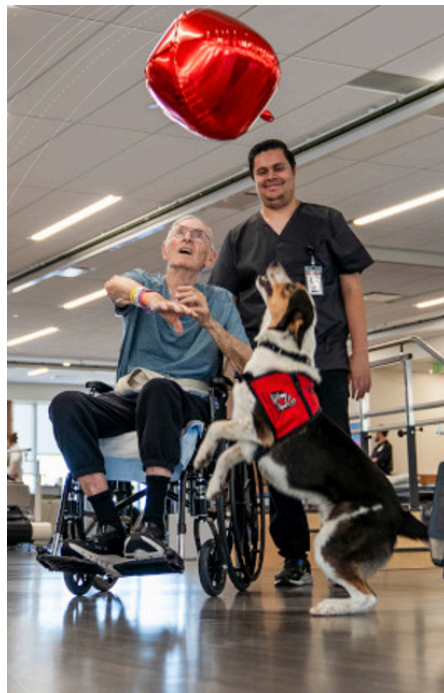


OUT & ABOUT



Where He Loves to Be

Woody, partner of Joe Poirier, is a popular participant in patients' rehabilitation therapies at the U of U's Neilsen Rehab Hospital. In addition to being sociable and lovable, he is an expert at tug, balloon volleyball and several other games that engage the patients completely.

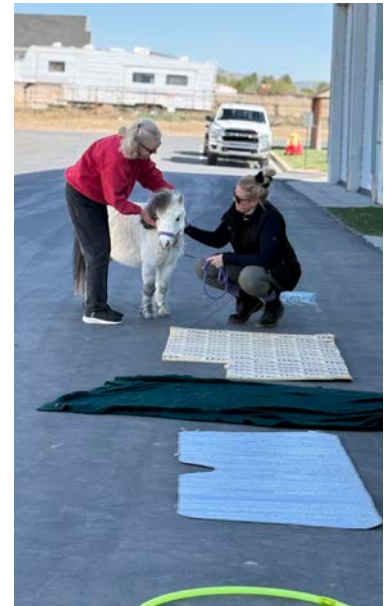




Screening Mini-Horses!

On April 19, Kathy & George McNulty and Kathy Klotz traveled down to Stride Pediatric Therapy in Eagle Mountain to do 8 re-screenings (4 current handlers with both Rhett and Royal) and 4 new screenings (2 new handlers with both Rhett and Royal).

While we managed to condense the procedures somewhat, Rhett and Royal were still absolute troopers to go through all of it over and over, and all 6 humans are also stellar handlers. (See *new handlers Cassie and Shannon in the NEW TEAMS section.*)



MORE OUT & ABOUT



Izzie, partner of Jan Abrahamson, poses with four of Izzie's R.E.A.D. clients at Guadalupe school, who all look pretty proud of their accomplishments over the past school year.

APPRECIATION



Card written to Allison Griswold & Birdee from Mom and Daughter in St. George Hospital:

I just want to thank you for everything you did to help (my daughter) mentally and physically. She absolutely loved Birdee your therapy dog! You went above and beyond and we will always remember you! (Name) made such a connection with you. I have no doubt you will be remembered forever by all the patients you work with. Thank you so much! I am writing this for (my daughter) because she is not feeling up to writing. She says thank you for everything you've done for her. You made her time in the ICU a million times easier. You truly have been the best "nurse" she's ever had. Thank you so much for bringing Birdee in. (Name) was completely surprised!

- Love from (Name) and (her daughter)



Bob albrecht, 16-year ITA Team Volunteer

Why I am a Monthly Sustainer for ITA

I decided to donate monthly to ITA because of knowing how much therapy animals help mankind in so many ways. My experience is primarily with Primary Children's Hospital because I have a soft spot in my heart for innocent children who have to suffer medical setbacks through no fault of their own. But I realize that Lily and I can accomplish only so much. Supporting ITA will assist in providing this service to many more children than we can possibly do ourselves. The same principle applies to other classes of people in need. Dogs are wonderful friends to mankind and do so much good in supporting people suffering from the challenges of life.

- Bob



Erika Daines, 18-year ITA Team Volunteer

Why I Sustain ITA in Multiple Ways



Being in charge of a non-profit organization like ITA is not for the faint-of-heart. I am not thinking about having daily interactions with volunteers like me, donors, facilities etc., but of the impossible business model of having fixed costs and unpredictable income. To maintain our tax-free status, we are not allowed to profit on merchandise. Rent, telephone, internet, electricity, water, insurance bond, among others, must be paid on time, if the organization is to stay alive. Income, on the other hand, has no such structure. Donations and grants may or may not come in.

For several years of my working life, I was self-employed with the same discrepancy between expenses and income. It was extremely stressful, and I did not even have to make payroll! That is the reason why I became a sustainer (both monthly and in my will). We all want ITA to continue as a strong, well-run organization. Predictability is one helpful factor.

- Erika



MORE OUT & ABOUT



Three to De-Stress!

On May 27th, we did a de-stressing event for employees of the Varex company in Salt Lake City.

Three ITA dogs surrounded one happy employee with their love all at once (from left):

- Miso, partner of Becky Butler
- Gus, partner of Peggy Chudd
- Gus, partner of Bruce Clegg

Yup, two named Gus that day!

In another fun connection, one of Miso's admirers shows off her highly-prized trading card!



Dogs in Art



Croquet - James Tissot - c. 1878



