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President's Message

Tricia Harris

One more month until our show!!! I hope you are getting excited!!! We need everyone's help, so please volunteer to help out. Even if you have never shown a dog we could still use your help!!!

There are some really exciting things coming up in the club (besides the show). We are looking forward to hosting another Lam's seminar. We are looking at Mr. Lam coming in the summer to teach us better handling and presentation skills. Also we are looking at hosting another handling seminar later in the year. We are looking forward to our summer party coming up in August. We are also having a lot of fun at our meetings with some really interesting programs. Last month we shared ideas on how to keep puppy ears nice. This was a program that was requested by a club member. If you have other programs that you would like to see, we are willing to do a program on anything that interests you.

I think it is time to pull together and unite this club. Please come out to meetings we really need all of you at the meetings. The direction this club takes depends on you coming and voting for what you like!!!

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Announcements

USSA WEBSITE

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.UTAHSHELTIE.ORG
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD PAST NEWSLETTERS THERE



Notice:

Diane Orr of Windabrae Shelties has kindly agreed to take over as the newsletter editor for a time. I would like to thank her for her willingness to help the club out in this way. I have really enjoyed being the editor for the past several years. I hope everyone will give as much support to Diane as they have given to me. You can send all announcements and ads to her at windabrae@cablone.net. Diane will be doing the newsletter in May, so send any answers to the question of the month to her. Thank you all for your support of me over the past several years.

Notice

Anyone who has puppies for sale, or is looking for a puppy or older dog, please contact Barbara Soderborg. You can reach Barbara at 801 561-4616 or email at saltcityshelties@msn.com

**Wanted to Buy
Used X pens in any
condition. Must be
reasonably priced.
Contact Cherie at:
801-226-0701 or
cghyde@comcast.net**



Happy Birthday

We want to wish the following members a very happy birthday!!

1 Mike Cornella	21 Steve Holmes
1 Robert Williamson	23 Dale Kendrick
7 Kathy Sittner	
10 Carol Cowley	
17 Barbara Vann	

** If we miss your birthday please let us know so that we can add you to our list.

Trolley Square... and Me

by Dusty Miller (via his "Mom" Kay)

Earlier this month, Mom and I were watching the evening news on TV when they interrupted with "Breaking News". There were shootings going on at our own shopping center, Trolley Square! Just then our phone rang. It was the Red Cross asking us to come to Trolley Square to talk to the witnesses right after the police finished questioning them. Of course Mom told them that we would be right there. I knew it was something really important when Mom told me, "We need to go to work now. We need to help those people." ... and she got our Red Cross vests. One for me too!



We went right in to the chaos, found the Red Cross vehicle, met everyone there -- especially the police who needed to know where to send the people when they were finished. I could feel the tension in the air, but Mom stayed calm and told me we would be OK and that we had important work to do. Soon, the witnesses started being released by the police. Lots of them wanted to pat me and talk to Mom. But there was one lady who was different. She was shaking all over and she wouldn't talk at all. I went over to her and put my head on her knee and looked up at her. She looked down at me, reached over, scooped me up into both of her arms, buried her face in my side, and sobbed and sobbed into my side for a long time. Mom looked over at me like she was worried whether I was OK, but I just looked back at her to tell her that I was just fine. I was doing my important work. After five or ten minutes, the lady put me back down. We looked at each other and she said to me, "Thank you. Thank you very much." That made me feel good. But she wouldn't say anything to anybody else. She just ran away.

Mom and I stayed there until after midnight -- trying to help those traumatized people to start feeling a little better. It was hard work, but I was up to it... and Mom did OK too. It makes me feel good when I can help people. But I sure am exhausted afterwards!

Windsor Shetland Sheepdogs

By Chrissy Whetherston

At the Golden Spike Dog Obedience Trial

March 23 - 25th "Tyson" ASCA-OTCH Hill View's

Ain't Misbehavin,' UD, RN, U_CDX, ASCA-UD

showed in Rally Novice,

on Friday he got 1st place with a score of 99 then

again on Saturday he got another 1st place with a

score of 99 on Sunday he got 2nd place with a score

of 90. We had a handler error that cost us 10

points Oops!!!

Thanks for letting me brag about my old boy, now it

on to Rally Advanced.





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“Plinko” is growing up into such a lovely girl. She has the best of her sire “Price” and her dam “ Callie’. Watch for her and her sisters, Penny, Blondie and Brio this spring and summer

HIVALLEY SHELTIES

JOANNE ADAMS



The Daffodil Principle

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over."
I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead "I will come next Tuesday", I promised a little reluctantly on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren.

"Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!"

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother."

"Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, And then I'm heading for home!" I assured her.

"But first we're going to see the daffodils. It's just a Few blocks," Carolyn said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this."

"Carolyn," I said sternly, "Please turn around."

"It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never Forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel Road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden." We got out Of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down to the path.

Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight.

It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold And poured it over the mountain and its surrounding slopes. The flowers Were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and Butter yellow. Each different colored variety was planted in large groups so That it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn. "Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn Pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house.

On the patio, we saw a poster.

"Answers to the Questions

I Know You Are Asking", was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I Thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of The greatest principles of celebration.

That is, learning to move toward our goals and desire one step at a time--often just one baby-step at time--and learning to love The doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find We can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world .

"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five Or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through All those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way. "Start tomorrow," she said.

She was right. It's so pointless to think of the lost hours Of yesterdays. The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead Of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"



I Have a Question....



This Month's Question:

I am wondering how often you should empty a dog's anal glands? Is this something that needs to be done on a regular basis, or is it something that only needs to be done if there is a problem?

The anal glands are glands found on dogs and cats tucked just on either side of the anus under the skin. They contain a surfactant like material which serves to aid the animal in defecation. When the dog squeezes during defecation, small amounts of the material contained in the gland is pushed out. Smaller dogs typically experience more difficulties with the anal glands. Large dogs naturally have a stronger muscle there and are prone to less problems but are not immune to impacted glands and even occasionally will have the opposite problem where any sort of surprise or fright cause it to virtually explode or shoot small and sometimes not so small amounts of the vitreous material in places you'd find rather unwanted. Since it probably serves other purposes with a strong musky smell, it probably helps dogs and cats identify each other by it's unique to each animal smell.

Occasionally, these gland can become overfull, and may actually abscess outward causing great pain and infection. People often misunderstand the problem as bleeding and obvious discomfort to the affected animal in an area people are not especially happy about inspecting carefully as to the source of the problem.

Many dogs and cats go through their whole life without benefit of having their glands squeezed, and do fine. Others may have a problem off and on but never progress to a bigger problem and is able to forge forward throughout life without intervention. You may or may not be lucky enough to avoid issues concerning the anal gland. If you are a person who prefers to practice a maintenance approach to this issue to prevent any possible impactions or infections, then it would be recommended that the anal glands be relieved of built up pressure occasionally. This is most conveniently done while the animal is being bathed as it can be a stinky proposition.

