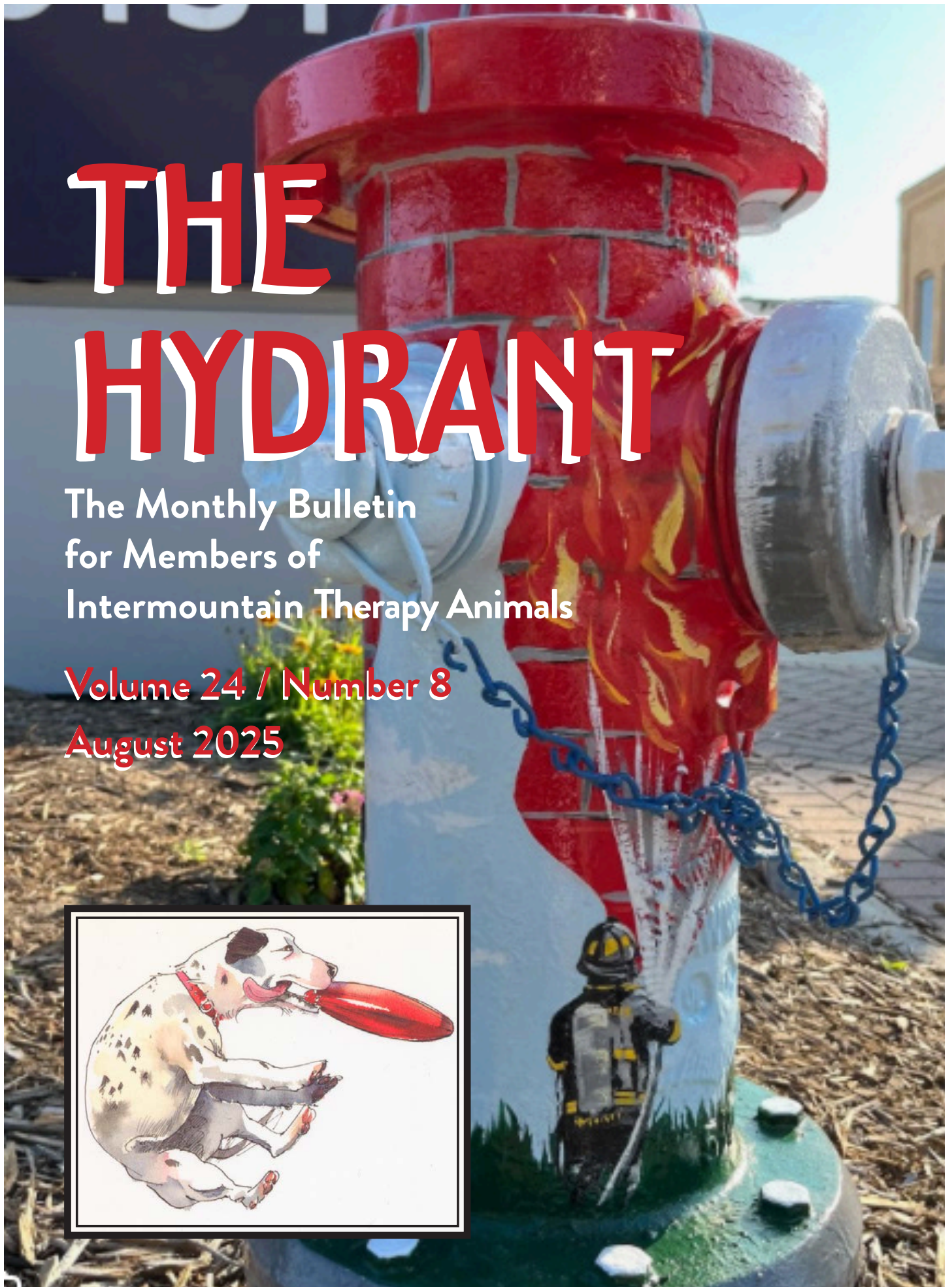
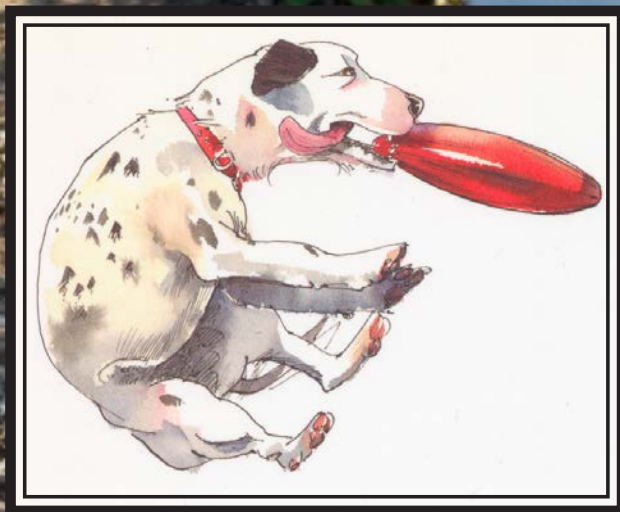


