



USA THERAPY DOGS, INC.

Serving with Compassion and Pride

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WISH LIST



The following items are need for USA TD. If you can donate any of these much needed items please call one of the following: Diane at 810-245-2459, Ann at 810-240-5024, Jarod Boyles 810-569-2506. We can arrange for pick up.

Light weight banquette tables

- 2 - 6 foot
- 2 - 8 foot
- 1 - card table— only light weight
- 4— light weight canvas tailgating type fold up chairs

Overhead projector to attach to lap top computer.

Table clothes Red, White or Blue to fit 6 ft rectangular banquette tables

Generator - quiet running —low to medium output

Shelving made from wire—for storage unit

Lap Top Computer or external hard drive

Gift Certificate to Staples or office store for office supplies.

Donations for Raffles/Auctions for Fundraisers ongoing need.



DOGGIE OLYMPICS Fundraiser

The Doggie Olympics, April 20, 2013 was a lot of fun, there were familiar faces and some new ones, both canine and human. If you didn't get a chance to attend this one, make it a point to go next time. It really is entertaining to see how everyone interacts with each other and their dogs especially when there is a little competition going on.

After all expenses were paid to put the fundraiser on, USA Therapy Dogs, Inc. brought in approximately \$400.00 The money will help with the financial costs to run the organization. Thank you to all those who volunteered and or donated items for the raffles.



NEEDED ASSISTANT EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ann Bruno is USA Therapy Dogs, Inc. Events Coordinator. Ann works full time, is a single mother, is USA TD Events Coordinator, Chief Medical Officer, Assistant Trainer and is Reading Program Coordinator Central Elementary. She has requested an assistant to help her with events. The Event's Coordinator Assistant would oversee setting up and taking down USA TD's tent/booth, schedule volunteers times and tasks and assure that all is in order for the day's event. Please contact her if you can help out phone: 810-240-5024, email: Twisterboo24@hotmail.com



USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. Fall Class

Start Date: Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Class Location:

Hadley Acres Obedient and Care

4013 Pratt Rd

Metamora, MI 48455

13 weeks total – we will meet 12 consecutive classes for instruction, last week is graduation

Time; First Class: 6:30 to 8:30

After First Class, Time: 7 pm to 8:30

Membership applications can be found on the USA TD website www.usatherapydogs.org

Go to the FORMS tab, print and fill out the following forms:

- 1. Canine Information form**
- 2. Vet Authorization/Vaccination form (must be signed by your vet)**
- 3. Membership application form**

In addition to the forms please send in a copy of your

- 1. Driver's License front and back**
- 2. Current County Dog License**

Send the completed forms and payment (see below for cost) to:

USA Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Attention: CLASS/Kathy Fridline

P.O. Box 100

Davison, MI 48423

Someone will contact the applicants for a prescreening

We request that all paper work is submitted by July 31, 2013 along with payment

Please make checks out to USA Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Cost:

\$165 for one handler and one dog

\$215 for two handles and one dog



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please submit your hours at the end of each month. It is understandable that people get busy and forget or don't make the time to submit hours. You can submit them at the end of each quarter, please tally up the hours by month. Email Diane for a visitation log: diane.noblett@yahoo.com and she will email one to you. Remember to have your visitation log signed by the contact person at the location. **15 hours a year is required to remain in "active" status with USA Therapy Dogs, Please refer to the Policies and Procedures Manual for details.** If you would like to receive another PPM send Diane Noblett an email for the request.

To qualify for Volunteer Hours Award (Handler/Dog Team with the most hours per quarter) for each quarter, hours must be received by: 1st quarter; March 31, 2013, 2nd quarter; June 30, 2013, 3rd quarter; September 30, 2013 and November 30, 2013 (short 4th quarter due to holiday season) December hours will still need to be submitted. End of the year awards, vest stars and certificates will be distributed at the annual Christmas Party in December. A star is given to be placed on Therapy Dog's vest for each year your Therapy Dog is active—minimum of 15 hours per year. One winner per quarter, if the same handler/therapy dog team wins two months in a row, the second month they will receive a Recognition Certificate and a spot in the Newsletter.

FIRST QUARTER 2013 VOLUNTEER WITH THE MOST HOURS

Donna La Vere & Ginter with 58.5 hours



Donna receiving her a goody basket for her and Ginter. Thank you Donna for all your dedication to USA TD!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2013 ACTIVITES

LISTED ARE A FEW EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN 2013. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS... DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- * **DOG BOWL – MAY 25 AND 26-FRANKENMUTH– USA TD WILL NOT PARTICIPATE**
- * **FESTIVAL OF FLAGS Parade-** Davison, MI JULY 10, 2013
- * **PUMPKIN FEST – OCTOBER – DATE TBD**
- * **TASTE OF THE SEASON FUNDRAISER – NOVEMBER 2ND (TENTATIVE DATE)**

We need members to volunteer for these events/fundraisers in order to make them happen.





