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Meeting Notices

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Willow Springs Gardens off of Hwy. K in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Biggby's in Rib Mountain.

In case of questionable weather or road conditions, contact any officer or board member after 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting to verify whether the meeting will be held.

Announcements

Don't forget the PCKC Dog show, July 23-24 at the Patriot Center in Rothschild.

JUDGING PROGRAMS

(UNBENCHED/INDOORS)

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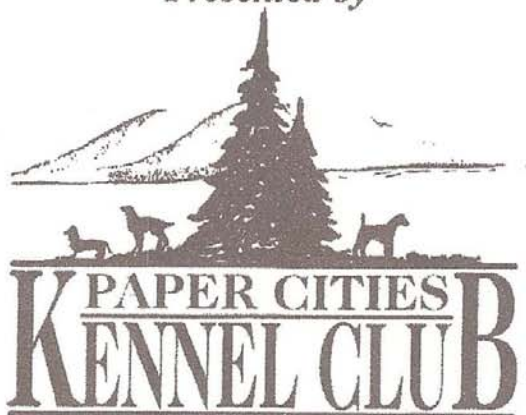
TWO SHOWS BACK TO BACK !!

65th & 66th ANNIVERSARY ALL-BREED DOG SHOWS,
2 OBEDIENCE TRIALS & 2 RALLY TRIALS

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PATRIOT CENTER

10101 Market Street, Rothschild, WI 54474

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2011

-NEW SHOW SITE-

Bring the family! The air conditioned Patriot Center is part of Cedar Creek Mall (cedarcreekmall.com) which features a 10-screen movie theater, shopping, and a grocery store. Several dining choices and Logger's Landing Waterpark are within easy walking distance! Pet-friendly hotels are within 1/4 mile, and many other lodging choices are available in the greater Wausau area.

SHOW HOURS EACH DAY - 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. - CDT

Dogs are not required to be at the show until scheduled time of judging. All dogs not needed for further judging will be excused.

SHOW LOCATION IS AVAILABLE TO EXHIBITORS AFTER 6:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011

NEW EXHIBITOR - BRIEFING

NEED HELP, NEW EXHIBITOR, ANY EXHIBITOR

Please come to Superintendents Office between 8:30 - 10:30 AM each day.

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AIRDLE TERR	01	11:00AM	01	10:00AM	NOV. A	05	9:00AM	05	8:00AM						
AKITA	02	9:00AM	02	10:00AM	NOV. B	05	11:15AM	05	10:00AM						
ALASMAL	02	9:00AM	04	10:00AM	OLD ENG SHEEPDG	03	11:30AM	03	11:00AM						
AM STAFF TERR	04	11:00AM	01	11:00AM	OPENA	05	11:15AM	05	11:45AM						
AMER FOXHND	04	11:00AM	01	9:00AM	OPEN B	05	11:15AM	05	10:30AM						
AUST SHEP	03	11:30AM	03	2:30PM	OTTERHND	04	9:00AM	01	9:00AM						
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COLLIE (SMOOTH)	03	10:00AM	03	1:15PM	SILYTERR	04	1:00PM	02	10:00AM						
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DACH (SMOOTH)	04	9:45AM	01	12:45PM	SPAN (CKR)-ASCB	01	11:00AM	04	1:15PM						
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FOX-WIRETERR	01	1:00PM	01	11:00AM	SPAN-FLD	01	11:00AM	04	10:00AM						
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GERM SHEP DOG	03	9:00AM	03	9:00AM	SPINONE	01	9:00AM	04	10:00AM						
GRAD NOV	05	11:15AM	05	12:00PM	ST BERN	02	10:00AM	02	9:00AM						
GRT DANE	02	10:00AM	04	9:00AM	STAFF BULL TERR	04	9:45AM	01	11:00AM						
GRT PYR	02	11:00AM	02	10:00AM	TIB SPAN	03	11:30AM	03	11:00AM						
HAVANESE	04	2:45PM	02	1:15PM	TIB TERR	03	11:30AM	03	12:00PM						
JAP CHIN	04	1:00PM	02	10:00AM	TOY FOX	04	1:00PM	02	10:00AM						
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**PLEASE NOTE THE TIMES IN THIS INDEX ARE APPROXIMATE, PLEASE CHECK
APPROPRIATE RINGS FOR EXACT TIME AND ORDER OF JUDGING**