You will not be able to empty the gland, just relieve the pressure. Your Veterinarian can do a more comprehensive approach with an internal exam and emptying of those glands. It is not recommended that a lay person attempt anything like that. Nor would you want to may I add. I would suggest that the technique be demonstrated to you if you are inclined to attempt expressing the glands. If it is done incorrectly or too forceful, then the danger of rupturing the glands is very viable. As a groomer, I routinely express the glands on dogs who are visiting for a bath and groom. I practice the same on my own dogs when I bathe them.

Signs of problems can be but not limited to:

Extremely full glands which will not empty anything Greenish color to gland material which may indicate pus or infection Bleeding from the anus or from wounds on or near the anus Dog which seems to be experiencing pain, discomfort in the area of the anus, or spends more effort than usual wrecking your carpets and rugs dragging their bum over them.

I hope I have answered the question for you all.

Julene

In my office at the Bountiful Animal Hospital, some people bring their dogs in once a month to get them expressed, others just come in when they notice their dog scooting their bum along the ground. — Mindy Mangleson

(Please submit answers to Diane at windabrae@cablone.net)

Next Months Question:

How long should I feed puppy food? When is the best time to switch my puppy to an adult formula?

If you have a question for this column that you would like to receive an answer for, you can submit the question anonymously to Diane at windabrae@cablone.net or mail to Diane Orr 3910 East 132 North, Rigby ID 83442.

Club Meetings

Our Club meeting for April will be held on **Tues**
April 17th at 7:00 PM at Sandy Bicentennial Park,
in the building behind the pavilion.

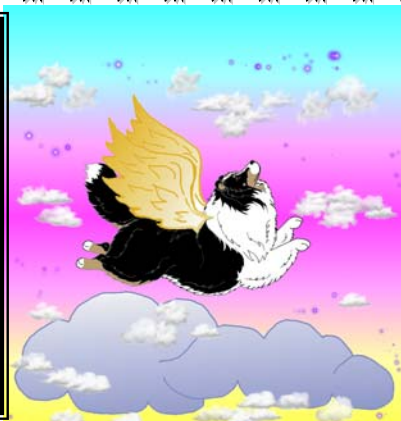
The Park is located at **8680 South 500 East.**

The board will meet at the same location on the same night at
5:45PM

For the program, we will be discussing color inheritance and
color issues today. It should be fun to learn a little more about
color.

***If you know of someone in the club who is in the hospital, ill, or of a death in the club or in the sheltie world, please let Barbara Soderborg know so that she can send a card or flowers.
saltcityshelties@msn.com or call her at 561-4616

The club wishes to
send
Get Well Wishes
to the following
people:



RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

(this month we're giving you a yummy HUMAN treat!!)

Carmel Crumb Bars

Mix until Crumbly

1 1/2 Cups flour, 1 1/2 Cups rolled oats, 1/2 tsp salt,
2/3 tsp soda, 1 1/8 cups butter, 1 1/8 cups brown sugar

Press 1/2 of the mixture in a 9 X 13 pan.

Sprinkle with a broken 7 oz Symphony bar (with the almonds and toffee) on top of the crust.

Pour melted 12 oz jar of butterscotch Caramel Ice cream topping (Mrs. Richardson) over all.
Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top

Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

(These bars are to die for!!!!) Enjoy. Just try not to eat the entire pan all by yourself!!



Sheltie Education

An Article of Interest for Sheltie Owners

Why Do Dogs Eat Grass

Both dogs and cats can sometimes be seen eating grass....but is this normal ?

Grass is pretty indigestible for cats and dogs because they do not have the digestive enzymes necessary to breakdown the fiber content .. which is high. Apart from fiber and water, grass also contains some minerals, vitamin A and sometimes vitamin D.

The nutritional value of grass for cats and dogs is very poor...so there is unlikely to be a basic instinctive nutritional reason why cats and dogs would eat grass ...unless they have a need for dietary fiber itself which is thought to be unlikely. Cats in particular are known to be obligate carnivores and have no requirement for nutrients derived from plant material.

There are many plants whose common names link them to animal species. Lamb's ear, cattails, and pussy willows, for example, are so-named because they bear physical resemblance to the animal, not because of any real affinity with their namesake.

Knowing this, is there any real connection between plants and pets? Aren't all dogs strict carnivores? After all, how many dogs do you know that would choose to eat a hay bale over a hamburger?

While the physical structure of a dog's teeth, jaws, and intestinal system tell us they are natural carnivores, they also require some plant matter in their diet. Canine species in the wild ingest the stomach and intestines of their plant-eating prey. In doing so, they consume partly digested plant matter, which helps in digestion of the flesh and bone they feed upon.

Today, with the majority of pets fed a commercial diet of store-bought pet foods, we tend to forget that, given a choice they would instinctively choose some vegetarian fare.

In her book, *The Complete Herbal Handbook For The Dog And Cat*, author, herbalist and long-time dog breeder Juliette de Bairacli Levy writes: "I am always amazed at the way my Afghan Hounds have selected their medicinal plants, shrubs and trees, and know where to find them and how to use them. By use, I mean the amount to be eaten to serve its purpose. Mostly their use is as a laxative or to promote vomiting, and they know exactly how much to eat to achieve one or the other effect."

While Juliette is in a position to be able to allow her dogs to freely roam the countryside of her native England, merrily chomping and regurgitating couch grass, few of us urban pet owners are so privileged. For urban North Americans, about the only plants we see our dogs eat is lawn grass.

But exactly why do dogs eat grass?

While de Bairacli contends it is to help aid digestion, others disagree. Some say dogs eat grass simply because it tastes good. (This is one case where it would be wonderful if our pets could communicate. Then again, they might ask us what we see in hot salsa.) However, couch grass is so well loved by dogs that its botanical name is *Agropyron canina* (canis is dog). Some people believe that dogs eat the grass to help cleanse their bowels and for removal of worms. It has been reported (but not scientifically proved) that cats and dogs will eat grass if they have a digestive system problem such as gastritis or nausea. They will also eat unusual materials if they have a nutritional deficiency, or if they are hungry and do not have access to food. On the other hand eating small amounts of untypical foods .. grass, wood, leaves, can just be a normal behavioral trait and is not important providing the material eaten is not toxic - such as laburnum leaves or sticks. Grass is usually safe - unless it has been sprayed with herbicide or insecticides.

The "pets and grass" controversy aside, basic to all folk medicine in every culture since ancient times, herbology was the basis of all remedies. Many of our current-day pharmaceutical drugs are derivatives of plants.

For both people and pets it is believed that herbs can assist in the healing process by helping the body eliminate and detoxify, thereby going to the root of the problem (pardon the pun) and not simply treating the symptoms caused by it.

Herbal remedies have been used successfully to treat many illnesses in animals including intestinal worms, fleas, skin problems, mange, distemper, kidney and bladder trouble, arthritis, obesity and digestive problems, to name a few.

As we become more conscientious of the world around us, it is only natural that we also take our companion animals' health and well being into consideration. Caring for your pets naturally may very well be the wave of the future that requires a look at the past.

If your pet suddenly starts eating grass it would be worthwhile getting your veterinarian to examine it just in case there is an underlying gastrointestinal problem or a nutritional deficiency.

