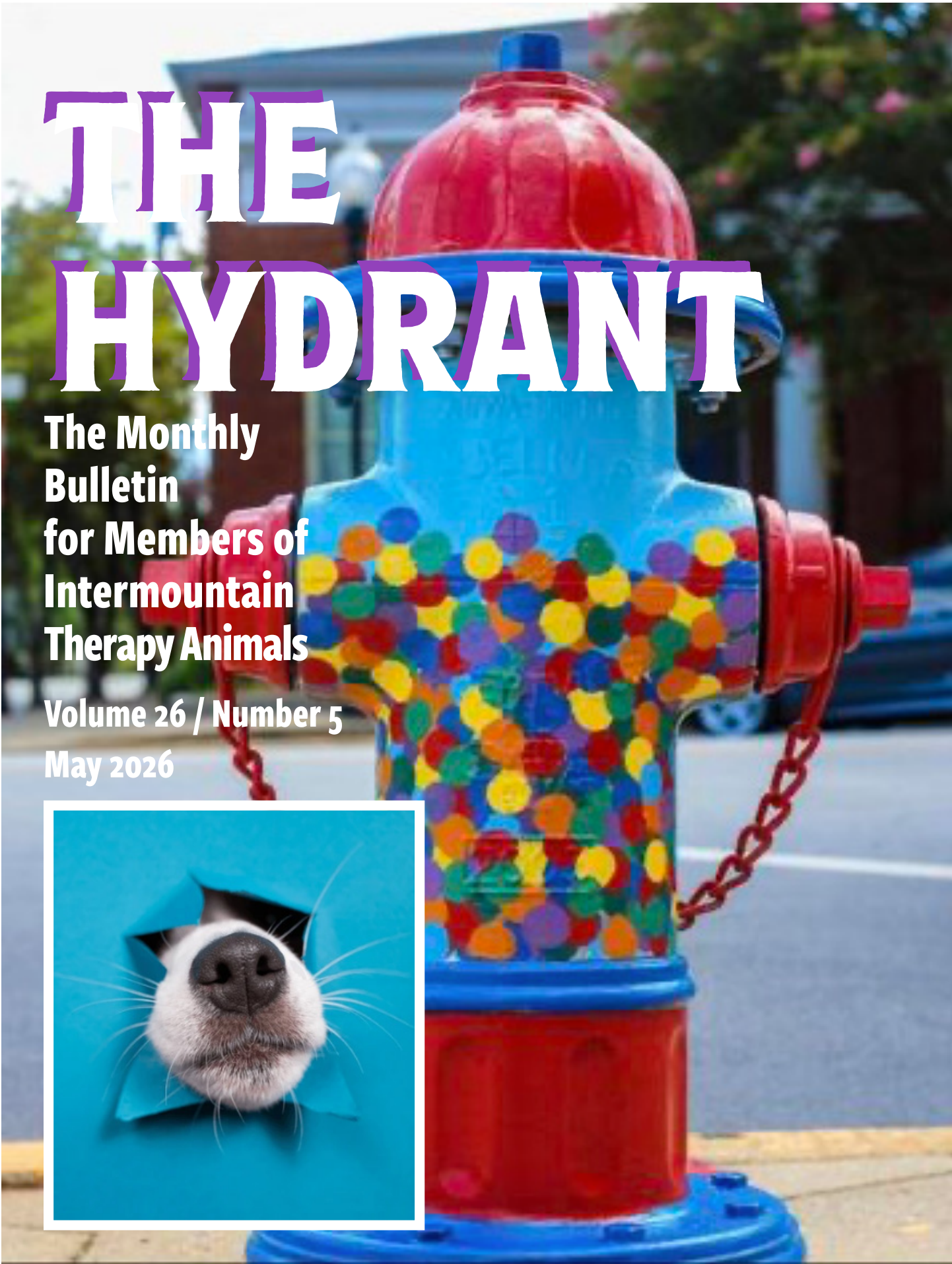
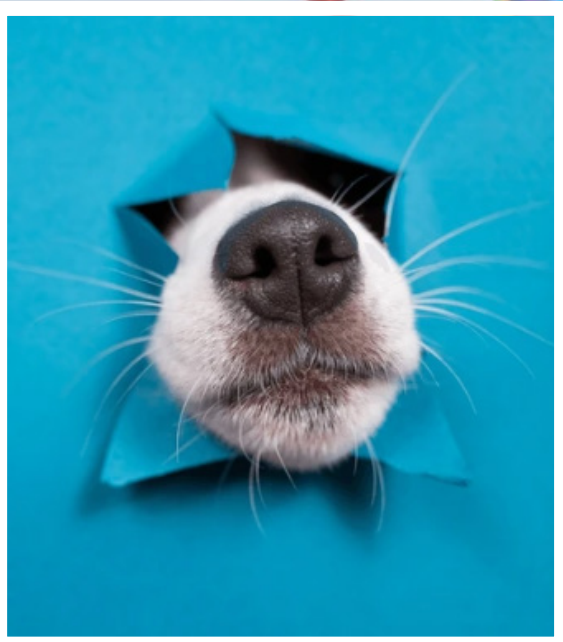


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INTERMOUNTAIN THERAPY ANIMALS



NEW TEAMS



Beth West & Jack
St. George, UT
March 2026



**Lisa Gourly
& Maddie Rose**
Park City, UT
April 2026



Ariel Bennion & Finn
Herriman, UT
April 2026



Peter Lenahan & Hanna
Sandy, UT
April 2026



Susan Brown & Ellie
West Jordan, UT
April 2026



**Amanda Lucero
& Janet**
Salt Lake City, UT
April 2026



Trina Eyring & Charlie
Murray, UT
April 2026



**Benjamin Maier
& Gidget**
Murray, UT
April 2026



**Megan Gould
& Magnus**
Sandy, UT
April 2026

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NEW TEAMS (cont.)