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	WHO(contact)
July 15	Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.	Madison, OH	MBF-Inc.
July 16	Ashtabula Kennel Club	Madison, OH	MBF-Inc.
July 17	Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.	Madison, OH	MBF-Inc.
July 06	PCKC Board Meeting	Pending	Wausau, WI
July 9-10	Greater DeKalb Kennel Club	DeKalb, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 9-10	Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.	Monroe, MI	MBF-Inc.
July.14-18	Duluth Kennel Club	Duluth, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows
July 15	Holland Michigan Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 16-17	Battle Creek Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July. 15	Blackhawk Kennel Club, Inc.	Belvidere, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 16-17	Kishwaukee Kennel Club, Inc.	Belvidere, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
July 20	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs G.	Wausau, WI
July 23-24	PCKC Dog Show	Patriot Center	Rothschild, WI
July 30-31	Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.	Waukesha, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug. 1-2	Burlington WI Kennel Club	Elkhorn, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
August 03	PCKC Board Meeting	Biggby's	Rib Mountain, WI
Aug. 4-5	Jaxon Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 6	Sturgis Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 7	Berrien Kennel Club	Marshall, MI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 6-7	Coulee Kennel Club, Inc.	Winona, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug. 6-7	Burlington KC, Inc.	W. Burlington, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug.12-13	Cudahy Kennel Club	Racine, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 14-15	Greater Racine Kennel Club	Racine, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug. 13-14	KC of Freeborn Cnty MN, Inc.	Albert Lea, MN	Onofrio Dog Shows
August 17	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs G.	Wausau, WI
Aug. 19	Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club	Marshfield, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug 20-21	Marshfield Area Kennel Club	Marshfield, WI	Onofrio Dog Shows
Aug.18	Muncie Kennel Club, Inc.	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug.19	Anderson Kennel Club	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug.20	Muncie Kennel Club, Inc.	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
Aug.21	Anderson Kennel Club	Muncie, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows

****Interesting Web Sites****

Info Dog Site: <http://www.infodog.com/default.htm>

American Kennel Club: <http://www.akc.org/index.cfm>

Merck Veterinary Manual: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>

Natural Holistic Health Care: <http://www.naturalholistic.com/nhpc/index.html>

EARS - Emergency Animal Rescue Service: <http://www.uan.org/ears/>

Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin: <http://www.wi-tdi-dogs.org/>

Amber Alert site for missing dogs: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/>

Lost Dogs in Wisconsin: <http://lostdogswisconsin.webs.com/>

or facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-Dogs-of-Wisconsin/395490441240>

Family Sanctuary at Peaceful Pines: <http://www.pppmemorials.com/FamilySanctuary/index.html>

Article on Bloat: <http://www.briard.com/about/liebesbloat.html>

Site about responsible breeders: http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp_breeding/resources.cfm

Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue: <http://www.lakeshorecorgirescue.org/>

Dog Federation of Wisconsin: <http://www.dfow.net/>

Dr. Patricia McConnell has a blog for training dogs: <http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/>

Canine Vision: <http://www.uwsp.edu/PSYCH/dog/LA/DrP4.htm>

Canine Health Foundation: <http://www.caninehealthfoundation.org/>

Ask vet about medicines for pets from FDA: <http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm205666.htm>

Information on Dogs: <http://www.doggedhealth.com/>

Breeder's Handbook: Weaning More Puppies: http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/akc_breeder/2010/spring/handbook.cfm

Hormone Replacement Products affect Pets: <http://news.vin.com/vinnews.aspx?articleId=15950>

LYME VACCINE & LYME DISEASE: <http://www.thedogplace.org/Vaccines/Lyme-Disease1-10062-Jordan.asp>

DNR Wolf Alerts: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/mammals/wolf/dogdepred.htm>

Foods: <http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/dog-food-reviews/brand/>

Michigan State University-College of Law-Animal Legal & Historical Center: <http://www.animallaw.info/>

Dr. Schultz online vaccination seminar –free: <http://www.showdogvideopros.com/PCAF2010SchultzA.html>

K9 First Aid: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/RyanHospital/K9FirstAid/tabid/1370/Default.aspx>

