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CAP News November, 2026

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

Dear CAP Members,

It's November; a time to appreciate what we have and give thanks for it. At CAP, we have much to be grateful for. We are

appreciative of the many hours of time and effort that our members, volunteers, committees, captains, trainers, evaluators and board members commit to our organization. They cannot be acknowledged and thanked enough. We are also thankful for the support of our generous donors which allows us to continue and enhance our program's goals. In addition, we welcome and honor our volunteers without dogs who have joined CAP to take part in our committees, special events and other key roles.

New Website Update

We anticipate the launch of CAP's new website in early 2027. Board Member, Scott Fishman, is driving the project and will see it to completion. We are eager to bring our new website to fruition, and thank Scott and other members of the committee for their efforts.

There are many opportunities for all members to participate in a variety of ways in the months ahead, and hope that you will take advantage of some that will allow you to contribute to CAP and the Cape community.

Don't forget to appreciate and enjoy the beauty of fall on the Cape!

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

Children and Adult Specialty Program Visits



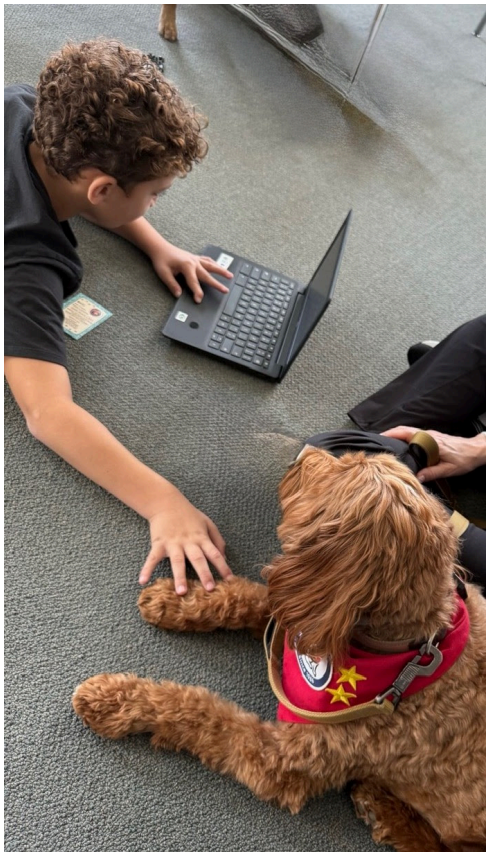
Deb and Mac Merriam are crowd pleasers at this visit to Mullen Hall Elementary School

The air is a bit crispier, and the foliage is glorious as CAP members make their monthly visits and participate in community events all over the Cape.

Members who are qualified to participate in Children and Adult Specialty Program visits will be contacted by Susan Hunt via email with the details of visits on the upcoming schedule.

If you have not qualified for the Children and Adult Specialty Program Visits team and would like to, 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 a program application. Contact **Susan** with any questions.

Deb Merriam and Mary Wills will assume the Co-Chair role for CAP's Special Events in the Community which Susan Hunt filled so skillfully for many years. They will work in concert with the Marketing and Development Committee to be present at events, have a display table and educate the public about CAP and the benefits of pet therapy. In addition to events in which CAP has participated in the past, such as: Hounds of Highfield, Barks in the Park, and Doxie Days, they will focus on having more of a presence on the Lower Cape to attract potential members in that area. Lower Cape members are encouraged to take part in such events and help to spread the word. If members learn of an event that they think would be a good fit for CAP, please contact **Deb**. She would love to hear from you.



This student's multi-tasking is just fine with Milo Raponi at a

school visit

Visiting Updates



Geo Brown shares a sweet moment with a resident at Royal Megansett in Falmouth

Adult visits are where CAP began forty years ago and they are still an important part of our mission. Our teams are always on the go bringing connection and comfort to residents at nursing homes, day programs, and assisted living facilities all over the Cape.

If you have questions about a specific visiting site, or wish to add another site to your schedule, reach out to CAP's

Visitation Coordinators:

Tricia and Diane, Upper Cape

Todd, Lower Cape

Susan, 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.

For information about any visit or to add to your schedule, 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. For the Lower Cape, click on **Todd**. For the Upper Cape, click on **Tricia** or **Diane** to check availability.

Captains' Corner

Gentle reminder for Captains: If you must be absent from a scheduled visit, be sure to give your teams the name and contact for whomever is substituting for you.



A resident checks Pam and Mango Bankert's credentials at The Terraces in Orleans. Guess what? They passed inspection.

CAP Training News



Sit, Schwartz. G-o-o-o-d boy!

Six teams are nearing the completion of their training to become CAP certified therapy teams, and will be evaluated in November. Go, teams! We wish you the best of luck!

Our next class on the Upper Cape will be held at **The Waquoit Congregational Church in Falmouth starting on January 7th from 6:30-7:30. Openings are available.**

On the Lower Cape, we hope to have a class at **Tail Waggin' Dog Training in Dennis starting in early February. Stay tuned for details as they emerge.**

If you know of someone who would like to learn more about CAP, refer them to the Training section 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 at another training venue, or, if they believe their dog is ready, simply taking the test with one of our evaluators. If the second option is preferred, we will work with them to schedule an evaluation. Contact **Mary** with any questions.