Abbie Meyers & Logan
Layton, UT
April 2026



**Jessica Nielsen
& Patriot**
Orem, UT
April 2026



Ann Page & Lucy
Salt Lake City, UT
April 2026

MOVING ON

Paige Hillenmeyer & Heidi

Moving to Florida in April to be closer to aging parents. Members since December 2021.



LEAVING EARTH



Daisy, partner of Erika Daines

Ogden, UT

As told us by a facility staff person: “Our sweet Daisy was laid

to rest in early April due to bone cancer. Daisy was an incredible therapy dog. As a rescue, she endured many difficulties in her life. Because of the trials she faced, she was able to give others hope. A once abandoned and beaten street dog, she became an outstanding therapy dog that provided so much love and comfort to others. I was able to go into a room of a suicidal teen with Daisy. It was so amazing to watch her work. Erika told the teen about Daisy’s past life. The teen hugged Daisy and said, ‘If she can make it in life, so can I.’ That will always stay with me as I know Daisy saved her life. She excelled at bringing unconditional love to our BHU and Residential patients. Her job as a Great Pyrenees was to protect others and that is what she did best!”

Daisy had been Erika’s partner since March of 2019. Erika herself has been an ITA member since July of 2008.



APPRECIATION

April 20, 2026

Dear Intermountain Therapy Animals Team,

I wanted to sincerely thank you for being part of our recent child abuse prevention event and for supporting our mission to serve kinship families. Your involvement added something truly special to the evening.

The therapy dogs were an incredible highlight—our kids absolutely loved spending time with them. Collecting the personalized, collectible cards was such a fun and memorable touch, and it brought so much excitement to the event. More importantly, the comfort and joy your animals provided meant so much to the children and families in attendance.

We are so grateful for your partnership and for the compassion you bring to the community. We hope to work together again in the future.

Warm regards,

Blair Olsen

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April 28, 2026

I cannot express how much I appreciate the Pilot Pup program we have with Intermountain Therapy Animals and the positive impact it has for the passengers, employees, and visitors. We very much enjoyed participating in the gala last year! Being our first time, it was much more than we expected it to be. We will certainly be more prepared this year and hope to invite more people to attend who are interested in both supporting the mission of ITA and bidding on some of those fun trips, too.

Thank you,

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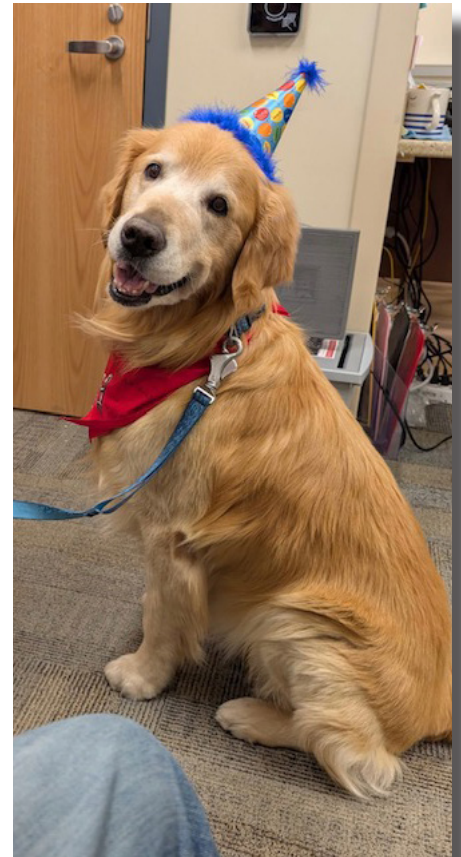
Just the Way I Like It

Missy, partner of Cherie Freeman, and a staff member at the George E. Wahlen Veterans Home in Ogden enjoy some mutual connecting.

Landmark Occasion

On the day my partner Dempsey turned 11, we celebrated with a visit to the Bozeman Cancer Center. I'd like to think we were a positive distraction and brought a smile to some faces!

— Kendice Rollison



Therapy Dogs Off Duty!

Finn, Max and Milo adventuring with Patty Meldrum, photo by Theresa Penttila





R.E.A.D.ing Marathon!

Five ITA teams managed to last for two hours of a Family SLAM Night on April 21st at Liberty Elementary in SLC. The event was to get kids excited about **Science, Literature, Art, Music and Math**, through various activities and experiences.

Six days later, librarian Brenda Goodwin told us, “The kids are still buzzing about the dogs in the library and carrying around their bookmarks and trading cards. Thanks for helping to make our SLAM night such a success!”

Big thanks to the teams who made it happen (clockwise from top left): Clarice Nelson & Ava, Jan Abramson & Izzie, Jane Fischer & Mickey, Susan Daynes & Dresden, and Janice Pinterics & Yuki.