Tip: *I buy small pots of Cat Nip grass from my local garden center, replant them into larger pots, then place them in the dog's yards where it is readily available to them. They love it!*

— Article Submitted By Shannalee Michalsky

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**USSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2007**

**SANDY BICENTENNIAL PARK
8680 SOUTH 500 EAST**

ATTENDEES: Tricia Harris, Barbara Soderborg, Judy Williamson, Cherie Hyde, Jim Newman, and Julene Mathews

Excused: Gene Cowley and Carol Cowley

Guests: Marisa Hyde

WELCOME: Tricia Harris welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Judy Williamson made a motion to accept the board minutes as written. Barbara Soderborg seconded the motion. The motion passed. 5-0-0

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tricia Harris spoke to us regarding the National Basket and would like to ask the club membership to allow up to \$200.00 per basket. We are sending two baskets to Portland for the National. We want to make sure our baskets are very nice to represent our club. The board members were in agreement with this.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Gene Cowley was excused so Tricia Harris spoke about maybe doing a seminar on the colors. Cherie Hyde has talked to the person in charge of the Lams seminar.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barbara Soderborg made a suggestion that we put on the membership applications that potential members must attend two meetings before we vote them in as club members. This is not uncommon in other dog clubs. We will take this to the membership for a vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cherie Hyde presented the financial report. Jim Newman made a motion to accept the financial report as reported. Judy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0. The report is on file

OLD BUSINESS:

SPECIALTY SHOW: Jim Newman reported that the premium was ready for mailing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DFA CALENDARS:** It is to late to use these calendars so we will have to wait until next year to purchase these

2. **JACKETS, UMBRELLAS, AND T-SHIRTS:** We discussed the cost of the articles. We are going to ask the club members what they would like to do. We will ask the membership if they will allow the club to pay for the setup fees.

SILVER TROPHIES: Julene Mathews told the board members that the ASSA would like to have the silver back from the 2003 National or have our club pay for it. She reported the club voted to use this silver as the trophies for our 2005 specialty and remembers having given the silver to Cheryl Albrecht when she became the show chair. Julene recalls Cheryl Albrecht saying that she gave the silver to the Parry's and Tricia asked Doug Parry if the silver was at his home. Doug Parry said he has no recollection of the silver pieces being at his house.

There was no other business so Judy Williamson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Soderborg seconded the motion. The motion passed -0-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:54

Submitted by:
Barbara Soderborg for Diana Beebe



USSA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2007

**SANDY BICENTENNIAL PARK
8680 SOUTH 500 EAST**

ATTENDIES: Tricia Harris, Barbara Soderborg, Julene Mathews, Judy Williamson, Cherie Hyde, Marisa Hyde, Jim Newman, Tomi Hamblin, Ernie Ciampini, Doug Parry, Kristin Sittner, Denny Daffron, Ava Jane Pickering

Visitors: Tony Plott and Addie Brandford

Barbara Soderborg taking minutes for Diana Beebe

Tricia Harris called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M and welcomed everybody to the meeting.

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING MINUTES: Barbara Soderborg made a motion to accept the club meeting minutes as written. Tomi Hamblin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tricia Harris discussed the National Basket and wanted to see if the club membership would allow more money for the basket to make sure we have very nice baskets to send. Barbara Soderborg made a motion that we allow up to \$200.00 per National Basket. Eva Pickering seconded the motion. The motion passed with Judy Williamson abstaining.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Gene Cowley was excused from the meeting tonight so Tricia talked about if the club membership would like to ask Shanalee to present a handling class. Cherie Hyde talked regarding the Lam's seminar.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barbara Soderborg discussed changing the membership application to state that potential members must attend two meetings before they become members of our club. This will help us get to know the new members. Judy Williamson made a motion to change the membership application. Barbara Soderborg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cherie Hyde presented the Treasurer's Report. Tomi Hamblin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Judy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The report is on file.

NEW MEMBERS: The names of Tony and Jamie Plott were presented as potential new club members. We will vote next month to make them official members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2007 SPECIALTY REPORT: Jim Newman spoke about the specialty premium and that it was going to be mailed out immediately.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR CHARTER MEMBERS:** Ernie Ciampini made a motion to allow charter members to have lifetime memberships. This motion was tabled until more research has been done. Ernie will present the reasons why we should have lifetime charter memberships and Barbara Soderborg will present the reasons why we should not have lifetime charter memberships. This will be presented and voted upon at a club meeting in the future.

2. **SPONSORSHIP FOR LOCAL ALL BREED SHOW TROPHIES:** There was a discussion on the lack of interest in our club regarding obedience and the fact that Shelties compete in the local all breed clubs. It was suggested that our club sponsor trophies to all of the local all breed shows. Julene Mathews made a motion to have our club donate the "High Scoring Sheltie" prize at each of our local all breed shows. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed with Judy Williamson and Ava Pickering abstaining.

SPONSORSHIP FOR NATIONAL TROPHIES: There was a discussion regarding sponsoring one entire class at the Sheltie National in the obedience trials.

Julene made a motion to have our club sponsor one entire class at the Sheltie Nationals in the obedience trials. Kirstin Sittner seconded the motion. The motion passed with Judy Williamson and Ava Pickering abstaining.

Some time was given to Denny Daffron to talk about Danny and his recent championship.

There was no other business so Barbara Soderborg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Williamson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Time was turned over to Tricia Harris who presented how to glue puppy ears. Cherie Hyde demonstrated how she glues ears and Kristen Sittner demonstrated how she uses the Japanese Tape. Puppy play followed.

Submitted by
Barbara Soderborg, Corresponding Secretary
For Diana Beebe, Recording Secretary



Calendar of Events

April 1-8 — National Sheltie Specialty in Albany OR
April 17, 2007 — Club Meeting
May 2, 2007 — USSA Specialty Show
May 15, 2007 — Club Meeting
June 19, 2007 — Club Meeting





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Dog-lovers that you are, have you ever wondered what really goes on behind the scenes at that pinnacle of dog conformation and exhibition, the Westminster Dog Show?

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David Frei, the TV host of both Westminster and the National Dog Show (NBC on Thanksgiving), will be here in Salt Lake to talk about his long history of experience with the Westminster Kennel Club and Show.

To launch the evening, the actors of the **Plan B Theatre Company** will be doing a bit of dog and cat drama; after the performance there will be live music and a complimentary wine and dessert bar.

We are extending a hearty invitation to you and your colleagues to join us for this special, one-of-a-kind evening, to be held in the auditorium of the beautiful, award-winning Salt Lake City library. A flyer describing the evening is enclosed; please post if appropriate, and/or forward to anyone else you think may be interested.

Tickets are a real deal: **\$15 each** or **2 for \$25**, in the form of a donation to Intermountain Therapy Animals (ITA) — a Utah nonprofit and one of the premier groups in the western United States providing animal-assisted therapy services to patients throughout the state and beyond.

Call soon for tickets (**801-272-3439**), because seats are very limited and we don't want you to miss out!

Best wishes from all of us at ITA — hope to see you on May 18th!

