



Therapy Dogs of Massachusetts

A Non-Profit Corporation

Dogs Building Opportunities for Nurturing & Emotional Support

Message from the President

To everyone who supports or has supported Dog B.O.N.E.S.—Dogs Building Opportunities for Nurturing & Emotional Support—Therapy Dogs of Massachusetts a heartfelt

THANK YOU!

Because Bentley and I could not visit everyone who made a request, the concept for Dog B.O.N.E.S. was developed. My idea for providing high quality therapy dog services to anyone in Massachusetts who would benefit has been met with enthusiasm and interest from people everywhere and in the most unexpected places.

Because of a handful of volunteers, who are providing or have provided their professional expertise, as well as to those who have given or are giving of their personal time and energy, what was once just an idea, is now a growing non-profit organization.

Dog B.O.N.E.S. ^{STD} Graduates Therapy Dog Teams



On Nov. 13, 2002, 8 proud dogs led their human companions down the graduation aisle. The 8 teams represent the first official graduates of the Dog B.O.N.E.S. certification program for therapy dogs. Graduates have attended 6 training sessions designed to educate human companions and expose trained dogs to environments similar to those the teams may visit. These therapy dog teams will be visiting nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and hospitals "bringing a little fun into someone's day as they recuperate, rehabilitate or simply live life."

Two more sessions of 8 teams are already filled for November and January.

Upcoming training dates:

Session

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2003

Time/Location:

7:00-8:30 pm

Medford Fire Station
Community Room

Medford, Mass

Register on-line at:

www.therapydog.info

Meet Our New Board of Directors

PRESIDENT— Jeanne Brouillette, M.A.

Jeanne is the founder of Dog B.O.N.E.S. She holds a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and a BS in education and disabilities. She has worked with adults and children with disabilities for twenty years and teaches courses in disability awareness at a community college.

Jeanne's canine companion is Sir Bentley Bear, a 4 years golden retriever. Bentley received his canine good citizen and therapy dog certification at a year old. Jeanne and Bentley have been an active therapy dog team for three years.

SECRETARY— Rebecca Serino, C.T.R.S.

Rebecca has a Bachelor's degree and is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at Boston Medical Center where she is responsible for developing their pet visitation and animal assisted therapy program.

Rusty, a golden retriever mix is Rebecca's companion.

MEMBER —AT-LARGE
Stephanie Mangione.

Stephanie holds a bachelors degree in education and is a Montessori teacher.

She shares her life with Buster a shepard/akita mix.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE— Nancy Larkham, R.N.

Nancy is an Administrative Director for several ambulatory practices at Lahey Clinic.

Micky, a geriatric cocker spaniel has been Nancy's companion for 15 years.

On November 5, 2002 the first annual meeting of the Board of Director's was held.

Stay tuned for news from the Board of Director's in future newsletters or on-line at:

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