



## Utah Pet Partners: Improving human health and well-being in partnership with therapy animals



### VIRTUAL VISITS: ONLINE VIDEOS

Temporarily this past summer, The SLC County Library had permission for stories to be read publicly online. Therapy dog Moonshine and his handler Heather video-recorded several bedtime stories. While Heather read the story aloud, she frequently showed the book's pages to the camera, and petted Moonshine who reclined next to her listening with his eyes closed. At the end of the story-time, viewers were treated to watching Moonshine enjoy some healthy snacks. These and other videos can be viewed on the Therapy Animals of Utah Pet Partners YouTube channel Handlers who want to refresh their skills can view short training videos on our youtube channel as well.





## Who We Are

Therapy Animals of Utah is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving human health and well-being in partnership with therapy animals. We are the Utah Community Partner of Pet Partners, our national organization.

## Who we serve

Therapy Animals of Utah Pet Partners serves people of all ages and abilities. Our services are provided by volunteers, with no charge to clients or facilities, so we are able to serve people from every economic level. Because of the size of our modest but growing number of therapy animal teams and our commitment to quality, we focus our activities along the Wasatch front and back.

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As Utah's only Pet Partners® Community Partner, all of our training classes and team evaluations are conducted by licensed and experienced Pet Partners volunteers and evaluators. If you have your own appropriate companion animal – dog, cat, rabbit, guinea pig, domestic rat, hook-billed bird, pot-bellied pig, horse or llama you can join us to become registered as a Pet Partner Team. By joining TAU and Pet Partners you will be covered by Pet Partner's liability insurance policy whenever and where ever you volunteer with your "Pet Partner®".





## Healing Stories



This is a healing story of a child with a disability and a very special therapy dog – Chelsea – who helped him overcome his fear and develop skills that his therapists did not know would be possible for him.

## Honoring the Memory

When 7 and 1/2 year old Honey became registered as a therapy animal in July 2013, no one knew that her time to help others along their healing journey would be cut short due to health issues of her own. Honey was familiar with pain. When Honey's handler Kristie rescued her a couple of years ago, Honey had broken teeth, scrapes and bruises.





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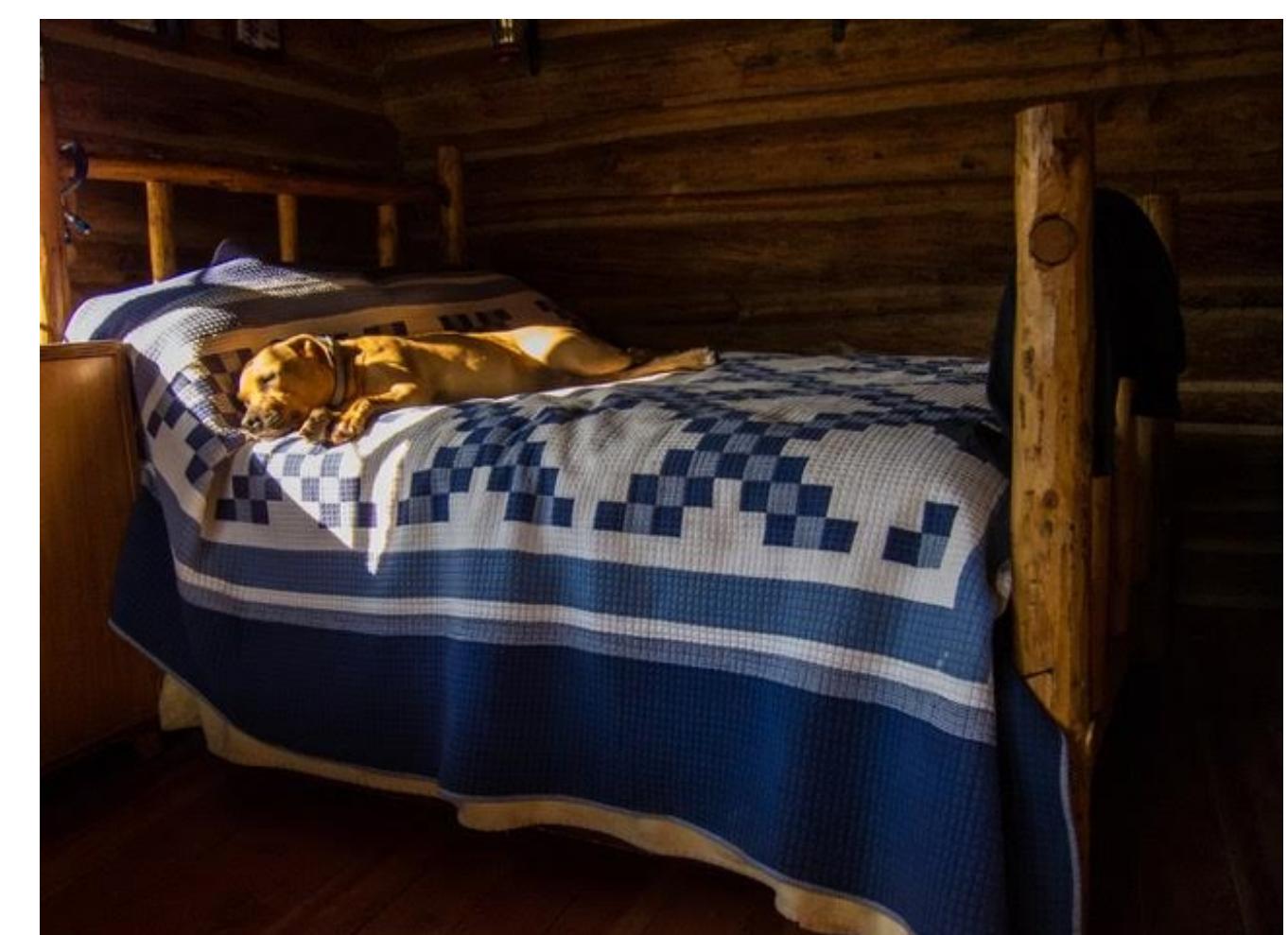
## Make a Gift

Many people want to share in the important work provided by Therapy Animals of Utah, but may not have the time or ability to volunteer. We invite these individuals to help by making a monetary gift. A gift of any size helps and makes a big difference for TAU.



## Request Visit

Utah Pet Partners has canceled Special Therapy Animal Events until further notice because of the Covid-19 coronavirus and special precautions necessary to keep our clients and volunteers safe. Please check our Facebook and Instagram pages often for further developments.


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