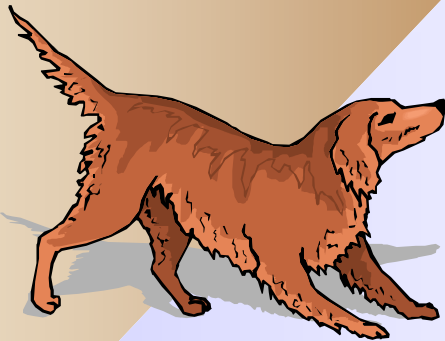




Paw Prints



Fall 2010



Winter 2011



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Welcome Our New Therapy Dog Teams



**Kay Durham
and
Tessie**



**Sheena Maynard
and
Rusty**



**Janet McKune
and
Gypsy**

Welcome Our New Therapy Dogs



Benji
Handler: Kathy Wattenbarger



Otto
Handler: Sharon Belmont



Jade
Handler: Pat Shaeffer



Maddie
Handler: Nickie Devlin



Mikey
Handler: Malette Fraleigh





News and Information

Retiring Therapy Dogs

Space Coast Therapy Dog members would like to wish *Taffy Holder, Ace, Bunny* and *Stormy Shaeffer* a happy retirement. We thank you for your years of service to our organization and the people of Brevard County. You have each set an excellent example of a true therapy dog. We wish each of you a happy retirement with lots of shady trees, special moments to keep your tails wagging and all the treats you desire.

Therapy Dogs Inc. 2011 Handbook

Please read and study your new handbook. New information and changes in the rules will be printed in red. All rules and regulations also apply to SCTD teams.

Embroidered Shirts

We have found a new business that can supply us with embroidered shirts, hats, patches, backpacks and many more items at a reasonable price and quantity. We will have more information for our members following our January board meeting.

Dental Health Month

February is Dental Health Month for pets. It is important to brush your pet's teeth and have regular cleanings by your veterinarian. Keeping your pet's mouth healthy will improve their general health.

SCTD Excellence Award

Congratulations to Dorothy Bradt and Galen for completing 24 SCTD visits and receiving their brass bar of excellence. A certificate will be presented at the Annual Meeting in March.

SCTD Renewals

Please remember to send in your 2011 renewal forms along with your nominations for Therapy Dog of the Year, Rookie Dog and Rookie Team. Send your renewals to SCTD, P.O. Box 121474, West Melbourne, FL 32912. Deadline is January 31.





Save The Date!

The Space Coast Therapy Dogs, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church located in Cape Canaveral. Invitations will be sent to all members. Our Annual Meeting is a great opportunity for members from all areas of Brevard to meet and talk about our work. Elections will be held, uniform items and our SCTD end of the year photo CD will be available for purchase, and you will enjoy great food and friends. Mark your calendar to join us and learn what we are planning for 2011.

We're going again this year. Come join us.



I can't wait to go to my first Annual Meeting!



2011 Slate Of Officers

President	Sharon Crockett	
1st Vice President	Dorothy Bradt	
2nd Vice President	Brian Smith	
Treasurer	Open	
Secretary	Open	
Director:	Joan Anderson (continuing)	Iris Culhane
	Ann Vital (continuing)	Kurt Belsten
	Cathy Cummings (continuing)	
	Audrey Alesio (continuing)	
	Phyllis Buchan (continuing)	
	Diana DePinto	
	Marjorie Knopf	
	Evelyn Sepanik	
	Malette Fraleigh	
	Mary Louise Cattaneo	



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DeGroot Library Fall Festival



Jessica Ronan, Ninja and Ann Vital



Jessica Lyn



Dottie Bradt and Galen

Our Fall Festival Event was coordinated by Ann Vital and supported by Ninja, Jessica Lyn, Joan, Dottie and Galen. Ann and Jessica Ronan decorated a festive fall table with doggie treats baked and donated by Jessica and her family. The doggie treats were given to children with a dog at home. We received lots of smiles and laughs from the children and parents that received the unexpected fall treat for their dog. The children received M&M's from therapy dog, Jessica Lyn, dressed in her M&M costume. Children's treats were donated by Ann and Joan.

