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A little mouse told Miss
Murphy, "It's Spring!"

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President's and Vice President's Letter to the Membership

Dear Devoted Members,

The daffodils are in bloom, and the forsythia are in show off mode. It must be spring! Some optimistic souls have even doffed their down jackets.

Rain or shine, CAP's certified therapy teams continue to visit all over Cape Cod as well as providing educational opportunities at many community events. Our visits and participation at community happenings are the visible elements of our organization and are a very important part of what CAP is all about. That's the CAP the public sees, but behind the scenes, there's a lot going, too. These ongoing efforts contribute to CAP's strength and vitality.

Our Board of Directors and multiple committees are busily toiling on behalf our members, volunteers, and those we serve. Just a few examples include: the development of our new logo and website (still in the works), planning our 40th anniversary party for next September, reforming and stream- lining our training and evaluation curriculum. Take a look at your Members' Directory and Handbook in which CAP's committees are described. There may be one that's a perfect fit for your talents and interests, and we'd love to have you take part. Contact [Mary](#) if you find one that feels right for you. We are eager for fresh ideas and member and volunteer involvement.

Enjoy the sunshine, but hope for the rain that our gardens are craving.

Sincerely,
Mary Wills, CAP President
Michele Granger, CAP Vice-President

Children and Adult Specialty Program Visits



Bergie Fenton shares a relaxing moment with a student
at Riverview School

CAP's Children and Adult Specialty Visits Teams are busier than ever bringing joy to many throughout the Cape and having fun at the same time. Spring ramps up special events as everyone wants to be outside enjoying the milder weather. CAP teams will be present at a variety of community events, raising the public's awareness of our organization and the benefits of pet therapy. Our wonderful CAP dogs are our best ambassadors!

Look for announcements of upcoming events!

If you are not a qualified Children and Adult Specialty Program Visits team member and would like to become one, you must have at least 6 visits at adult care facilities to apply. Learn more

at companionanimalprogram.com/members/ for information about the requirements and program application. Contact [Susan](#) with any questions.



Malala Levy is tempted by this seasonal treat, but seems to be asking, "Is this okay or a "leave it" situation?"

Visiting Updates



Charlie Goldstein trains his soulful gaze on a lucky resident at Laurentide Assisted Living in Mashpee

The season has put a spring in our step as CAP teams make their visits and participate at special events.

On the Mid/Lower Cape, a new site has been added. It's Maplewood at Mill Hill in West Yarmouth. The day and time of the visit will be determined by participants, but members who would like to join (multiple teams and a Captain are needed) are encouraged to contact [Ellen](#).

HELP! Mid/Lower Cape continues to need additional teams for the Alzheimers' Family Support Group at The Truro Senior Center on the 4th Thursday of the month, 10:30-11:30. Contact [Ellen](#) if you can help.

If you have questions about a specific visiting site, you can reach out to your Captain or to the Visitation Coordinators, [Kerry](#) Walton and [Mary](#) Wills, Upper Cape; [Ellen](#) Hewins, Lower Cape; and [Susan](#) Hunt, Children's and Adult Specialty Visits. They will answer any questions you have about CAP and the many monthly visits we have on our schedule.

Running low on your dog's "business cards"?
Contact [Kerry](#). She places orders toward the end of each month. If you can do so, take a new photo of your therapy dog in his/her scarf with our updated logo. Contact [Kerry](#) with any questions.

Click on the link for a complete listing of adult visiting sites. www.companionanimalprogram.com/adult-visits.html and on The [Member Portal](#) for dates and times. Click on either [Ellen](#) (Lower Cape) or [Mary](#) or [Kerry](#) (Upper Cape) to check availability.

Captains' Corner

It's that time again! You may have already heard from CAP's Head Evaluator, Tricia Devine, about sending proof of your dog's rabies vaccination and proof of your dog being licensed in your town. It's a CAP requirement to keep your dog's rabies vaccination and proof of dog license current. Please, contact [Tricia](#) with any questions, and send your dog's rabies and town license proof to her ASAP.

A Gentle Reminder

When your Captain contacts you about an upcoming visit, be sure to respond in a timely manner (yay or nay) about your ability to participate. Captains need to know whom to expect and if there will be enough teams to make the visit.

PS Resist hitting Reply All in your response. Reply only to your captain.



This resident at Cape Heritage is happy to have a lapful of sweet Sadie Renner

CAP Training News



Unflappable in a crowd? Cooper Heleen shows what it looks like to have the right stuff!

CAP is on hiatus from training this summer, but classes will resume in the fall. Fall classes on both the upper and mid/lower Cape sites will be posted here and also on the Training page of our website.

Click [here](#) for more information.

If a team does not possess the prerequisite AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification (CGC), they have the option of taking a CGC course and test, or simply taking the test with one of our evaluators. If that option is preferred, we will work with them to schedule an evaluation.

Contact [Mary](#) with any questions.



Sampson Fund for Veterinary Care is Holding a Pet Wellness Fair and CAP Will Be There

This event will be held at The Harwich Recreation Center, 100 Oak Street, Harwich on **Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. The Sampson Fund provides financial support for vet care to those in need. It's also celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, just like CAP.

All members and volunteers are asked to join CAP at our display table to help support this event. It's also a great way for CAP to educate the 350+ expected guests about us and the benefits of pet therapy.

If you can help with set up (9:00-10:00 AM) or knock down (4:00-4:30 PM) contact [Susan](#). She'd love to have some helping hands.

Lookie Here! We're Sporting Our New Gear!



Daisy Cofsky at
Heritage Falmouth



Stanley Reilly at LIFE,
Inc.



Mac Merriam at Cape
Cod Community
College

Lucy Granger all ready
for her next vist



Bandit Hunt chooses a floral backdrop to show off his
new scarf

**CAP Teams Tiptoe Through the Tulips to Make
Spring Visits**



CAP Teams bring some sunshine to Falmouth Hospital Patients



Eli and Robin Fiore at the 4th Annual Canine Blood Donor Program to honor police dog, Nero, and the late Sargeant Gannon who were both victims in a 2018 shooting. Nero's injuries inspired the passing of Nero's Law in Massachusetts which allows emergency treatment and transport for injured K-9s. Eli was there to be screened as a potential donor. This worthwhile event was sponsored by Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists, the Bourne Police Department, and State Representative, Steven Xiarhos. Good boy, Eli!



CAP Teams provided stress relief for participants at Barnstable County Sheriff's Health Fair which offered health care screenings and information for jail staff and retirees



CAP teams' presentation at an Early Childhood Education Conference at Cape Cod Community College

**New Date and Location for CAP's 40th Anniversary Party
Take Note!**



The good news is CAP's 40th Anniversary Party is still on! The better news is that we've found another venue at which to hold the event. The party will now be held at **Barnstable Brewing, 485 Main St, Hyannis on Sunday, September 13th, 2:00 - 6 PM**. Save the date! You won't want to miss the chance to celebrate CAP's 40 years of providing quality pet therapy on Cape Cod. There will be delicious food, drink, music, and some of the world's best people who are, of course, dog people. Come see our well behaved therapy dogs partying down and our members, volunteers, and guests demonstrating their ability to speak on topics other than dogs (though dogs will still be a hot subject). Hope to see you all at the party!

Newly Certified Therapy Teams Make Their CAP Debut!



Barbara and Daisy
Cofsky



Ann and Tuckernuck
Workman



Joe and Sofia Casey



Susan and Posie
Warner

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