THE HYDRANT

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Are you current with ITA?

Membership Dues:

Individual \$99
Family \$150

How to Pay:

Pay online at therapyanimals.org/ita-members-only/
OR call the office with a credit card (801-272-3439),
request a PayPal invoice, or send a check to
PO Box 17201, SLC, UT 84117

Update your Contact Information:

If your contact info remains the same, you can simply make your payment. If any of your contact info has changed, please let us know by responding to this email or you can use the membership renewal application on our website (using the link above).

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

ITA Normal Office Hours:

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



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ITA Gala: Be a Part Of It!

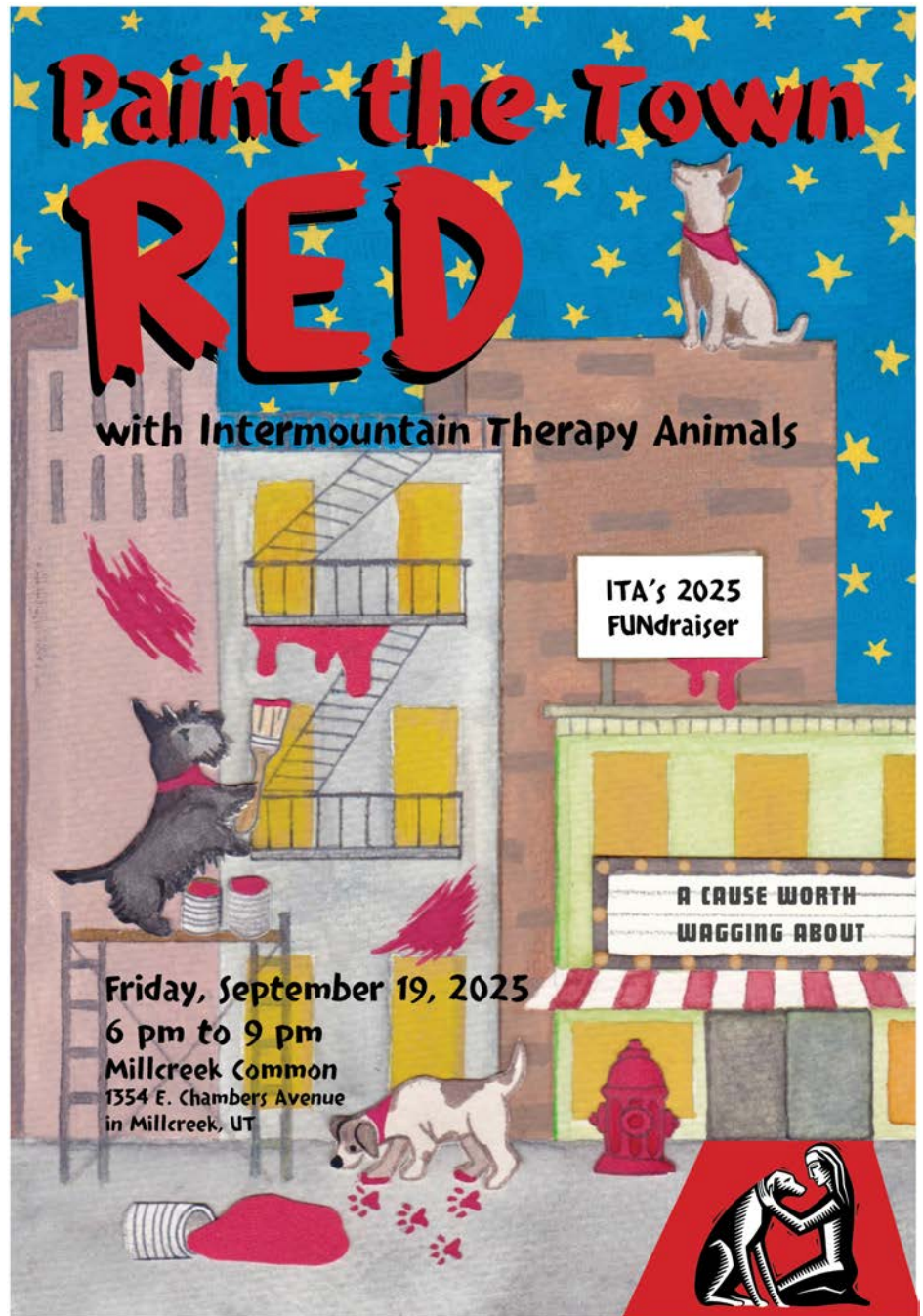
As most of you are already aware, we hold ITA's biggest party and FUNdraiser of the year every fall.