Benefit Appearance in Salt Lake for Intermountain Therapy Animals

• David Frei: "My Angels Have Four Legs"

David Frei is well-known to millions of television viewers as the longtime co-host of USA Network's annual telecast of the popular **Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show**.

He has appeared often on **The Today Show**, **Good Morning America**, **The Early Show**, **Ellen**, **The View**, **Martha Stewart**, **Charlie Rose**, and more. He has been director of communications for the Westminster Kennel Club since 2003.

David also is co-host on NBC of **The National Dog Show** on Thanksgiving Day, a telecast seen by 20 million viewers every year since its inception in 2002.

A longtime breeder-owner-handler and judge in the world of purebred dogs, he has enjoyed much competitive success with his Afghan Hounds and Brittannys. David has exhibited his Brittannys in conformation and field trials, but is most proud that his Teigh and Belle are therapy dogs, visiting people in New York hospitals every week.



Also appearing —

• The Actors of Salt Lake City's Plan B Theatre Company

The Plan B Company players are critically acclaimed—they have been invited to take an original play to New York for a stint on Broadway this summer. They are also committed animal lovers, and are bringing canine/feline humor to this special performance!

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A longtime breeder-owner-handler and judge in the world of purebred dogs, he has enjoyed much competitive success with his Afghan Hounds and Brittany Spaniels. David has exhibited his Brittany's in conformation and field trials, but is most proud that his Teigh and Belle are therapy dogs, visiting people in New York hospitals every week.

David is the co-author, with Mike Lingenfelter, of **The Angel By My Side**, a critically-acclaimed best seller about a heroic service dog, published in 2002 (www.angelbyside.com).

He is a trustee for Take The Lead, a foundation providing support for members of the dog show family suffering from terminal disease or life-threatening illness. He is also director of communications for the Delta Society, the world's leading organization for animal assisted therapy, and he is a member of several other dog organizations.

In 2004, David appeared in one of the final episodes of the HBO hit series, **Sex And The City**, playing a dog show judge awarding a big win to Charlotte and her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. David also does volunteer work with Transfiguration Church and School in New York's Chinatown, and in 2005 was honored by the Transfiguration Education Association for "his loyal support of Transfiguration Schools and his dedication to philanthropic causes."



- **The Actors of Salt Lake City's Plan B Theatre Company**

The Plan B Company players are critically acclaimed—they have been invited to take an original play to New York for a stint off-Broadway this summer.

They are also committed animal people, so who knows what serendipitous surprises they may bring to our party.



- **Music & Dessert Buffet**

Tickets are \$15 or (2 for \$25) — FREE with conference registration by March 15th!

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Key Speakers & Presenters



Jonathan Balcombe, PhD, was born in England, raised in New Zealand and Canada, and has lived in the United States since 1987. He has written many scientific papers and lay articles on animal behavior, humane education, and animal research. A popular speaker, he has given invited presentations in the USA, UK, Canada, Japan, Brazil, Israel, India and mainland Europe. In 2000, the Humane Society Press released his book *The Use of Animals in Higher Education: Problems, Alternatives and Recommendations*. His second book, *Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good* (Macmillan), was released in May 2006. Jonathan is currently Research Scientist with Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in Washington, D.C. In his spare time he enjoys bird- and nature-watching, biking, playing piano, and trying to understand his two cats.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Allen, MD was raised and educated in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from medical school, she completed a pediatric residency and a fellowship in pediatric critical care at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. She then moved to Salt Lake City where she worked with critically ill and injured children for many years. As the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Education at the University of Utah School of Medicine, she was involved in all aspects of teaching medical students about the joys and challenges of becoming a physician. However her most profound learning experiences about medicine occurred during her own bout with cancer in 2002. Becoming a patient taught her about the importance of touching patients, both physically and emotionally, as they struggle to heal themselves.

Maureen Fredrickson-MacNamara, MSW, CEFIP. Throughout her career as a social worker, Maureen has incorporated animals in working with children and adults with disruptive behaviors, and histories of trauma and overwhelming life challenges. Maureen has a unique combination of human and animal behavioral knowledge, practical experience and clinical skills that enable her to help clinicians and organizations plan and implement effective animal-assisted interactions that support human growth and development.

Maureen is a recipient of the Delta Society® Distinguished Service Award and is the creator of the internationally recognized Pet Partners® program. Maureen is past President of the Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association and a founding member of the Commission of Certified Equine Facilitated Mental Health and Education Professionals.

She is currently a doctoral student at the University of Denver, and her scholarly interests include the use and application of animal-assisted interactions in social work, particularly for individuals with trauma histories and chronic illness.



THANKS TO MARC BROWN (AND ALFRED A. KNOPF PUBLISHERS) FOR PERMISSION TO UTILIZE HIS FABULOUS ILLUSTRATIONS!

Christi Dudzik, MC, LMHC, is the President of Healing Paws, Inc. She is a distinguished figure in our world of animal-assisted interventions, with a career that has emphasized work with youth in acute care, psychiatric and school settings, and young adult and geriatric populations in acute care, long-term care, Alzheimer, psychiatric and hospice settings.

Ann R. Howie, LICSW, ACSW. Ann has enjoyed and learned from animals in her life since birth (she was up on horseback before she could walk). As an adult, Ann began integrating animals into her counseling practice in 1987 and has worked with animals in (human) healthcare ever since. She has both state and national credentials as a social worker.

Ann has incorporated animals into her work in in-patient psychiatry; acute-care hospital pediatrics, medical-surgical and intensive care units; medical rehabilitation, from adult in-patient to pediatric out-patients; skilled nursing facilities – transitional care, long-term care, and special care (dementia, Alzheimer's); and home health and hospice.

Ann founded and coordinated a hospital animal-assisted activities and therapy program from 1990-1997. Ann was Delta Society's national Director of AAT Services from 1995-2000, and she is an Eden Associate.

She wrote a textbook for animal-program coordinators and contributes to internationally recognized training books on handler skills and animal-handler evaluation. She was part of the initial task force to identify standards for the emerging field of animal-assisted therapy. She is co-author of a State of the Art Report on infection control implications for animals in healthcare facilities in process for the Association of Practitioners in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC).

She is an adjunct faculty member in the Masters in Counseling Psychology program at St. Martin's University in Olympia, Washington, and in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver in their on-line certificate program.

Ann shares her life with her husband, two Wheaten Terriers, a Standard Poodle, and multitudes of wild birds and squirrels.



Mary Renck Jalongo, PhD, is a writer, teacher, and editor. Articles that she has written about therapy animals and the R.E.A.D.® program have appeared recently in *Our Children*, published by the National PTA, and *Childhood Education*, published by the Association for Childhood Education International. She is the author of over 20 books, many of them focusing on ways of supporting children's literacy and creativity, such as: *Young Children and Picture Books*, (National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2004); *Early Childhood Language Arts* (Allyn & Bacon, 2003); and *Creative Thinking and Arts-Based Learning: Preschool through Fourth Grade* (Prentice-Hall/Pearson, 2006). In addition, Mary has earned four national awards for excellence in scholarly writing and is the author for all of the *World Book Encyclopedia* entries on early childhood education.