Autism Awareness Festival



Bingo



Demi



Sonny

Space Coast Therapy Dogs supported the Autism Awareness Festival again this year. The event helps educate the community on the signs and support systems in Brevard for families dealing with Autism. The event is also a fun-filled day for all families. We had a strong team support for this event and appreciate all the teams who attended. Also, a big thank you to Audrey Alesio for coordinating the event again this year.



Space Coast Medicine.com Humanitarian Gala



Jessica Lyn

Space Coast Therapy Dogs, Inc. was nominated for the Space Coast Medicine Magazine Humanitarian Award for 2010. Three of our dogs were invited to the gala night at the Hilton Rialto Place in Melbourne on November 6. Jessica Lyn and Tank, of course, dressed for the semi-formal dinner. More than 500 people attended the celebration to honor nonprofit organizations and individuals who give of their Time, Talent and Treasures. We were humbled and inspired as each recipient's story was told. The evening's events confirmed that our community is blessed with a multitude of giving and caring groups and individuals who extend a helping hand to those in need.



Tank

Jessica Lyn (SCTD), Tank (Care to Read) and Archie (Paws for Parrish) each received humanitarian awards along with other therapy dogs in Brevard County. We extend our thanks to Tom Palermo, president and publisher, James Palermo, editor-in-chief and journalist, Maria Sonneberg at Space Coast Medicine.Com magazine for a memorable night.



Archie

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser



Malette and Dolcena



Dottie and Leslie



Kathy



Leslie and Sandy

We began our fundraiser on November 25 and continued through December 23. This was our second year participating in the Barnes & Noble gift wrapping fundraiser. Our days and shifts varied each week, but Sharon and Dottie were able to fill our slots. SCTD teams from all over the county helped wrap gifts for donations and shared their therapy dogs with patrons. We send a special thank you to Kaori and the staff of Barnes & Noble for inviting us back again this year and to all our members who supported the fundraiser.





Charlye and Demi reporting for duty



Crusher and Bingo ready for the next shift



Skeeter greeting customers



MacKenzie



Rudy



Zoe



Josie



Galen



Maddy, Simon, Iris and Redford



Jessica Lyn

Donations collected at the Barnes & Noble Fundraiser totaled \$474



Titusville Christmas Parade



Jessica Lyn, Joan, Josie, Sharon, Olivia and Diana



Jessica Lyn receives a warm hello.

We lost Bob and Riley after the parade, but we are happy to report we found them shortly after the photo was taken.



Olivia's kiss



Bob and Riley stop to visit along the way.



Sharon and Josie greeting the crowd.

This was SCTD's fifth year to participate in the Titusville Christmas Parade. The parade is always one of our favorite events. Our numbers were few this year because of injuries and illness, but our enthusiasm was high. Sharon, Josie, Bob, Riley, Diana, Olivia, Joan and Jessica Lyn marched the 3-mile parade route greeting watchers along the way.



St. Francis Health Fair



Josie

RDO Day/Woof It Up



Olivia

Step Up For Down Syndrome



Jaxson



Murphee

USA Children's Party



Daisy and Kim, Josie, Treble and Robin,
Kay and Tessie



Benji and Jolene, Daisy and Kim

Proud Moments



Space Coast Therapy Dogs a Hit at the Central Brevard Library “Read to a Dog” Program

At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year in August, I was contacted by the children’s activities coordinator at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa regarding the possibility of bringing our therapy dogs to the library for an after school reading program. We started with three teams, me and Josie, Ann Holder and Pippin, and Beth Anderson and Murphee. There were about three or four children who came that first day and it went so well that we set up a schedule through December. As the months went on, more and more children started to come and we are now scheduled each month through May. The dogs are wonderful and just sit or lie down on the floor, couch (Maddie) or table (Pippin) while the kids read to them. We have had enough dog teams each month so that the kids can rotate and read to each dog at each session. These children are in the first, second or third grades and really love reading to the dogs. One little girl was very nervous around dogs when she first started the reading program, but by December her mother could not get her to leave when it was time to go. She had to go around and hug each dog, even Maddie, who is a very big girl (Newfoundland) to wish them Merry Christmas. Our last session before the Christmas break was December 9. Just before it was time to leave, the dogs were presented with a big Christmas basket filled with all kinds of goodies. We let Pippin check it out as you can see in the picture below. Some of the dog teams who have been involved with this program other than those I mentioned in the first paragraph are Nickie Devlin and Maddie/Tank, Robin Butto and Treble, Kay Durham and Tessie, and Sharon Belmont and Otto. As you can see in the pictures, the dogs and kids have bonded and the kids are having so much fun reading to the dogs while improving their reading skills. I was contacted by a woman from the Satellite Beach Library last week and she wants to discuss starting a reading program there too.