This year we are going to be at the Millcreek Common facility, nice and centrally located just off 33rd South and Highland Drive.

There are lots of ways our members can participate in these festivities—you can choose one or several of the following:

- **Come to the party** as a guest! Sit back, relax, and enjoy a different perspective of your ITA experience. (*Sign up online ~ see below.*)
- **Volunteer** for the night of the party, seeing all the fun for free. (*Contact beth@therapyanimals.org*)
- **Be a team.** The highlight of the evening for our guests, because of course our animal partners are our whole reason for being. (*Contact kathy@therapyanimals.org*)
- **Solicit some interesting item or unique experience** that can be included in our silent or live auction. (*Bring them in anytime.*)
- **Donate a gift card** or two to be used in our classic Doggy Bags. (*Bring those, too.*)

If you have questions or want more details, contact the office anytime to find out more!



You can buy tickets on our website, or use this QR code to get there fastest.



NEW TEAMS



**Danielle Baer
& Cedar**
(Bozeman, MT)



Jim Elsberry & Tessa
(St. George, UT)



**Sandy Beau
& Lilly-Rose**
(Clancy, MT)



**Harley Harrison
& VooDoo**
(Belgrade, MT)



**Shannon Callahan
& Doug**
(Helena, MT)



**David Moore &
Caleb**
(Santa Clara, UT)



**Victoria Edelman
& Boba**
(St. George, UT)



Alina Rice & Birch
(Belgrade, MT)



NEW TEAMS (cont.)



**Dan Goldstein
& Deacon**
(Bozeman, MT)



**Marcia Voigt
& Deacon**
(Bozeman, MT)

HANDLER WITH NEW PARTNER



Kathleen Hayden & Reilly
(Bozeman, MT)

LEAVING EARTH



Hank, partner of Heidi Maser

(Bozeman, MT) Died suddenly on May 28th. Heidi Maser, a Big Sky member, lost her beautiful and beloved dog, Hank. He had come through cancer treatment a while ago and was back to visiting. Recently he was suddenly diagnosed with a bad form of cancer and they only had a week with him before they lost him. She and Hank were a great team and had a positive impact on many people at Bozeman Health. He will be missed by many. Heidi & Hank started with ITA in 2023.



MEMBER HONORED

We mentioned Emily's award in the July Hydrant, but now wanted to share the message that was sent to all the University Hospital Volunteers:

We're excited to announce that Emily Callahan has been named the 2025 Cockayne Volunteer of the Year, our highest recognition for volunteer service at University of Utah Health.

Emily and her dog Callie have left a lasting impact on patients and staff alike. From the Emergency Department to Huntsman Mental Health Institute, they bring warmth, calm, and joy wherever they go. Emily remembers patient names and stories, brings thoughtful gifts on holidays, and even creates personalized bookmarks and trading cards featuring Callie for the kids she visits.

Callie's calm presence and Emily's compassion have helped deescalate high-stress situations and provided comfort during mental health crises. Their visits are a highlight for patients and a morale boost for staff, especially on night shifts when volunteers are rare.

Emily's dedication, kindness, and the care she puts into her volunteer work truly embody the spirit of this award. Please join us in celebrating her incredible contributions and thank you all for the difference you continue to make each day.

With gratitude,

Maria Jorge

U of U Hospital Volunteer Services