Mary is now a Professor of Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she teaches courses in literacy, research and writing to future teachers, practicing teachers, and doctoral students.

She lives in rural Pennsylvania with her husband and two dogs, Babe a white German Shepherd/Samoyed mix shelter dog and Cuddles, a greyhound rescued from the track. Mary has been actively involved with the local chapter of R.E.A.D.® and a Family Literacy grant funded by the state of Pennsylvania to bring the program to the children and families at public libraries.

Larry Newman is Vice President, Shipley Associates, author of the *Shipley Proposal Guide*, and a certified Professional Proposal Manager. He has helped clients prepare winning proposals for more than 20 years and has facilitated hundreds of proposal writing workshops. With 50,000 copies sold, the *Proposal Guide* has become the leading reference for proposal writers, sales, and business development professionals in North America, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

The Authors – Saturday's Panel & Signing Party

Here is the stellar line-up of distinguished children's authors who will be joining us for lunch and our Saturday afternoon book-signing party. They're so well-respected that they are even making each other nervous with anticipation! You'll have a chance to meet them in person, ask questions about their work, and go home with signed copies of their books!

Mark Buehner – *Superdog*, *Taxi Dog* and more



Janell Cannon – *Stellaluna*



Becky Hall – *A is for Arches*

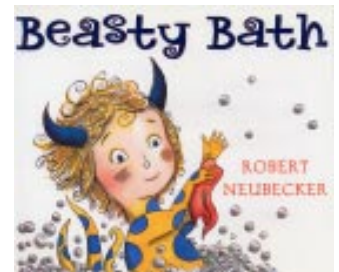


Thacher Hurd – *Art Dog*, *Mama Don't Allow*

Michelle Knudsen – *Library Lion*



Robert Neubecker – *Beasty Bath*, *Wow! America*



Todd Parr – *Otto* books, *Reading Makes You Feel Good*



Susanna Pitzer – *Not Afraid of Dogs*



Cat Urbigkit – *Brave Dogs, Gentle Dogs*



Friday: Visiting-Group Dynamics

Most of us volunteer with therapy animals through a pure passion for the cause. But building a successful visiting group in today's competitive nonprofit world requires so much more! Here is a unique opportunity for group leaders to increase their knowledge and sharpen their skills, with a day of intensive learning focused on a variety of the essentials.

6:30 am to 8 am – Registration Opens / Continental Breakfast

8:00 am to 10:00 am

A1: "Writing Winning Grant Proposals" – Larry Newman

Learn to prepare compelling grant proposals that get funded by adapting techniques used by the world's most competitive and successful business organizations. This fast-paced workshop will include: 1) Learn to be Customer-Focused, 2) Follow 14 Grant-Writing Guidelines, and 3) Avoid 10 Common Proposal Mistakes. Participants should bring one of their best proposals to the workshop. After being introduced to new concepts and techniques, you will be able to see which features were successful and which features could be improved. Finally, a Q&A session will focus on answering participants' questions and sharing lessons-learned.

B1: "Public Relations & Publicity 101" – David Smith & Christine Menges

During this powerful and informative workshop, learn the fundamentals of developing and implementing a public relations plan, valuable media relations skills, and the basics of writing press releases, public service announcements and media advisories.

10:15 am to 12:15 pm

A2: "Writing Winning Grant Proposals" – Larry Newman

A REPEAT opportunity for the session described above!

B2: "The Gift of Listening" – Jeanie McAllister

Your dog has it; most of us don't even come close. This insightful and interactive session will help you learn and practice ways to increase your listening ability, then take the gift back to inspire your colleagues.

12:15 pm to 2:00 pm — Lunch / Exhibit Exploration

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

A3: "People Power: Teaching Handlers Key Visiting Skills" – Ann Howie, LICSW, ACSW

Therapeutic animal handlers want to know exactly what to do to be effective in animal-assisted interventions (AAls). It is possible to effectively and rapidly train handlers specific behaviors that enhance AAls. Learn how to identify essential behaviors and teach those behaviors using proven behavioral learning principles.

B3: "Building a R.E.A.D. Program, One Team at a Time" – Becky Bishop

How to successfully grow and retain team members, get public recognition and publicity for free, and promote your reading program by thinking out of the box. This session will be not only beneficial and informative, but entertaining in helping you build and retain reading teams.

3:45 pm to 5:15 pm

A4/B4: "Color Outside the Lines" – Sandi Martin, RN, BSN, NBCF

Volunteers chose to become members of an organization for a myriad of reasons. This presentation will help you identify why potential volunteers would want to be a part of your group. By using this information you will be able to adapt non-traditional strategies to recruit them and retain them as committed members for many years.

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Registration Open

7:30 pm – Friday Night with Frei! — Salt Lake City Library

Stand-Alone Workshops

Developing AAA/T Training Courses

8:00 am to 12:00 noon (\$99)

Christi W. Dudzik, MC, LMHC

This workshop will educate individuals on how to create needed trainings in the community for volunteers and professionals who are interested in participating in AAA and AAT programs with their animals. Each participant will have the opportunity during the session to start the development of a training class. At the conclusion, participants will have gained knowledge on developing, setting up and teaching classes in their communities that will promote the work of registered therapy animals.

R.E.A.D.® Basic Skills

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm (\$99)

Merilee Kelley, R.E.A.D. Instructor

This introductory, four-hour interactive course will give therapy animal handlers the information and skills they need to begin working with their pets as literacy mentors—the premier opportunity for boosting your confidence to beginning R.E.A.D. work.

- 1) Literacy support tools for helping children who are struggling with reading;
- 2) Strategies for incorporating your therapy animal into the reading experience; and
- 3) Help to overcome objections that might be raised by school or library personnel.

The course is constantly being updated and enhanced by contributions from the real ideas and experiences of R.E.A.D.ing teams all over the United States.

Saturday Sessions



6:30 am to 8:30 am – Registration Open

8:00 am to 9:30 am

Breakfast with Jonathan Balcombe, PhD

You will be wild about this keynote presentation! Dr. Balcombe, a scientist and researcher is, with his latest book (*Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good*), laying out the facts on what our instincts have always told us: animals know how to have fun!

9:45 am to 11:15 am

C1: “Strategies for Promoting Reading Fluency with R.E.A.D.®” — Mary Jalongo, PhD

Fluency refers to the ease, speed, confidence, and accuracy with which children read. If reading is difficult, slow, demoralizing, or confusing then children become frustrated and may give up, even with support from caring adults. This session will identify common causes of reading difficulties, suggest practical ways to support students’ reading fluency, and provide resources for assisting children who struggle with reading.

D1: “Sometimes Everyone Needs a Little Therapy ... Dog” — Becky Bishop

In this invaluable session about raising dogs for pet therapy by shaping, socializing and training, Becky will share the benefits of early socialization of puppies, dispel some of the myths of dog training, and educate you about relationship-building through early socialization and training. This is not about competitive dog training, but rather about “real life” training of a dog you can live with and share with your community.