Sharon Crockett



Josie



Maddie



Murphee



Pippin checking out the gift basket for the therapy dogs from the library staff.



Calendar Visits



Tanner.....Adult Daycare Center



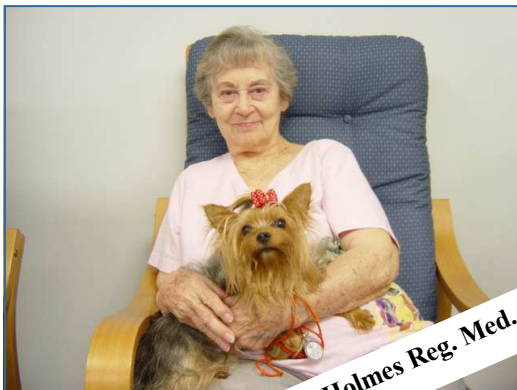
Kala... Cancer Care Center



Kyra.....Bridges



Rowdy, Red, Benji, Olivia and AJ... The Palms



Jade.....Holmes Reg. Med. Center



Rowdy.....Life Care Center

Editor/Publisher's Note

With the posting of this newsletter, I will be taking an undetermined leave of absence as the Editor/Publisher of SCTD Paw Prints newsletter. It has been a rewarding experience, but because of health issues, I feel it is time to step down and let someone else give a fresh, new look to our newsletter. The Paw Prints staff is fortunate to have Kathy Nilan and Jamie Wyatt as copy editors and we are never lacking in dedicated photographers. With the help of our amazing staff, I have no doubt that my successor will be able to step into this position with ease. I will remain on the Website staff as a photographer and as an advisor. I will also finish my term in office on the Board of Directors in 2011, and Jessica Lyn and I will continue our work as a therapy dog team, but at a slower pace. I thank you for your support during the last four years creating Paw Prints and look forward to reading our next newsletter.

Sincerely,

Joan Anderson
SCTD Paw Prints
Editor/Publisher



President's Corner

January 2011

“Happy New Year” everyone and I just want to say “thanks” for your support and the hours you logged during 2010. We are in the process of receiving the 2011 annual membership renewals so I don’t have the total 2010 hours count yet. Those will be announced at the annual meeting in March. Here’s to a healthy year for all of us and our special dogs who continue to win over the hearts of everyone they come in contact with. We had quite a few new dog teams join us in 2010 who were very active at our special events as well as helping out at the Barnes & Noble Christmas gift wrapping fundraiser last month. Once again, I am asking each of you to consider adding one or two more calendar visits to your schedule, if possible. We continue to receive requests for visits at new facilities, but can’t commit to them until we are sure we’ll get the support from all our members. Some of our current calendar visits have dwindled to just one or two dog teams and it really would be wonderful if we could have at least three or four teams at each visit. Be sure to check the monthly calendars on our SCTD website for all scheduled visits and special events. Please note that the annual meeting will be on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Cape Canaveral. We’ve held the meeting in south Brevard for the past couple of years so this year we’ll give the north and central Brevard SCTD members a little break in the driving distance. We hope all SCTD members (and their dogs) will be able to attend. More information will be sent out later. Don’t forget to send in your 2011 membership renewals and nomination forms by January 31, 2011. Again, thanks for all you and your dogs do and let’s all strive to bring even more smiles to more special people than we did in 2010 by making a few more visits.

Sharon Crockett
President, Space Coast Therapy Dogs, Inc.