

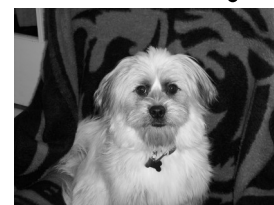
# RAINBOW NEWS

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, Inc. Fall 2009



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## Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Greetings Fall!



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### NON-DOG VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE HONORARY RAINBOW MEMBERSHIPS!

Although neither Mary McDonough of Chicago nor Lee Logeman of Park Ridge has a dog of her own, both women were surprised on May 21 with a special, first-time-ever form of recognition at our Annual Member Appreciation Banquet – honorary lifetime Rainbow Memberships. Their stories had seemingly innocent beginnings. Through their respective friendships with President Nancy Lind and member Joan Lester, these dogless but dog-loving women began attending and pitching in at our events, helping out with mailings, learning more and more about our amazing dogs, and finally evolving into strong supporters of Rainbow’s mission.

Mary’s specialty is always being available to ingeniously and patiently solve and complete any task that Nancy asks of her. Lee, in addition to always being counted on to make her own donations to Rainbow, has become our gift and donation solicitation expert, charming nearly everyone she meets into supporting our cause. While these dedicated volunteers may not actually work as part of animal assisted therapy teams, they are, in every other way, tireless behind-the-scenes contributors to Rainbow’s success. We thank Mary McDonough, Lee Logeman, and the many, many others who continue to support and contribute to our work.

by  
Joan Lester



Bridget

### CGC TEST DAY A SUCCESS!

On July 11, Rainbow held a Canine Good Citizenship Test Day and Bake Sale. The CGC test is an AKC certification that evaluates the good manners of a dog and the responsibility of an owner. Several Rainbow members are certified to administer the test, which is a part of the Rainbow certification test. At this event, seven dogs applied to be certified and all passed, including several that will join Rainbow’s membership.



The real success, of course, was the bake sale with many folks purchasing home goodies. Thanks to Dawn Kahn for her help in organizing this yummy portion of the event. Watch for news of our next CGC Test Day as we plan to add nail clipping and micro-chipping to the information and services available.

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### Dog Safety Presentation Wows ‘em in Wheaton!



A friend safely greets Murphy



Allie recites “the poem” with the kids



Grace demonstrates a therapy activity



Etienne politely says hello to a new friend



## UPCOMING 2009 CLASSES AND SCHEDULES



### INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY CLASSES

Learn how to train your dog to become an Animal Assisted Therapy Partner. Your dog should be at least 6 months old and familiar with basic obedience commands (sit, down, stay, etc.)

The course includes instruction on hand signals, getting your dog to work for others, and an introduction to the activities used in our therapy work to help improve/enhance verbal and motor skills. Class sizes are limited to enable close individual attention.

Register early! \$60 FEE for 6 hours of instruction.  
Pre-Registration is required.

#### FALL CLASSES

##### EVERGREEN PARK

**Tuesdays: 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 20

##### MORTON GROVE

**Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45 p.m.** Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18

**Thursdays: 1—2 p.m.** Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 19

##### MUNDELEIN

**Saturdays: 11-12:30 p.m.** Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 14

##### CICERO

**Saturdays: 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 14

##### CHICAGO

**Sundays: 10:30 a.m.-Noon** Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8

**Questions** on our Intro to AAT classes?

Contact Dorida King at [dhking4@yahoo.com](mailto:dhking4@yahoo.com) or 773-736-9021 for more information or go to our website at:

[www.rainbowaat.org](http://www.rainbowaat.org) to download a registration form.

### DROP-IN CLASSES

The class includes an introduction to apparatus and medical equipment (wheel chairs, walkers, etc.) used by the special kids we visit. Also taught are development of therapy dog skills, socialization, specialized obedience skills, grooming tips and dog activities (tricks, etc.) used to motivate the special kids to reach their goals. Special efforts are made to discuss and share skills and ideas, which will enhance each team's work at their therapeutic sessions.

Two sessions to choose from! Both sessions are held at our facility in Morton Grove.

- 1st & 3rd & 5th Wednesdays, 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm
  - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- No charge for members, applicants and their dogs.



### FLYBALL CLASSES



Flyball is a four dog relay race between competing teams. One dog from each team, racing side by side, must go over four jumps, get a ball from a box and run back over the jumps to the finish line where the next dog eagerly awaits.

This exciting sport is open to any breed of dog 9 months or older. Most dogs can learn Flyball because it combines activities they love to do: chase, jump, catch, and retrieve.

Classes are held at:

Rainbow AAT

6042 W. Oakton

Morton Grove, IL 60053

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

7 classes per session



## We Get Letters...

"Thanks you for your assistance with the Tales with Tails program at the Mount Prospect Public Library. This successful program continues to be a big hit at the library. The children enjoy their reading experience and are eager to sign up again. The dogs and their handlers create a non-threatening environment in which these children could practice their reading skills."

"To all of the wonderful women in the Rainbow dog apprehension classes... Thank you so much for the help you have given to my granddaughter. You are so patient and wise, gentle and compassionate – she's making progress already!"



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**SPECIAL PLACES**

Thanks to the generosity of several local Dog Trainers and other facilities, Rainbow's classes are reaching more areas than ever. We encourage everyone in our Rainbow family to check them out!