Study on causes of Death in dogs by breed: <http://www.lifewithdogs.tv/2011/04/landmark-study-reveals-breed-specific-causes-of-death-in-dogs/>

AKC® SYNDICATE

Ask AKC with Lisa Peterson

Dear Lisa: A friend of mine is going to enter her Yorkshire Terrier in Beginner Novice A Obedience. Her dog is in long coat and wears the appropriate band and bow in her top knot. She accompanied me to a trial this past weekend, and someone commented that a bow would not be allowed if she were going to participate in an obedience trial. She was told they would probably only permit a rubber band with no other ornamentation. Is this true? - **Bow Banned?**

Dear Bow: Congratulations to your friend for jumping into the ring to have some fun with her dog in the new Beginner Novice Obedience class. As for your question, I can point to the official [Obedience Regulations](#) to answer your question:

In Chapter 1, Section 17 it states, “Dogs whose hair surrounding the eyes, ears or beard interferes with their performance may have their hair tied back with elastic bands or small plain barrettes, or in the manner as they are normally shown in the breed ring.”

So according to the AKC rulebook your friend’s Yorkshire Terrier certainly **can** wear a bow in the obedience ring since this is the manner in which they are normally shown in the breed ring. Besides her dog will look very stylish as she also demonstrates her obedience skills in the ring. Tell your friend good luck and good looks!

Dear Lisa: I have a question in counting conformation championship points earned by a dog. This was the recent entry at a dog show. 1 class dog, 2 class bitches, 2 champion dogs. I owned the class dog, and he won Best of Winners, which I knew gave him one point for defeating the Winners Bitch, who earned one point. My question is, if he had won Best of Breed over the two champion males, would he have won two points for defeating the champions only. Or would he have won three points, one for defeating the Winners bitch and another two for defeating the two champions?

Dear Points: What a great question. Each year AKC publishes a new [point schedule](#) which allows exhibitors to determine how many dogs or bitches they need to defeat in their geographic area by breed in order to accumulate the necessary 15 points to become an AKC Champion. I think determining Championship points is one of the most challenging things for the novice exhibitor especially if their class dog goes Best of Breed over champions of both sexes.

Let’s look at the rules:

- Rule: The Points toward a Championship shall be awarded to the Winners Dog and Bitch of each breed or variety based on the actual number of dogs or bitches competing in that breed or variety.

So your class dog was the only one entered which means that no points were available because your dog did not defeat any other class dogs. But your dog took Best of Winners (BOW) which meant he was also awarded the points won by the bitch since he defeated her. For example if Winners Bitch (WB) has three points and Winners Dog (WD) has two points and WD goes BOW then he gets three points, not five, because three is greater than two. There is no addition of dog and bitch points.

- Rule: If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed or Variety, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed or Variety competition and that have been defeated in such competition, shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

At your show, since there were no other dogs in the classes and only two champion dogs defeated, your WD would have defeated only two dogs (2 dogs defeated earns one point in your area). In this case your dog would only earn one point for Best of Breed (BOB) over two male dogs or one point for BOW over the WB who had one point. In this scenario you would not have earned extra points had your dog won BOB.

But let’s use this example to demonstrate how the above rule would work if there are class dogs present.

Let’s say your WD had defeated four class dogs to get two points. Then he defeated three champions entered in BOB (two dogs and one bitch). Points would be calculated as if your WD had defeated seven dogs, four class dogs and three champions (count them all as “dogs” since champions defeated are counted as if they are of the same sex as the BOB winner). Let’s say that to defeat 7 dogs was a four-point major. However, by taking BOB your WD would also be BOW over WB. If the WB had won a 5-point major because she defeated say 12 bitches, then because that point win is greater, your WD would have won a 5-point major. In short, whatever dog you defeat that has the greatest number of points won on that day goes to your dog. Simple right? After a few more success in the show ring you will begin to figure it out.

For complete rules go to: [Rules Applying to Dogs, Chapter 16, Championship](#). Happy Reading!

Bark Bark ~

Reader comments on the [May Column](#) regarding getting dogs to take pills:

Dear Lisa: Cream Cheese. It’s never failed. – T.M.

