirement / Ogden

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

UTAH – UTAH VALLEY AREA

American Fork Hospital
Center for Change / Orem (Eating disorders)
Courtyard at Jamestown / Provo
Summerfield Manor / Orem (Assisted living)
Utah Cancer Specialists / Provo
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Canyon View Psychiatric & Addiction Hospital / Twin Falls
Cassia Regional Medical Center / Burley
Eastern Idaho Medical Center (EIRMC)
EIRMC Behavioral Health Center
Hansen Public Library (R.E.A.D.)
Harwood Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Jefferson Elementary (R.E.A.D.)
Larsen-Saint Public Library / Preston (R.E.A.D.)
Rupert Long Term Care Center / Rupert
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Twin Falls Public Library (R.E.A.D.)

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