



# USA THERAPY DOGS, INC.

Serving with Compassion and Pride

## WISH LIST

The following items are needed for USA TD. If you can donate any of these much needed items please call Jarod Boyles 810-569-2506 to arrange for pick up.

### Light weight banquette tables

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

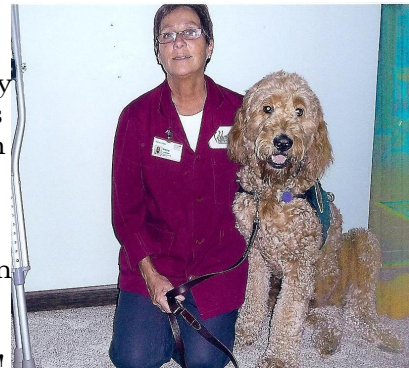
**Gift Certificate** to Staples or office store for office supplies.

**Donations for Raffles/Auctions for Fundraisers** ongoing need.



## THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU is in order to Irene Langkabel, employees and patrons of LEE'S FAMOUS RECIPE CHICKEN for raising money toward USA Therapy Dog's website. Irene has graciously taken on this fundraiser along with her employees and patron's donations. Because she has gone over and above the call of duty to raise the money for the USA TD website, the website will start it's reconstruction in mid-May and should be completed by mid-June, possibly sooner. **THANK YOU IRENE!!!!** USA TD is grateful for all that you have done!!!



Irene Langkabel and Chaz



**FRANKENMUTH DOG BOWL**—Largest event of the year—MAY 24th and 25th. Tons of fun for family and dogs. Go to the website to check out all the activities: [dogfunfest.com](http://dogfunfest.com) USA TD will be stationed in the RESCUES area. A map was emailed to all members, you can look on the website at the map too.

Not to late to volunteer. Call Jennifer Jones at **248-709-1433**, she will be **more than happy to assist you** to sign up on the Signup Sheet.

**Please remember only USA TD certified dogs and handlers are permitted inside the booth/tent of USA TD. This is for liability purposes.**

### **NEW PROCESS FOR VOLUNTEERING**

An Event Sign up sheet will be emailed to each member. Members click on the Form and insert name and/or email, phone number. Each person can see who is going to be at the tent/booth and what time. It is easy to do, if you cannot insert your name in the desired time please call Jennifer Jones...at 248-709-1433.



Just a reminder: **The USA TD Veterinary Authorization form is the only form that will be acceptable for annual renewal.** As you update your 2014 veterinary records and county dog license make sure that you keep your originals and make copies to send in with your annual USA Therapy Dog Renewal. A Veterinarian Authorization form has been emailed to members. If you need a new one please email Diane Noblett at [dmnobllett@charter.net](mailto:dmnobllett@charter.net). Please take a copy to your veterinarian's office to be filled out, signed, stamped and dated. **USA TD annual renewal is June 2014. You will receive a reminder prior to the renewal date.**

**AWE..... PAW PAGE**  
**FEATURING SAILOR**  
**Handlers: Debbie & Jerry Rowe**



**A few words from Sailor**

I became a therapy dog because my "Mom" had taken my puppy brother (before I was born) to visit her aunt who lived in a nursing home. She saw how delighted the residents were with seeing a puppy. She said to herself, "someday I'm going to get certified in dog therapy". So as soon as she and my dad retired, they signed me up for training. So now I love it. I have all these nice people petting me and sometimes I even get treats!

"Sailor" Rowe

**USA TD HANDLERS ~ IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR DOG FEATURED IN THE USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. NEWSLETTER ON "AWE..... PAW PAGE" PLEASE SEND PICTURES OF YOUR THERAPY DOG AT WORK. NAMES OF RECEIPTS ARE NOT NECESSARY OR USED. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A PHOTO RELEASE FORM AND HAVE THE RECIPIENT OR RESPONSIBLE FAMILY MEMBER SIGN—ONE or TWO THERAPY DOG PER NEWSLETTER WILL BE FEATURED....Email to [dmnoble@charter.net](mailto:dmnoble@charter.net)**

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

A family member of a 6 year old girl who was killed in the Sandy Hook murder rampage on December 14, 2013 has contacted USA TD requesting therapy dog(s) to attend a dedication to a playground and flower garden in her memory. They believe the therapy dogs will be a great comfort to the families and friends of those who attend. If any USA Therapy Dog members can attend please contact Diane Noblett ASAP 810-245-2459 in order to make arrangements at a local hotel for the dogs to stay with the handlers. Also, it would be beneficial if several handler/therapy dog teams could caravan there. It is located in Woodbury, Long Island New York, about a 14 hour drive. Date: July 6, 2014, time of dedication is 10:30 am.

**USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. AND McLAREN HOSPICE**

USA Therapy Dogs is now partnering with McLaren Hospice. If Handler/Therapy dog teams would like to get involved with this wonderful program please contact Matthew Meeuwse from McLaren Hospice for the details.

[Matthew.Meeuwse@mcclaren.org](mailto:Matthew.Meeuwse@mcclaren.org)  
(810) 496-8757

**PHOTO OF YOUR THERAPY DOG ON A BASEBALL CARD**

**Photo Factory**—makes baseball type cards with your therapy dog's picture on it. The children at the schools love them and so do the seniors in nursing homes and assistant living homes.

[www.photofactoryusa.com/](http://www.photofactoryusa.com/)

[www.customsportscards.com](http://www.customsportscards.com) Also does postcards and baseball cards with your dog's information on it...they have given discounts to therapy dogs in the past, ask before placing your order.

# 10 Steps to Protect Your Pets During an Emergency

An emergency plan for your pets means a safer outcome in the event of a disaster.

By Doug Jimerson—Article came from Better Homes and Gardens Magazine

Disasters such as tornadoes, floods, and fires can occur without warning. That's why it's important for you to have an emergency plan in place for your furry family members before tragedy occurs. Here are 10 important tips you should follow to keep your pet safe during an unexpected emergency.

**1. Microchip your pet.** Make sure all your pets have microchips to help identify them in case they get separated from you. During a storm, for example, an open door or a broken gate is all that's needed for a frightened pet to run away. Your pet should also wear a secure collar with identification tags firmly attached.

**2. Find alternative housing.** Animals are often not allowed in public shelters. So, it's important for you to find an alternative that works for the entire family. Check with local hotels to find out which ones allow pets and put their phone numbers into your cell phone. That way, you can book at a moment's notice when trouble brews.

**3. Own a crate for every pet.** Make sure every animal in your family has its own crate for transportation and temporary shelter. You don't want to stuff Kitty into a pillowcase at the last minute to get your cat to safety. And, never try to squeeze all your animals into a single crate.

**4. Document health records.** Keep a file of all your animals' medical records in an easily accessible place so that you can grab them on your way out the door. Having your pets' medical records is important to prove that they are up to date on all their inoculations, particularly rabies and distemper.

**5. Make a housing list.** Contact friends and family who could temporarily house your pets in an emergency, especially if you can't find a pet-friendly shelter or hotel nearby. Talk to them about a plan to transport your pets to their care during difficult times.

**6. Indicate pet ownership.** Put an emergency pet alert sticker on a window of your home so that emergency workers will know there are animals inside. This is especially important in case disaster strikes when you aren't home and you are prohibited from reentering your neighborhood during the emergency.

**7. Take photos.** Make sure you have an up-to-date, clear photo of each of your pets. This will help identify your cat or dog if it becomes lost or gets picked up by animal control. It's also smart to have a photo of yourself taken with your pets to help prove ownership.

**8. Create an emergency kit for your pets.** The kit should contain at least three days worth of food and water, as well as litter pans, litter, leashes, and any medicine your pet requires.

**9. Don't depend on animal shelters.** Don't assume your local animal shelter will be able to house your pets during an emergency. Animal shelters are not boarding facilities and are generally overwhelmed during times of crisis with their own animals.

**10. Don't leave a pet behind.** Never leave your pet behind during an emergency. During Hurricane Katrina, for example, many owners left their pets to fend for themselves, assuming they'd be back to take care of them quickly. Yet, the disaster lasted much longer than anticipated and abandoned pets began to run out of food and water. Your pets are your responsibility, so keep your entire family together throughout the disaster. With early planning, you and your pets can stay safe and together.





**SUGGESTIONS OF PLACES TO VISIT:  
(MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY VISITING)**

**Cranberry Park Memory Care**

1346 W. Vienna Rd

Clio, MI

contact Sharon Vessells 810-640-7783

**Stonegate Health Campus**

DeMille Rd.

