

USA THERAPY DOGS, INC.

Serving with Compassion and Pride

November / December 2013

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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 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.



CONGRATULATIONS SHARON LIGHT & SKIPPER TRACEY HOWARD & REECEY

2013 3RD QUARTER WINNERS FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH MOST HOURS

Sharon Light / Skipper and Tracey Howard / Reecey are charter members. Graduating class of November 2010. They have been active since graduation and have warmed the hearts of many throughout the years.

Total Hours 3rd quarter: 99 hours

As their award they received: Tote bag with USA TD logo, doggie clean up poop bags, fridge magnets, certificate of appreciation and doggie treat bags.



Thank you so much for all the time, dedication and loyalty given to USA TD!! Sharon and Tracy had a total of 197 hours the first 3 quarters of 2013.



Christmas Party and Awards Banquette

On the following page there is a form with two menu choices for the USA Therapy Dogs, Inc. Christmas Party and Awards Banquette. The cost for each meal is \$25. Please RSVP and send in a check and your menu choice(s) in by November 26, 2013. Dogs will not be attending the banquet. Children are always welcome to attend events, picnics and other USA TD activities, but for the Christmas Party and Awards Banquette we are please asking adults only attend.

Please send to:

USA Therapy Dogs, Inc.

P.O. Box 100

Attention: Christmas Party/Kathy Fridline

Davison, MI 48232

The Christmas Party and Awards Banquette information:

- **Date:** Friday, December 6, 2013
- **Place:** Lapeer Country Club
3786 Hunt Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Social time is 6:00 p.m. to 6:45
- **Dinner** is served at 7:00
- Awards distributed after dinner
- **CASH BAR**

The Christmas Party and Awards Banquette is a great opportunity to socialize with other members. Last year it was a great time. Awards, certificates and a few unexpected surprises will be distributed. Hopefully all our members will be able to attend.

Print and send



**U.S.A. THERAPY DOGS, INC.
2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
AND AWARDS BANQUETTE**



Please indicate which meal(s) you would like and the quantity. Meals are \$25.00 a plate. Print this form, fill it out, send a check to cover your meal(s) and send to **USA Therapy Dogs, Inc., P.O. Box 100, Attention: Christmas Party, Davison, MI 48423**. Dinner choices must be received no later than November 26, 2013. Attire is semi-casual to semi-formal.

Choice 1: NAME _____

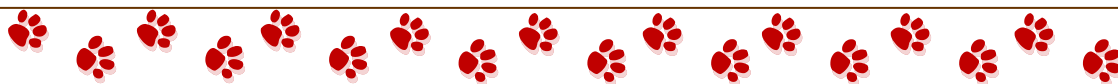
QTY: _____

PRIME RIB, ROASTED ROSEMARY REDSKIN POTATOES, GREEN BEANS ALMANDINE, FRESH TOSSED SALAD, FRESH DINNER ROLLS, COFFEE, HOT TEA, ICED TEA AND WATER

Choice 2: NAME _____

QTY: _____

HALF ROASTED CHICKEN, ROASTED ROSEMARY REDSKIN POTATOES, GREEN BEANS ALMANDINE, FRESH TOSSED SALAD, FRESH DINNER ROLLS, COFFEE, HOT TEA, ICED TEA AND WATER



USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. Spring Class

Start Date: Classes will start mid February DATE/Day—TBD

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) must use USA TD form**
- 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 January 15, 2014 along with payment

Please make checks out to USA Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Cost:

\$185 for one handler and one dog

\$235 for two handles and one dog

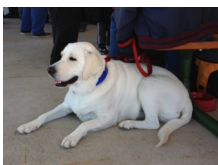


It was a busy Fall:

Dog Walk in September was very successful. A dog was adopted out and there were many USA TD members who showed up and participated. Even though it was cold, wet and rainy. Our members made the most of it....It was a wonderful time!!



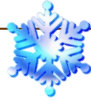
USA THERAPY DOG, INC. PICNIC AT Hilltop Campground, Lapeer. Les and Lisa Noblett donated the use of their campground for USA TD picnic. Thank you Les and Lisa for your generosity!! It was a beautiful day for a picnic, many members showed up. Lots of good food, dogs, people socializing and sunshine..



