



# USA THERAPY DOGS, INC.

Serving with Compassion and Pride



### DAVISON DOG WALK

Jarod Boyles and Ann Bruno

USA THERAPY DOGS, INC. TENT SET UP  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

### REQUESTS FOR THERAPY DOGS

There are many requests for therapy dog teams this year, if you are interested in visiting one of the following facilities please contact the person noted.

#### STONE GATE—LAPEER

Every other Monday—next visit September 29th  
Contact Diane Noblett at [dmnobbett@charter.net](mailto:dmnobbett@charter.net)

#### CENTRAL ELEMENTARY—DAVISON

Reading Program  
Contact Ann Bruno—text 810-240-5024  
Days and Times vary

#### HEAD START LAPEER OR IMLAY CITY

Contact Diane Noblett  
Wednesday 10-11 am or 1-2 pm session  
Thursday 10-11 am or 1-2 pm session  
Starting October 15, 2014

#### COURT YARD MANOR

Miller Rd.  
Swartz Creek  
Start date TBD  
Contact Diane Noblett [dmnobbett@charter.net](mailto:dmnobbett@charter.net)

#### Tentative visits

McGrath Elementary School  
Grand Blanc

Hospice—Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties  
More information to come

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AWARDS BANQUETTE

The Christmas Party and Awards Banquette will be held at Lapeer Country Club Club. More information will be posted on the website by mid-October. An email will be sent out to members with the information



## FALL EVENT—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Signup for this event on the website: [www.usatherapydogs.org](http://www.usatherapydogs.org)

**"Tricks-for-Treats" @ Key-Lore Woof Woods Dog Park, 7185 Gillette Rd. In Flushing.  
8th annual Mutt Masquerade & Trick-or-Treating for dogs, partnering with Genesee County Humane Society. Saturday, October 25th, 12:00pm-3:00pm**

The event is for 3 hours and a lot is packed into that time. There is prior promo with TV-12 and local radio station. They have a variety of vendors, dog rescue groups, agility, a variety of dog contests that dogs can be entered in, numerous raffles & food/drinks. There is a long wooded walk for dogs, with treats stations for the dogs throughout the trail. Both dogs and the majority of their owners come dressed up in Halloween costumes.



### USA THERAPY DOGS WEBSITE



USA THERAPY DOGS website is up and running now. It is user friendly and will be used as the main source for communicating to members. All members are encouraged to log onto the website and print off any forms that are needed.

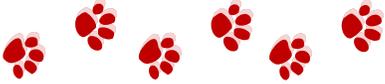
### NEW PROCESS FOR VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering for Events just got easier!!! Yeah. All members need to do is log on using their new Log On and Password go to the event link and sign up.



**EVENTS** will be posted on the calendar.

**VISITING SCHEDULE** If members would like visiting information on the calendar please contact Diane Noblett and she will post the information for you. [dmnoble@charter.net](mailto:dmnoble@charter.net). Information needed: Place, times, location, contact name and phone number.

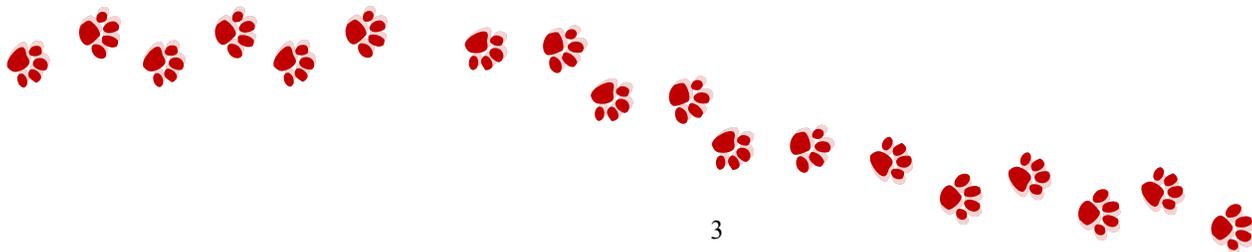


## AWE.....PAW PAGE

No photos submitted this time



**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, does not have to be working. If your dog is working the NAMES OF RE-CEIPENTS ARE NOT NECESSARY OR USED. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A PHOTO RE-LEASE FORM AND HAVE THE RECEIPIENT OR RESPONSIBLE FAMILY MEMBER SIGN—ONE or TWO THERAPY DOG PER NEWSLETTER WILL BE FEATURED....Email to [dmnoble@charter.net](mailto:dmnoble@charter.net)



**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@mclaren.org](mailto:Matthew.Meeuwse@mclaren.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.



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 2012)

***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)

**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: Sue Bogan, Life Enrichment Director  
810-245-9300

**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. 1301

***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



**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:** Kristine Oswald & Jennifer Jones  
**Communications Coordinator:** Diane Noblett  
**Fundraiser Coordinator:** VACANT  
**Marketing Coordinator:** Delena Austin

**Assistant Trainers:**

Nancy Hall  
Mark Harries  
Beth Harries  
Alice Malkowyc  
Mike Binder  
Greg Palmer  
Julie Allen  
Anisa Gordon  
Ann Bruno



**Childs**  
  
**Veterinary Clinic**  
**(810) 412-4700**  
**Delmar Childs, DVM**  
<http://www.childsvetclinic.com>



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

**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.

**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.**

**POOH HAPPENS**  
"Pet Waste Removal"



248-462-4948



Fall class was cancelled.  
Next class will start in February or March 2015