Lapeer, MI

Contact: Matt Gepford -Resident Activity Director

810.245.9300

matthew.gepford@stonegatehc.com

**Brookdale Senior Living**

Sterling House of Davison

432 East Clark Street

Davison, MI 48423

Contact: Keri Achenbach- Life Enrichment Coordinator -Phone: (810)658-7100

**Lapeer County Medical Care (also known as SUNCREST)**

1455 Suncrest Dr, Lapeer, MI 48446

Contact USA TD members who visit there Tuesday evenings:

Jill and Ray Burke: Ray's cell 845-2605 & Jill 441-9464.

**McLaren Hospice – Facilities all over the state of Michigan, therapy dog teams will  
be placed closest to their homes**

Contact: Matthew Meeuwse (810) 496-8757

Matthew.Meeuwse@mcclaren.org

**Hands of Hope Child Care Center, it is part of Grace Centers of Hope**

Pontiac, MI

Jodi Slonga, Director, email: jslongo@gracecentersofhope.com 248-334-2187 ext.

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**During School Season – September through June**

**Central Elementary – Reading Program**

Davison, MI

Contact: Ann Bruno, Coordinator for Reading Program 810-240-5024

**Gates Elementary**

2359 S Irish Rd

Davison, MI 48423

Contact: Julie Allen for more information 810-265-4276

**Head Start**

**Lapeer**

Contact Person: Diane Noblett 810-245-2459



## CONGRATULATIONS

Jarod Boyles, President of USA Therapy Dogs, Inc. graduated from the Frankenmuth Police Academy April 23, 2014. After a long hard winter, working 2 jobs and going to the police academy on weekends he persevered and made it through. Only 8 of 80 applicants made it. Congratulations are in order for such a outstanding accomplishment!!!



Our beloved dogs become our confidants, our safety blankets, our protectors and our companions. They do not judge us, criticize us or make us feel incompetent. They love us no matter what we look like, smell like, feel like, they don't care how much money we make or don't make. We are heroes in their eyes. They are always happy to see us no matter what the circumstances. When they are gone we have a wonderful beautiful lasting memory of their love and loyalty, their "specialness". They help us to stay focused and to carry on even though our hearts are breaking. The pain and grief will pass to some degree, in time, but the memories will live forever.....

Diane

***In Memory of our USA THERAPY DOGS who are no longer with us:***

***Pearl***, Handler: Ken Hershberber, Graduate Fall 2010 Class (passed away July 2012)

***Brody***, Handler: Chis Hope, Graduate Spring 2012 Class (Stolen January 2013)

***Walter, Jr.*** Handler: Zac Childs, Graduate Fall 2010 Class (passed away December 2013)

***Cinnamon***, Handler: Shannon Seamons, Graduate Spring 2011 Class (passed away 2013)

***Daisy***, Handler: Diana Binder, Graduate Fall 2010 Class (passed away December 2013)

***Magnum***, Handler: Mike Binder, Graduate Fall 2010 Class (passed away March 2014)

## USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. STAFF MEMBERS

**President:** Jarod Boyles  
**Vice President:** Diane Noblett  
**Secretary:** Kathy Fridline  
**Treasurer:** Brenda Begley  
**Lead Trainer:** Daphne Stover  
**Lead Medical Officer:** Ann Bruno  
**Events Coordinating Team:** Brenda Begley,  
 Kristine Oswald & Jennifer Jones  
**Communications Coordinator:** Diane Noblett  
**Fundraiser Coordinator:** VACANT  
**Marketing Coordinator:** Delena Austin

### Assistant Trainers:

\*Nancy Hall  
 \*Mark Harries  
 \*Beth Harries  
 \*Alice Malkowyck  
 Mike Binder - active  
 Greg Palmer - inactive  
 Julie Allen - inactive  
 Anisa Gordon - inactive  
 Ann Bruno—inactive  
 Randal Trudell—inactive  
 Ken Hershberger—inactive

**\*New assistant trainers** - trained in  
 Spring class 2014

**Inactive status**—means did not train  
 in last class or two

### Has gone through Assistant trainers workshop:

*Karmen Angoli*—  
 Will train to be an Assistant trainer  
 in Fall 2014 class

*Diana Binder*—  
 Will train to be an Assistant trainer  
 in Fall 2014 class



[www.westwindsaints.com](http://www.westwindsaints.com)

## 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/mixed-breeds/index.cfm>



**(810) 412-4700**

**Delmar Childs, DVM**

<http://www.childsvetclinic.com>

## POOH HAPPENS "Pet Waste Removal"



**248-462-4948**

## 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](mailto: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>