**A ROUSING RAINBOW THANK YOU TO:**

**The Barking Lot**, Chicago, 773-862-2275

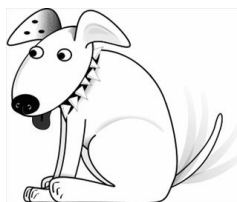
[www.thebarkinglotinc.com](http://www.thebarkinglotinc.com)

**K-9 Playtime**, Mundelein, 847-970-7529

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**Seguin Services**, Cicero

**Peace Memorial Residence**, Evergreen Park



**JOINING eScrip = HELPING RAINBOW**

**SEE HOW EASY IT IS AND JOIN THE eScrip TEAM ...BUT HEAR IT FROM A RAINBOW MEMBER FIRST!! READ ON...**

*"OK, you haven't signed up for eScrip because you don't shop at Dominick's. No problem. You can also register your credit cards and your Macy's card, too! I kept meaning to sign up and I finally did! Looks like it will turn out even better than I thought. Lots of stores and restaurants are associated with them... you don't even need to figure out which places honor it and which ones don't. IT WAS SO EASY!"*

*AND..I was so surprised – and pleased – when I recently got an email telling me a contribution to Rainbow had been made after a recent lunch using my credit card. What an easy way to get money to an organization that I care about! (There's an online mall too... 5% contributions from Eddie Bauer, Land's End, and more.)"*

*Judy Bennett, Rainbow member and board member*

- You can register your Fresh Values Dominick's card AND/OR major debit/credit cards, AND/OR select retail credit cards (such as Macy's).
- Once you're registered, there's absolutely nothing else you need to do (except shop, of course), and RAINBOW will benefit! IT'S REALLY EASY!
- Use your registered card(s) for online or in-store purchases at participating STORES and RESTAURANTS, such as Barnes & Noble, Gap, Nordstom, Home Depot, Staples, PetCo, Claim Jumpers Restaurant and many more. **Rainbow will automatically receive a percentage of the purchase price. You don't have to say or do a thing if your card is registered, and the store or restaurant is a participant.**
- If you like shopping on-line, go to: [www.shopping.escrip.com](http://www.shopping.escrip.com) and shop the "Online Mall".
- If you prefer to shop in person, go to: [www.escrip.com/merchants/search/index.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/merchants/search/index.jsp) for a list of merchants.

Register online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Click on **"About the Program"** and then choose **"Sign Up Now."** The site is secure! Type in Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy as your group and click **"Search."** Then, click on **"Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy"** and follow the directions.

**PLEASE JOIN AND START SUPPORTING RAINBOW TODAY!**

**DONATIONS**

**In Honor Of ...**

Susan Burrows (Katherine & Jerry Suriano)

**In Memory Of...**

Sanford Takiff (Charlotte Projansky)

Maurice Goritz (Marilyn Abbey)

Cathy Cousins (Alice Gibberman)

Jack Spencer (LeAnn Spencer)

"Dolly" (Monica Perejda)

"Ho Chunk" (Bob & Carolyn Pincus)

"Ruby" Fehrenbach (Molly Fehrenbach)

**Dog Apprehension Donation...**

Deborah Rudin

Lauren Levy

**General Donations...**

Barbara Guido

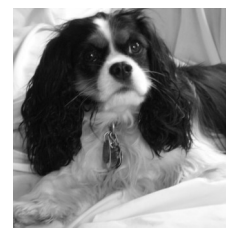
Christina Lucado

Marilyn Abbey

Lee Logeman

Hope O'Rell

Ann Butts



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**SPECIAL THANKS TO WHOLE FOODS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF RAINBOW ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY THROUGH THEIR "ONE DIME AT A TIME" PROGRAM.**

**ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT DONATED DIMES FOR THEIR BAG TO RAINBOW.**

**IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AS RAINBOW WAS THE RECIEPIENT OF A \$1000 CHECK FROM WHOLE FOODS.**



Kate

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## FALL 2009

## FALL GREETINGS

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy is an organization that works with trained, registered therapy dogs to help people, especially children and those with special needs, to improve their health, activities of daily living and quality of life. We are volunteers working with and handling our own dogs.

- We develop training and registration programs to prepare dogs and handlers.
- We work in facilities such as schools, hospitals, residential centers, and park districts *throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.*
- We develop programs to meet the needs and goals of each facility.

If you are interested in volunteering for Rainbow, contact our Membership Director, Robin Simborg at: [www.rainbowaat@gmail.com](mailto:www.rainbowaat@gmail.com) or call 773-383-1153. Membership information can also be found on our website: [www.rainbowaat.org](http://www.rainbowaat.org)

## SUPPORTING RAINBOW ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY



**YES - I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO RAINBOW AAT** *(Please circle option below)*

In memory

In honor of

Birthday/Special Greeting

General Donation

**SPONSOR A PROGRAM:**  Crisis Response Unit  Dog Safety  Dog Apprehension Classes

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY/ST/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY/HONOR/BIRTHDAY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO WHOM DO WE MAIL NOTIFICATION?** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY/ST/ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT OF DONATION \$** \_\_\_\_\_  CHECK ENCLOSED *(payable to Rainbow AAT)*  VISA  MASTERCARD  PAYPAL

**CARD NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXP.** \_\_\_\_\_ **CVV** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

***Mail this form and payment to: Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, 6042 W. Oakton St., Morton Grove, IL 60053***

*An acknowledgement will be sent both to the donor and the recipient of the donation*

***YOU CAN ALSO DONATE ON OUR WEBSITE AT [www.rainbowaat.org](http://www.rainbowaat.org)***