1st PLACE WINNER**Donna LaVere & Ginger****FOR THE MOST HOURS THE
FIRST 3 QUARTERS OF 2013.****Total Hours = 207****Donna will receive a free meal to the
Christmas Party and Awards Ban-
quette on December 6, 2013.****2nd PLACE WINNERS—Tied****For hours contributed to USA TD the first 3 quarters of 2013.****Beth Harries & Mason
Mark Harries & Webster****Total Hours = 91.25****Mark & Beth will receive a free meal to the Christmas Party
and Awards Banquette on December 6, 2013.****Beth and Mark are graduates from the May 2013 class.**

Mark Harries/Webster
Beth Harries/Mason

1st. 2nd and 3rd place winners for most volunteer hours from January through September are Donna La Vere & Ginger, Tracy Howard & Reecey, Sharon Light & Skipper. Unfortunately Sharon and Tracey will not be able to attend the Christmas Party and Awards Banquette so next volunteers with the most hours are Beth and Mark Harries.



NEEDED—TREASURER FOR USA THERAPY DOGS
NEEDED—FUNDRAISER COORDINATOR FOR USA THERAPY DOGS

USA THERAPY DOGS will be saying goodbye to Suzanne & Tony Hock and Tanq. Tony has accepted a job out of state and will be moving before the end of the year.



Suzanne has been USA TD Fundraiser Coordinator and Treasurer since August 2012. Suzanne has done a wonderful job organizing and coordinating fundraisers and keeping the financial records in order. Suzanne has also volunteered her time as an assistant trainer for the last two classes. She has been an asset to the USA TD organization and will be greatly missed. Tony, Suzanne and their therapy dog, Tanq have visited many places and have been great contributors since becoming members in November 2011. We wish them the best in their future endeavors. Suzanne will stay on until the end of the year.

If anyone is interested in volunteering their time and talents as USA TD Fundraiser Coordinator or Treasurer please contact, Diane Noblett, at diane.noblett@yahoo.com or 810-245-2459. Knowledge of QUICKBOOKS will be necessary for the treasurer position. Suzanne has set up the QUICKBOOKS software and is ready and willing to train anyone that is interested in the position.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. NEW
EVENTS COORDINATING TEAM:**

1. Brenda Begley
2. Jennifer Jones
3. Kristine Oswald



Thank you for stepping up and taking on the events for USA TD. We look forward to new events in 2014.

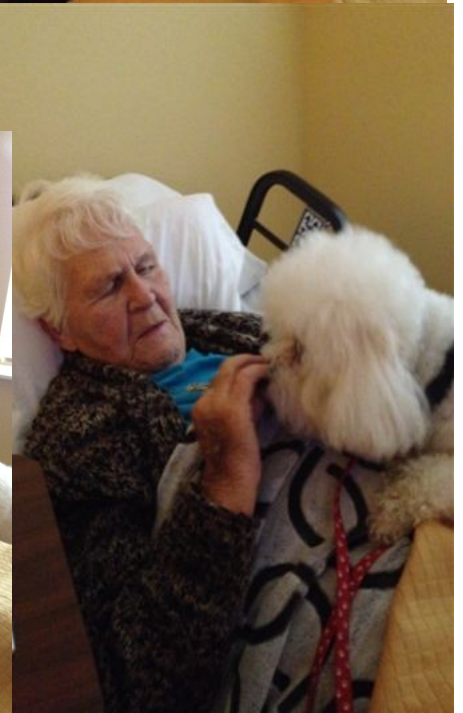
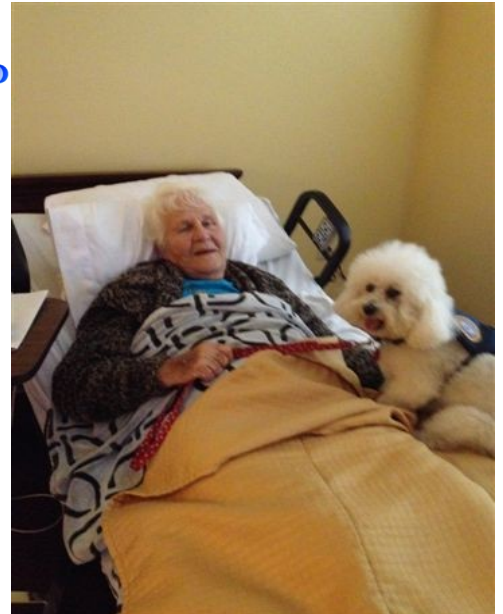
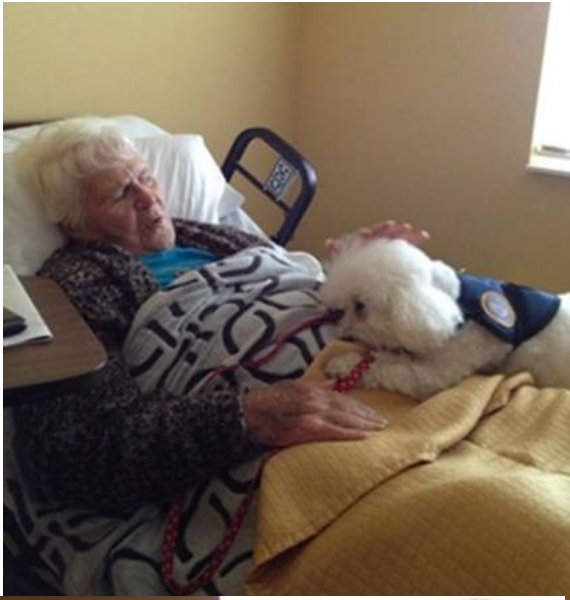
Thank you Ann Bruno for doing a fantastic job with events from 2010 to 2012. Your dedication and loyalty is very much appreciated!