E1: “Soul Train: ‘Spiritual’ Handling Skills” — Ann Howie

Therapeutic animal handlers are familiar with physical dog handling skills but may be unaware of spiritual handling skills. At the same time, most handlers state that their reason for visiting is to share the animal’s love (spirit) with people in need. Are spiritual handling skills worthwhile to teach to therapeutic animal handlers? Can they make a difference in AATs? This presentation identifies key spiritual handling skills and guides attendees in integrating their skills into their animal handling practice.

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

C2: “Getting Your Foot and Paw in the Door” — Mary Ehrhart and Debb Taylor

New teams often express trepidation over the challenge of approaching schools and libraries about R.E.A.D. programs. This presentation will provide the teams with concrete materials and a structured format to follow and use for their own presentations. It also introduces the video, which is an effective and integral part of a presentation. With these tools, teams can provide a positive and informative presentation to win access and launch their programs.

D2: “An Alternative Approach: When There is Only One R.E.A.D. Team” — Pat Howes

In a perfect world, R.E.A.D. programs would be flourishing in schools and libraries everywhere, but in most locales the teams are still few and far between. This session will present detailed ideas for helping the lone team find ways to introduce children to the joys of reading with an animal, to plant the seeds that will eventually grow to full-fledged R.E.A.D. programs.

E2: “AAT’s Group Connection: Working with Youth and Adult Populations” — Christi Dudzik

This session will present techniques for utilizing therapy animals in a variety of clinical group settings. The focus is on appropriate patient connection with others, and will show how a therapy animal can serve as a bridge in this connection process. At the conclusion, participants will have an increased repertoire of techniques and understand the rationale for each technique used. This session will be excellent for therapists, healthcare and education professionals, especially those who work with mental health issues.

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Lunch with a Gaggle of Favorite Children’s Authors

Enjoy this festive lunch, hearing from our panel of distinguished and popular children’s authors while you munch. There will be plenty of time for questions and autographs. Leave some room in your suitcase!

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

C3: “Meeting Your State’s Standards: How R.E.A.D. Can Help” — Mary Jalongo, PhD

Throughout the United States, classroom teachers and administrators are required to focus on state academic standards when planning lessons and programs. This session will explain how to: 1) locate your particular state’s reading/language arts standards, 2) use knowledge of those standards to gain access to schools, 3) incorporate the standards in your work as a literacy mentor, and 4) justify the contributions of a read/dog program in terms of criteria established by the state department of education.

D3: “Beyond a Good Story: Outcomes Design and Measurement” — Maureen MacNamara

Animal-assisted interventions have not generated significant academic or scientific support due to limited scientific evidence and the tendency for practitioners to be overzealous. As more foundations, donors and funding bodies require ‘evidence-based interventions,’ it is important for practitioners to learn to present AAT/E programs with quantifiable outcomes. This session will help attendees write real life outcomes and design useful yet efficient ways to measure them. By learning to present AAT/E as an intervention with measurable results, practitioners can increase options for funding and support.

E3: “Creative Paws O’ Fun!” — Merilee Kelley

By popular demand—R.E.A.D. teams want to know how to design, create and produce those bookmarks, bookplates, certificates, frequent R.E.A.D. charts, photo stickers, business cards and other fun tools to spark up the R.E.A.D. experience and reward your R.E.A.D.ers! Merilee is not only a R.E.A.D. instructor but a talented, creative, and powerful presenter who will give you lots of practical ideas, demonstrations and tips to take home and USE. Let your Creative Paws learn how to make simple and Tailwaggin’ Treats for your kids.

Sunday Sessions



7:00 am to 8:30 am

R.E.A.D.® Instructor Intensive — “Caffeinated Conversation Cultivating Your Creativity” (limited to licensed R.E.A.D. Instructors)

It's been two years since the first wave of R.E.A.D. Instructors forged out into their communities across the nation! The program is still growing like gangbusters, so join your colleagues for this important session to compare experiences, share ideas, and help us fine-tune the course for the next few years. Facilitated by Nancy Brooks and Maureen Ross.

8:30 am to 9:30 am

Breakfast with Elizabeth Allen, M.D.

“Doctors and Patients: As Different As Dogs and Cats.” With experience as both physician and cancer patient, Dr. Allen has compelling insights into the roles of all those who seek to contribute in this environment. You will be both educated and touched by her words.

9:45 am to 11:15 am

F1: “R.E.A.D. All About It — The R.E.A.D. Idea Exchange Vol. 2” — Karen Burns & Kathy Klotz

This was one of our most popular sessions in 2005, a totally interactive session starring YOU. Come prepared to share with everyone who attends the conference your best, most innovative ideas from your R.E.A.D.ing experiences. We'll have a fast-paced format (three minutes each!) so we can hear from as many people as possible. We'll all have our pens poised throughout—don't miss this chance to shine while inspiring your colleagues!

G1: “The Art of Selecting Animals for AAIs” — Maureen Fredrickson MacNamara

AAIs have taken animals into settings and relationships never imagined by the crafters of the original standards and screening procedures. It's time to reassess the objectives of selection and evaluation procedures in light of new information and considerably more experience. This session examines questions about evaluation results and the extent to which screening and evaluation influence the handler's ways of interacting during interventions. The session also focuses on the challenge for handlers in recognizing the tipping point—the point at which their particular animal may become overwhelmed or even traumatized. Methods for accounting for and interrupting the tipping point will be provided.

H1: “Understanding the Bond Between Children and Dogs” — Mary Jalongo, PhD

We are convinced that the opportunity to interact with a mellow therapy dog is valuable, but persuading others of this demands more than personal enthusiasm for the program. This session will examine the child/pet bond more closely and demonstrate, through research, that dogs affect children's learning and well-being in highly significant ways. Participants will leave this session with convincing reasons for bringing children and dogs together through therapy dog work.

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

F2: “K9s, Kids and Libraries” — Sue Jones, Children's Services Librarian

Get a humorous peek behind the scenes at a public library! In what ways do they differ from dealing with a school? What does a library look for in what they offer their clientele? In a therapy dog team? How can you impress and convince them to allow R.E.A.D.ing with their children? Sue launched a very successful program in Pleasanton, California, five years ago and has lots of entertaining insights to share!

G2: “Take Your Therapy Dog to College” — Mary Jalongo

Colleges and universities are an important resource for educating the next generation of professionals about the role of therapy dogs in human well-being. This session will provide practical advice on how to collaborate with faculty and students from a wide variety of academic departments to publicize and promote community service with therapy dogs.

H2: PANEL: “AAT in the Burn ICU” — Dr. Jeffrey Saffel, et al

Listen to the physician, therapist, patient, and handler describe their experiences in the Burn Intensive Care Unit at University of Utah Hospital. A must for those who hope to convince staff and administrators of the efficacy and benefits of AAT in their own programs.

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

“A Rendezvous With You!” — Anita Lupcho

Enjoy your last lunch together at this year's conference and bask in the fun of what you and your colleagues have been doing for the past 2-1/2 days. **You will all star in this Rendezvous.** Anita Lupcho will be creating this presentation as the conference unfolds, so watch for her e-mail seeking .jpg images prior to the conference. (She will also be asking you to mug for her throughout the conference!)