Dear Lisa: I just wanted to give you a little info about crushing pills for your readers. As a formulator for a pharmaceutical company, I know that some medicines cannot be crushed or removed from the capsule. Sometimes, the tablet contains a special coating or may contain a component that influences the release of the drug. Sometimes even a capsule plays an integral part in the delivery of the medicine. Before crushing a tablet or removing the components of a capsule, the owner should check with their vet or ask their local pharmacist (a pharmacist can best answer these types of questions, since most animal medicines are developed for humans first). - **A proud Keeshond owner and chemist**

Dear Chemist: Thanks for the great perspective and advice! All dog owners should work in concert with their veterinarians (and in this case their pharmacist) when administering medication to their dogs!

Helpful Tips

How to Prevent Your Dog From Digging Up Your Garden

Have you planted your spring plants only to find that your dog has made a minefield out of your yard? The American Kennel Club (AKC®) notes that while certain breeds, terriers in particular, tend to dig more because it's in their genes, dogs dig as an outlet for frustration when they are left alone outside in the backyard. Digging provides something to do when an active, intelligent dog is bored out of his mind.

"Dogs dig for a number of reasons," said American Kennel Club® (AKC) Canine Good Citizen® Director and Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, Mary Burch, Ph.D. "It is a common issue that dog owners face, but it can be fixed with a little time and planning."

Dr. Burch offers the following tips on why your dog is digging and how to help him stop.

What You Can Do

- Providing mental stimulation through daily play and training sessions is the best thing you can do for a bored dog. The [AKC Canine Good Citizen](#) program is a great place to start by teaching your dog how to sit and stay down on command.
- Try making a digging pit in your yard that is basically an acceptable place for your dog to dig. Burying bones or favorite toys will help your dog learn that this place is an approved area.
- When it is hot outside, dogs will dig to try and expose cool earth for them to lay on and lower their body temperature. You can avoid this by bringing your dog inside so that he doesn't have to handle the heat on his own when it is very warm out. If you don't want to give your dog access to your whole house while you're gone, designate a climate controlled area with water and toys for your pooch to stay.

For more information on training your dog, visit <http://caninegoodcitizen.wordpress.com/>, the official blog of the Canine Good Citizen® program sponsored by The Hartford.

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How to Stop Your Dog From Jumping on Guests

If your dog jumps on guests when they come over, this can be embarrassing for you and potentially dangerous if you have a particularly large dog. Dogs tend to jump up and greet people because they are excited and eager to meet them. While their intentions are good, this behavior can become a problem. American Kennel Club® (AKC) Canine Good Citizen® and S.T.A.R. Puppy Director and Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, Mary Burch, Ph.D., offers the following tips on how to train your dog to not jump on people.

- **Don't reward inappropriate behavior.** Your dog jumping on people is not appropriate, and you want to make sure not to reward him for doing it. His reward has been having contact or attention from the person he is jumping on. If he jumps on you, just turn your body away. If he continues to try and jump up, walk away. Don't speak to or look at him. Once he calms down, praise him in a quiet voice. This will teach him that jumping will not get him the reaction he's looking for.
- **Teach him to do something else.** Since your pooch can't do two things at once, try teaching him a behavior that is incompatible with jumping, such as how to sit. As soon as he sits down, give him a treat. Once he has mastered this task, ask a friend to come over. When the person knocks on your door, tell your dog to sit and give him a treat for sitting. It will take practice, but if you keep rewarding your dog for sitting when someone knocks on the door, this should curb the jumping behavior.

For more tips on training your dog, visit the official Canine Good Citizen blog at <http://caninegoodcitizen.wordpress.com/>. To find a Canine Good Citizen or S.T.A.R. Puppy evaluator in your area, go to <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm>.

■ **AKC's New 'Therapy Dog' Title Program Launches –**

■ [Wednesday, July 20, 2011]

Therapy dog owners, and those who have benefitted from comforting visits with these special canines, have long known this treasured expression of the canine-human bond has a healing touch like no other. On June 27th the American Kennel Club launched its AKC Therapy Dog Title program to honor those who have unconditionally given so much. To achieve AKC's Therapy Dog or "ThD" title a dog must be *certified or registered with an AKC-recognized therapy dog organization, perform a minimum of 50 documented visits and be an AKC Dog through either AKC registration, PAL listing or AKC Canine Partners enrollment.*

"We are proud to reward therapy dogs, who provide ongoing community service to help improve the wellbeing of others, with the distinction of the AKC Therapy Dog title," said Lisa Peterson, AKC Spokesperson. "We aim to give much-deserved recognition to these hard-working therapy dogs, their dedicated owners and the therapy dog organizations for all their efforts to help mankind."