- ◆ Keep your pet indoors, especially when you are not at home. Do not leave animals unattended in your yard; it only takes a minute for thieves to steal your pet.
- ◆ Do not let your pet roam free in the neighborhood.
- ◆ Remember that indoor cats live longer, safer lives.
- ◆ Keep companion animals safely inside your home when you are expecting repair personnel, meter readers, or guests.
- ◆ Properly identify your pet with a collar and tag, microchip, and/or tattoo.
- ◆ Know where your pet is at all times.
- ◆ Maintain up-to-date licenses on your pets.
- ◆ Keep recent photos and written descriptions of your companion animals on hand at all times.
- ◆ Spay and neuter your pets. Fixed animals are less likely to stray from home.
- ◆ Be aware of strangers in the neighborhood. Report anything unusual such as suspicious neighborhood activities or missing pets to the police, animal control and your neighbors.
- ◆ Padlock your gate; outdoor dogs should be kept safely behind a locked gate.
- ◆ Make sure that your animal is not visible from the street.
- ◆ Keep your pet on a leash whenever you go outside.
- ◆ Do not tie your pet outside a store to wait for you.
- ◆ Never leave an animal unattended in a car.
- ◆ Check out GPS tracking devices for pets (like Tagg.com)
- ◆ Keep all papers (adoption, breeding contract, dog license) in one easily accessible place. Consider making up a “Lost Pet” flyer so all you have to do is quickly print it out.
- ◆ If the unthinkable happens, don't panic. Call the police if you believe your dog has been stolen, then begin your own search. Search the area, talk to neighbors and passersby. Walk or drive slowly through the area several times daily. Hand out copies of recent photographs.
- ◆ Do NOT wait to see if they will come back. Act immediately, Time is important! LISTEN to your environment. A pet can often be found from the sound of disturbed birds or squirrels or an agitated and barking neighborhood dog. Take a photo, leash or crate and the pets' favorite treat and start looking. Ask neighbors if they have seen him and accept any and all offers of help. It's easier to say thank you to a neighbor than good bye to a beloved pet.
- ◆ Make Flyers with a color picture if possible to hand out to anyone and everyone you encounter. Also post them in any and every store in a 5 mile radius. Make sure to include a phone number in large print. If you offer a reward do not put the amount on the paper. They will have to call you to get that information. Distribute flyers to vets and shelters in your area. Do not underestimate how fast or far a pet can travel.
- ◆ Make posters with a color picture if possible to hang on telephone poles or road corners.
- ◆ Visit the local pounds and shelters. Do not rely on information given over the phone. Check back daily if possible.
- ◆ Post an ad in the local paper, often this service is free. Also access all social media. MANY pets have been found through Facebook. There are many lost pet websites for posting lost/found pets.

The most important thing you can do for your pet is be prepared and get the word out!

Compiled by the “Bring Brody Home” Campaign. Please visit our Facebook page for more info. Like and share our page to help us find Brody! Visit [Facebook.com/BringBrodyHome](https://www.facebook.com/BringBrodyHome)



STILL MISSING USATHERAPY DOG - HELP FIND BRODY

\$1,000 REWARD—We have not forgotten Brody!!

IF YOU SEE BRODY - PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS HOPE 810-922-0106 or email her at parithead@comcast.net.

Brody was stolen from Chris' yard in Flushing on January 28, 2013

AKC/THERAPY DOG RECOGNITION THERAPY DOG PATCH



USA Therapy Dogs, Inc. is now a recognized Therapy Dog organization. The forms and guidelines have been emailed to all members for those who would like to earn an AKC Therapy Dog patch.

The visit log the AKC has a different format than the visit log for USA Therapy Dogs. AKC counts visits, USA TD counts hours. The same sheet can be used for both AKC visits and USA TD hours, just make sure the hours are stated on the form when sending to Diane Noblett at diane.noblett@yahoo.com. It is the Handlers responsibility to send in all the pertinent information to the AKC for their visits. All information is on the forms/guidelines.

You can see USA Therapy Dogs, Inc. listed on the AKC website at:

<http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog/organizations.cfm>



REQUEST FOR THERAPY DOGS

USA Therapy Dogs have been requested at Cranberry Park Memory Care located at 1346 W. Vienna Rd in Clio. Please contact Sharon Vessells (the activity coordinator) at (her home) 810 564-8101 or (her work) 810-640-7783 for more information.

The residents really appreciate the therapy dogs visiting, the dogs bring so much joy and something for the residents to look forward to.



AKC Program—Canine Partners
Randall Trudell

USA Therapy Dog member, Randall Trudell signed up for a new program through the AKC called Canine Partners. It will allow our members that have mixed breed dogs, rescue dogs and rare breeds to participate in AKC Rally, Agility, obedience trails and Coursing Ability Tests. For every USA TD member that signs up Randall will receive \$10 that he will donate to USA TD. This is a very easy and fun way to earn money for USA TD. Please check out the website for more information how you can enroll in this program.

<http://classic.akc.org/mixedbreeds/index.cfm>



USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. STAFF MEMBERS

- President:** Jarod Boyles
- Vice President:** Diane Noblett
- Secretary:** Kathy Fridline
- Treasurer:** Suzanne Hock
- Lead Trainer:** Daphne Stover
- Lead Medical Officer:** Ann Bruno
- Events Coordinator:** Ann Bruno
- Communications Coordinator:** Diane Noblett
- Fundraiser Coordinator:** Suzanne Hock
- Marketing Coordinator:** Delena Austin
- Assistant Trainers:**
 - * Ann Bruno
 - * Greg Palmer
 - * Anisa Gordon
 - * Randall Trudell
 - * Ken Hershberger
 - * Mike Binder—on call
 - * Suzanne Hock