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

F3/G3: “Goodbye Friend: Meeting the Needs of All Who are Impacted by the Loss of Your Therapy Animal” — Sandi Martin, RN, BSN, NBCF

This presentation will discuss strategies for assisting clients who are grieving the loss of their “animal therapist” while at the same time helping the handler deal with their own powerful emotions of grief over the loss of their animal companion. Anticipatory loss, actual loss and functional loss will be addressed through interactive discussion and actual case presentations.

H2: “Animals as Muses, Medicine, Magicians and Mentors” — Rita Baden, LCSW

There was a time when people recognized themselves as a part of nature, and animals were sources of healing, inspiration, comfort and creativity. We are beginning to rediscover these truths. This presentation will explore how the limbic connection between humans and mammals may help us heal from physical and emotional illnesses. Picasso, Plato, Edgar Allen Poe and Mary Oliver will help us understand the artists' use of animals as muses and mentors. Can Fido or Fiona help you paint like Georgia O'Keeffe? Who knows!

Travel & Accommodations

TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS: Delta, Southwest and Northwest are the airlines with the most frequent flights into Salt Lake City International Airport.

ARRIVING: If you are attending the Friday night performance and party, plan to arrive no later than 5 pm to allow plenty of time to check into your hotel and get to the downtown City Library.

DEPARTING: We have scheduled the conference to end early enough (3:30 pm) that those who want to leave on Sunday evening can still catch flights. You should have no trouble making any flight at 5:00 pm or thereafter.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Renting a car is not necessary or recommended for this conference. We suggest using the **Express Airport Shuttle (1-800-397-0773 or 1-801-596-1600)** which charges \$12 each way between the airport and the University campus. (Please call 24 hours in advance to make reservations.) The TRAX light rail system (\$1.50/ride) travels frequently and conveniently between Fort Douglas and The City Library, as well as all other downtown attractions.

ACCOMMODATIONS: We encourage you to stay on-site in the official conference hotel, the beautiful, convenient and reasonable **University Guest House**. Blocks of rooms for our conference are being held through **April 13, 2007**; after that, all reservations are subject to availability (another compelling reason to register early!). Please mention Intermountain Therapy Animals/R.E.A.D. to get these special conference rates:

University Guest House

\$72 + tax for Single or Double (1 King or 2 Queens)

Check-In: 3:00 pm Check-Out: 12 Noon

Reservations: **1-888-416-4075**

2nd OPTION: Marriott Downtown, 75 So. West Temple Street

\$117 + tax for Single or Double

Call locally and mention R.E.A.D. Conference for this rate: **801-531-0800**

(Use Express Shuttle @ \$7 each way to/from hotel—see information above)

Other Important Stuff

CANCELLATION POLICY: Written notice of conference cancellation must be received at Intermountain Therapy Animals no later than May 1, 2007 in order to receive a refund of registration fees. Mail to Intermountain Therapy Animals, Attn: Paula Dalby, PO Box 17201, Salt Lake City, UT 84117. Your full fee, minus a \$25 handling fee, will be returned. NO REFUNDS can be given after May 1, 2007.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS: Each registrant will receive a copy of the proceedings book in their registration packet. Additional copies will be available at the conference for a nominal fee.

RECORDING POLICY: Audio and/or video recording is strictly prohibited without prior written approval from Intermountain Therapy Animals. For more information, please contact Paula Dalby at 801-272-3439.

CELL PHONE POLICY: The great blessing and curse of our modern life! We ask that you turn them off during all sessions, no exceptions. If a cell phone rings, the owner will be asked to make an immediate \$5 donation to Intermountain Therapy Animals' R.E.A.D. Program. If the owner proceeds to answer the call, another \$5 donation will be assessed.

EXHIBITS: The Exhibits will be in the Officers Club adjacent to the conference meeting space. Exhibits will be open on Friday from 12 noon until 6:00 pm, and on Saturday from 7:30 am until 4 pm. Exhibitors will present displays and products that are relevant, interesting and fun. PLEASE NOTE: There will be ample time to cruise the Exhibits during the conference, but they will not be open on Sunday after 2 pm, so please make sure to visit before it's too late.

MEALS: There are no restaurants available close by on the University of Utah campus, and the dorm cafeterias are closed as the conference is happening between semesters. But no worries! Breakfast and lunch are included in the full registration cost and also for the Friday courses. Dinners will be on your own, and lots of great places are convenient. We'll provide recommendations at the conference.

PET POLICY: This conference is designed as an educational experience for people. To avoid irresistible distractions during the conference, only service/assistance dogs and pre-arranged demo dogs will be permitted. Animals, other than service animals, are not permitted at the University facilities because there are often medical patients who stay there, and your therapy companions cannot be accommodated at the conference venues.

HOW TO REGISTER: Three easy ways to register for the conference.

- **By Mail:** Send completed registration form (on facing page) with check, money order or credit card information, including signature and expiration date, to: Intermountain Therapy Animals, READing Rendezvous, PO Box 17201, Salt Lake City, UT 84117
- **By Fax:** Fax completed registration form (on facing page) along with credit card information, including signature and expiration date, to 801-272-3470. If you fax, DO NOT follow-up by mailing original form. This could result in the processing of your registration twice.
- **By Phone:** Call 801-272-3439. We suggest you complete the form on page 7 in advance to expedite the registration process.

UTAH TEACHERS: Teacher relicensure points will be available for attending this conference.



Wild! Conference — Registration Form

Attendee information – Please type or print clearly

Name _____ Business/Organization _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

How did you hear about this conference? _____

Are you a registered R.E.A.D. team? ☐ Yes ☐ No **[IF YES:] Bring your R.E.A.D. ID card for special freebies!**

May we include your contact information in a directory for conference participants? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Vegetarian Meals ☐ Vegan Meals ☐ Other Special Needs _____

☐ If you require **disability-related accommodations**, including being accompanied by a service/assistance animal, please let us know by April 1, 2007. Call Paula Dalby at 801-272-3439. **PLEASE NOTE: Therapy animals cannot be accommodated at this conference.**

Conference Registration — Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 18th, 19th & 20th, 2007

Full 3-day conference includes: Admission to all sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, breakfast and lunch on Friday, Welcome Breakfast on Saturday with keynote speaker Jonathan Balcombe, lunch on Saturday with nine children's authors, breakfast on Sunday with Dr. Elizabeth Allen, lunch on Sunday, break refreshments all days, one copy of the Conference Proceedings Book, and admission to the Exhibits.

We are offering another great bargain to those who register early (**15-20% savings**)! What's more, *everyone who registers by March 15th will get to attend the Friday night David Frei performance FREE!* We have our motives—we want as much advance planning time as possible to make this conference worthwhile, satisfying and fun!

<input type="checkbox"/> General Attendance	1 day	2 days	3 days	\$	Which days?
• Register on or before March 15th, 2007	\$125	\$225	\$315	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun
<input type="checkbox"/> YES! Include my free Friday night ticket!					
<input type="checkbox"/> NO, I regret I cannot arrive in time to attend. <i>(Please let us know—so that we don't sell your ticket to someone else!)</i>					
• Register March 16 - May 1st, 2007	\$140	\$240	\$330	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun
• After May 1st, 2007	\$150	\$270	\$370	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri <input type="checkbox"/> Sat <input type="checkbox"/> Sun

Friday (May 18) Stand-Alone Courses*

(*If you sign up for one of these stand-alone courses, do not register for the regular Friday sessions—but if you take one of these classes on Friday and register by March 15th, you may still have a free ticket for the Friday night performance/party!)