For a full list of participating therapy dog organizations, click [here](#).

Meet the first dogs to receive the AKC Therapy Dog “ThD” title:

“Riker,” an Australian Shepherd owned by Liz Palika from Oceanside, California with [Love on a Leash](#)

Riker made his first therapy visits to retirement homes for senior citizens shortly after his first birthday. He has since visited hospice, skilled nursing and rehabilitation patients and participated in reading programs for kids.

Riker also participates in a program for special needs kids. At one day care center for children, who are in the foster system or face severe health, emotional or behavioral issues, he visited a blind and deaf young girl. She had been at the center for days and hadn't voluntarily moved from her chair, played with other kids or smiled during that time. The day care director placed the girl's hand on Riker's coat. Almost immediately, her hands began stroking him. Riker managed to sneak in a kiss on her cheek. Instead of being afraid, the girl laughed out loud, rocking in her chair. Soon, she was out on the playground and making noises, calling Riker to her!

“Riker has always been one of those dogs that was born loving all mankind,” said owner Liz Palika. “I've done therapy dog work with many dogs previously, but Riker was just born to do this. Even now, at 12 years of age, when I get out his therapy dog vest, Riker wiggles and dances like a puppy. When I bring a dog in to visit someone and I see smiles and open arms greet us, well, life doesn't get any better than that!”

“Kayla,” a Labrador Retriever owned by Lori and Roger Morgan from Green, Ohio with [Delta Society](#)

Kayla, a therapy dog since June 30, 1998, is the third longest-serving, active dog in the Delta Society therapy animal program out of 10,804 teams. She was found as a stray dog at about one year of age, with her collar partially grown into her neck. Since 1998, Kayla has accompanied her owner Lori Morgan to the school where Lori works as a guidance counselor. Now 14, Kayla is still working visiting Akron Children's Hospital in Ohio through the Doggie Brigade program.

Kayla and Lori are trained for crisis response through the National Organization for Victims Assistance (NOVA). They were first deployed to California in 2001 to assist a community recovering from the aftermath of a gunman who killed three people and wounded others. At one point during a large community meeting, they wandered around and Kayla approached a few people. Later, a person asked Lori if she had known that Kayla approached the mom of one of the victims as well as two other survivors. Lori had no idea, she had just followed Kayla's lead!

Kayla and Lori also assisted in the aftermath of September 11th. The pair worked in the New Jersey Family Assistance Center counseling victims and family members and also visited Ground Zero. While petting Kayla, one man shared how he had to sort through the rubble and place human remains in evidence bags. At the end of the conversation, he did not really realize he was being “debriefed” by a crisis counselor - he just saw a lady with a dog.

“We love therapy work because it makes a difference in people's lives. It follows a motto that I have hanging in my home ‘we can do no great things, only small things with great love’ (Mother Teresa).” said Lori. “To me, therapy dogs encompass that motto. They do so many small things with such great love and devotion.”

“Murdock,” a Staffordshire Bull Terrier owned by Teri Meadows of Golden, Colorado with [Therapy Dogs Inc.](#)

Murdock and Teri have made more than 1,000 visits representing Therapy Dogs, Inc. The pair makes regular weekly visits, special holiday visits and personal request visits to places like nursing homes, libraries, hospice care centers, VA hospitals, youth detention centers, Good Samaritan homes, schools and day care centers. Patients with speech problems lovingly begin to pet him, looking at him and then to Teri with smiling eyes. After a few minutes they often try to speak to him. Over time, several patients form words. Children love to sit and read to him; he will look at their books as if listening and reading with them.

His visits to nursing homes became times of laughter and joy with residents. People's sorrows seem to fade away as they remember the dogs they have had during their lifetime. Today because of Murdock's age, more than 13-years-old, visits to nursing homes has even more meaning and closeness to the residents, according to Teri.