AWE..... PAW PAGE



FEATURING RUEGER NOBLETT –VISITING AT STONEGATE
OCTOBER 2013



USA TD HANDLERS ~ IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR DOG FEATURED IN THE USA THERAPY DOGS, INC NEWSLETTER ON THE NEW “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 RECEIPT OR RESPONSIBLE FAMILY MEMBER SIGN—ONE or TWO THERAPY DOG PER NEWSLETTER WILL BE FEATURED....Email to diane.noblett@yahoo.com



REQUEST FOR THERAPY DOGS



Hands of Hope Childcare Center in Pontiac has requested USA Therapy Dogs to come and visit children at the Center. The children have had therapy dogs in the past that have greatly benefitted from the visits. The children open up to the dogs tell their stories, read, feel safe and find comfort with therapy dogs. Many of the children come from negative environments, needing to rebuild trust and confidence.

USA Therapy Dog teams, if you feel like you can help these children please contact director, Jodie Slongo at 248-334-2187 ext. 1301



Head Start in Lapeer is looking for therapy dogs to visit with children in the Head Start program. Commitment would be every Thursday morning for 1 hour during the school year. Please contact Diane Noblett at 810-245-2459 if interested. Visits will start the second or third Thursday in January 2014.

Stonegate Health Care Facility in Lapeer to visit seniors. This is a small, beautiful and less than a year old facility, very comfortable visits. Seniors gather in the lounge area to welcome and visit the dogs, also there are two other areas in the building, one is physical therapy and the other is the Alzheimer's wing that welcome the handler/dog teams. Currently there is a small group visiting, but with the start of the school year some of our handler's schedules have changed. Visits are one hour. If you are interested in visiting Contact Diane Noblett at 810-245-2459.

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Please submit your hours at the end of each month. Please tally up the hours by month. Visitation logs are mailed out at the end of each month. They are all same if you would like to just make copies or print off several at a time. You could email Diane for a visitation log if needed: diane.noblett@yahoo.com. Remember to have your visitation log signed by the contact person at the location. **15 visiting 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.

Volunteer Awards Program—Change in 2014

There will be a change in the Volunteer Awards Program starting in January 2014. We will not longer have quarterly awards. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Award for Volunteers at the end of the year, the awards will not necessarily due to HOURS volunteered. More information to follow.



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
parthead@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>

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>



USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. STAFF MEMBERS

President: Jarod Boyles

Vice President: Diane Noblett

Secretary: Kathy Fridline

Treasurer: VACANT

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:

- * Ann Bruno
- * Greg Palmer—on call
- * Anisa Gordon
- * Randall Trudell
- * Ken Hershberger
- * Mike Binder—on call
- * Julie Allen