- ☐ **Developing AAA/AAT Training Courses, 8 am-12 noon** \$99 _____
- ☐ **R.E.A.D.® Basic Skills Workshop, 1-5 pm** \$99 _____
- ☐ **Additional Tickets for Friday Night Plan B Performance and speaker David Frei** (tickets @ \$15 each or 2 for \$25 x no. _____ = _____) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

☐ Check (made out to ITA) (or) ☐ Credit Card: ☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

Print name exactly as on credit card _____

Please help us by indicating which of the breakout sessions you are likely to attend. (Refer to pages 4-5 for details.) Your decisions are not binding, but your inclination will help us choose the best size rooms for each group. For each day that you are attending, mark one choice in each row. Thanks!

Friday

- ☐ A1 ☐ B1
☐ A2 ☐ B2
☐ A3 ☐ B3
☐ A4/B4

Saturday

- ☐ C1 ☐ D1 ☐ E1
☐ C2 ☐ D2 ☐ E2
☐ C3 ☐ D3 ☐ E3

Sunday

- ☐ F1 ☐ G1 ☐ H1
☐ F2 ☐ G2 ☐ H2
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More Presenters



Rita Baden, LCSW, grew up in a suburb of New York City where her parents cultivated her love of animals. Rita was very young when her parents died, and her cats helped her cope. As a psychotherapist, she began to contemplate the connection between animals and healing. Her Golden Retriever, Natasha, works with her in her Park City practice. She says people look forward to seeing Natasha more than her—and she's okay with that.

Nancy Brooks is the therapy animal volunteer supervisor for the Animal Humane Society in the Twin Cities (MN) area. She designed and implemented the Society's visiting group, Animal Ambassadors, in 2003 with 2 registered teams. It has grown to currently 51 registered teams and 19 teams in training. In early 2004, Nancy formed the reading program called AARF, Animal Ambassadors Reading Fun. She is a member of Reading Education Assistance Dogs and a licensed R.E.A.D. instructor. She has conducted 10 workshops with 89 participants from 4 states in the past two years.

Karen Burns is Assistant Director of Intermountain Therapy Animals and an 8-year Delta Pet Partner® veteran with her Great Dane, Maggie. She has gone from big to little, now visiting with her bunny, Clair. Karen is a Delta Society Workshop Instructor and one of ITA's original R.E.A.D. trainers, coordinating the efforts of all ITA's internal R.E.A.D.® teams (50+).

Mary Ehrhart is a R.E.A.D. Instructor, a Delta Society Pet Partner and Team Evaluator, and an AKC CGC Evaluator and AKC Canine Ambassador. She and Debb Taylor coordinate their Paws for Reading program in conjunction with MidSouth Therapy Dogs in Tennessee.

Pat Howes has been a first grade teacher for over 30 years and has a Masters in reading. She is a R.E.A.D. instructor and participates with Lucy, her 5-year-old lab mix (variously described by her young clients as "part beagle," "part mouse," and "part angel."

Sue Jones has worked in public libraries for 37 years, 18 in children's services. She is currently Library Assistant/Children's Services in the Pleasanton (CA) Public Library, where she launched the *Paws to Read* program five years ago. She is also Humane Education Specialist for the Valley Humane Society, where she launched their humane program 12 years ago. She is married to a retired K9 officer!

Merilee Kelley is the Founder and President of READING Paws, a R.E.A.D. affiliate which serves the Middle Tennessee, Central Florida, and southeast Arizona areas. Additionally, she is a licensed R.E.A.D. Trainer for Intermountain Therapy Animals, a CGC Evaluator, and a member of APDT. Merilee has a background in Special Education and Psychoeducational Evaluation. In her spare time, she is the founder and president of Working Paws Assistance Dogs through which she teaches dog obedience classes, raises and trains assistance dogs. Merilee is owned by, and chauffeur for, her three Pet Partners who visit in the Central Florida area.

Kathy Klotz is Executive Director of Intermountain Therapy Animals and a 10-year Pet Partner volunteer; she is also a Delta Society Team Evaluator and Workshop Instructor and has been responsible for developing the R.E.A.D. Program manual and training videos. Her Australian Shepherd, Foster, was one of the R.E.A.D. dog pioneers.

Anita Lupcho is the Community Relations Coordinator at the Vineland (NJ) Public Library and the Coordinator for the Puppy Tales program. She and Genta, her Bichon, are working diligently on several additional titles!

Sandi Martin, RN, BSN, NBCF, is a member of ITA's Board of Directors; more importantly, she was the one who hatched the idea of Reading Education Assistance Dogs back in 1999 with her first therapy dog, Olivia. Sandi is also a certified grief facilitator by the American Association of Bereavement.

Jeanie McAllister, MA, is a management trainer, teacher, speaker, writer, and consultant. Owner of McAllister & Associates, she provides organizational, management, and employee development to corporations across the country. She has spent 24 years in corporate development — 11-1/2 years at American Express, the last 10 with her own company, serving organizations in 21 states and in Mexico City. Her favorite childhood pets were "Cinders," a black Cocker Spaniel, and "Frisky," a lamb.

Christine Menges, Account Supervisor, Penna Powers Brian Haynes. Christine has been the team leader on PPBH's most successful public service accounts. She has covered the agency business from almost every angle since she first broke into advertising in Portland, Oregon. She has specialized in strategic planning and paid media coordination, working on numerous public service/involvement campaigns. She also serves on ITA's Board of Directors.

Maureen Ross, MA, is Co-founder and President of Dog Talk & TheraPet, LLC, and Founder and Executive Director of New England Pet Partners, Inc. Both businesses offer a heart-centered approach to family systems dog training, behavioral counseling, Pet Partners and R.E.A.D. Maureen is the author of *Train Your Dog, Change Your Life*, published by Howell Book House.

Jeffrey Saffle, MD, is the Medical Director of the University of Utah Burn Trauma Center and Past President of the American Burn Association. Dr. Saffle has been an advocate of the value of animal-assisted interventions in the burn trauma setting for many years.

David L. Smith, APR, Partner, Public Relations Director, Penna Powers Brian Haynes. Dave has helped shape public perception in a variety of industries, including public service, transportation, healthcare, sports, law enforcement, development, high-tech and education. He is one of few Utahns with professional accreditation from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and recipient of a prestigious international PRSA Silver Anvil Award for the 2002 Olympic Transportation "Know Before You Go" campaign.

Debb Taylor is a R.E.A.D. instructor, a Delta Society Pet Partner and Team Evaluator, and an AKC CGC Evaluator and AKC Canine Ambassador. She and Mary Ehrhart coordinate their Paws for Reading program in conjunction with MidSouth Therapy Dogs in Tennessee.