As a Staffordshire Bull Terrier Murdock sometimes has to face unfair breed stereotypes, but his friendliness and good manners win everyone over. He has been an outstanding ambassador for the breed. Murdock's kind, loving and gentle temperament, along with his ability to sense what people need, make him a great therapy dog.

“The happiness that my dog's visit can bring to someone, even if for only a short period of time, gives me great satisfaction,” she said. “They can briefly forget their problems, pain or sadness. The reward of enriching the lives of others through therapy is priceless; the feeling is indescribable.”

“Lucy,” a Golden Retriever owned by Debbie Hanowell from Fayetteville, NC with [Therapy Dogs International \(TDI\)](#)

Since June 2005, Lucy and Debbie have averaged 2-3 visits per week and have logged well over 1,000 therapy visits. Most of the team’s visits take place at Fort Bragg as part of the Womack Medical Center’s Wounded Warrior Program. The pair visits wounded soldiers and ill family members and spends time in clinic waiting rooms cheering up children. Lucy and Debbie also visit Moon Hall, a resident facility of returning soldiers and work closely with the Red Cross unit at Womack Medical Center.

One of the team’s most memorable visits was with a toddler who wore a body cast from the armpits down, with only his toes peeking out. Once Lucy began licking the boy’s toes, the change in the toddler and his family was immediate – he started giggling and laughing, showing more emotion than he had in days. The two were honored to be invited to represent the Military Therapy Dog program at the American Red Cross 125th Anniversary in Washington DC in 2006. Lucy is also a Tail Waggin’ Tutor, encouraging children to learn to read and have fun!

“Therapy visits allow us to spend a moment with a wounded warrior, an elderly Veteran, a lonely spouse, a frightened child, or a hard-working hospital staff member,” said owner Debbie Hanowell. “Simply put, therapy visits give Lucy and me the opportunity to give back to those who gave so much.”

“Koko,” an All-American Dog enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program, owned by Steven Herz from Scotch Plains, NJ with [St. Hubert’s Animal Welfare Center Paws for People](#)

Last year, Koko and her owner Steven Herz - one of the busiest teams with St. Hubert’s Paws for People - logged more than 100 visits at numerous facilities, including schools, hospitals, libraries and assisted living facilities.

In her six years as a therapy dog, Koko’s teddy bear qualities have touched thousands of lives. Koko and Steven “have been blessed” to see a young man persuaded to get up out of his wheelchair to “walk” Koko down the corridor of a major children’s rehab hospital, to tour a large VA hospital and visit with soldiers young and old, to be among the first to greet troops returning from Iraq, to help improve the reading of inner city second graders in Newark, New Jersey, to achieve breakthroughs with severely autistic kids, and to “give some love” to medical staff, patients, police and EMTs in a busy hospital emergency department on a Sunday afternoon.

According to Steven, “People are amazed to find out that Koko is my first dog. While growing up, my mom never let me have a dog, so it would have been enough to spend these years just enjoying Koko, but to be able to work together in the many diverse places that we do as part of St. Hubert’s Paws for People takes the experience of “dog owner/handler” to an entirely different level. I store away each and every “thank you,” “God bless you,” and the highest payment of all, “You made my day.”

“Norman,” a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel owned by Susan Drastal of West Caldwell, New Jersey with [The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.](#)

Norman, a certified therapy dog since 1996, has made more than 600 therapy visits and still works today at the age of 13.

In 2001, Norman comforted families of the World Trade Center following 9/11 at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ. Some families had small children and they would play with the dogs, while their parent discussed very serious issues with one of the rescue organization’s staff. The dogs formed a line outside for all the family members to pet before they got on a bus that took them to the ferry that would take them into Manhattan. They were there when the family members received their loved ones’ ashes from Ground Zero.

“Norman is definitely a natural when it comes to pet therapy,” said owner Susan Drastal. “He seems to know which patients need a visit and will spend more time with certain people. Sometimes, patients are fearful of upcoming procedures, therapy, etc. and they will talk to Norman as if he knows what they are saying. He is small enough that I can put him in the bed or the lap of the person and he presses up against the patient. Sometimes, when we work with children, I have Norman do tricks to entertain them. Norman knows hand signals as well as verbal and the kids always want to make him do a trick. So, I let them say the command, but I am behind the child, giving a hand signal, and when Norman performs the trick, this delights the child.”

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