CAP's in the News!

Justin Alex, of the Cape Cod Chronicle, joined CAP therapy teams at a recent visit to The Wingate Residences at Pleasant Bay in Brewster and wrote a great article about our work in pet therapy. He got an up close look at what CAP is all about and seemed to enjoy himself almost as much as our teams and the residents at this assisted living facility. We thank Justin for his work and Michelle Borghi for making this connection. Click on the link below to see the entire article.

Sometimes, All It Takes Is A Dog - Companion Animal Program Celebrates 40 Years

CAP Teams on the Go!









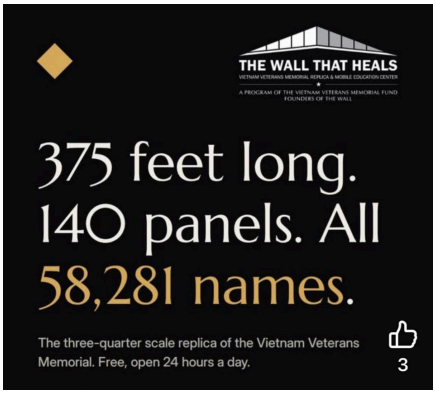




Look out! It's Halloween! CAP Teams bring their creativity and sense of fun to The Hyannis Country Gardens Halloween Parade where a spooky time was had by all



Sofia Casey at The Wall that Heals



This 3/4 sized replica of the Viet Nam Memorial in D.C. travels

throughout the US giving citizens the opportunity to honor Viet Nam vets who made the ultimate sacrifice



CAP Teams turned out for the Wall that Heals Event in Yarmouth



Donna and Madi Beasley take some time out from a busy visit for a snuggle break



Nelli Devine makes a new friend at a celebration for Cancer Survivors in Hyannis



Though none are vets themselves, our CAP dogs lent their support at this Stand Down for Vets event in Hyannis



Cooper Heleen shows off CAP's plank at The Rainbow Bridge in South Dennis that honors dogs who've passed away



Karen and Tilly Bissonette with Ann and Tucker Workman, aka, "The Stripey Sisters", prepare their song and dance routine at JML. Just kidding. They were there to provide pet therapy, but coincidentally, arrived wearing the same outfit. Don't they look great?



These teams are all set for the season at Brookdale Senior Living in Hyannis



CAP Teams were on board at The Amazing Grace Support Event for children affected by incarceration



Teams gather before heading in for a sunny day visit at The Terraces in Orleans



Jeepers Reed seems to be asking, "For me?" Treats for our dogs were made by the children in The Amazing Grace Support Group



CAP Teams stand by for takeoff at the Aviation Mechanics Program at Plymouth Airport



Nicky Reagan, CAP volunteer and dog portrait artist, join Tricia and Nelli Devine at the Celebration for Cancer Survivors Event



The CAP Team assembly at Mullen Hall Elementary School in Falmouth



It was a beautiful day for The Hyannis Street Festival and CAP was there to add to and partake of the fun

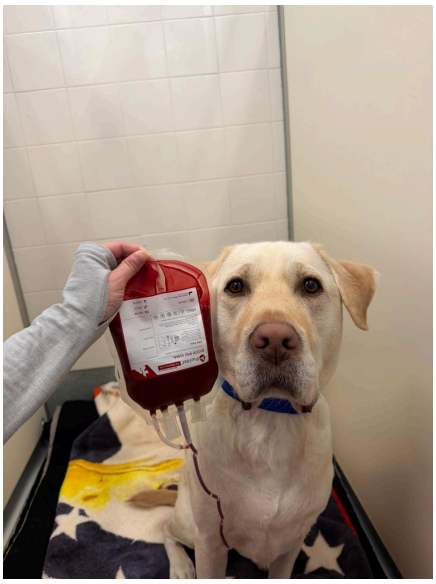


Rory Lafleur and Rhett Butler Ouelette marvel at the stilt walkers at Hyannis's Street Festival. Wow! They're tall!



Staff, residents, and CAP teams come together at Royal Megansett Nursing Home in Falmouth

Our CAP Canine Hero!



Eli Fiore donates blood



See above for information on how to make your dog a hero, too!

What's New?

CAP has created a new role of **Member & Client Liaison**. Deb Merriam will assume this position. Got something on your mind? Wish you knew more about a particular aspect of

CAP? Have a suggestion, recommendation, or concern? Contact Deb if you want to talk.

Exciting News! Our CAP Community is Growing and Connecting Online!

A New Members-Only Facebook Group

We've launched a private Facebook group just for CAP team members. It's a great place to ask questions, talk about upcoming events, catch up on CAP news, and share your thoughts with fellow members. **Watch your inbox!** Within a week of this newsletter's publication, you'll receive an email from **Kate Nelson** who will be coordinating our Facebook involvement with an invitation to join. You'll be asked to briefly describe your role in CAP and answer a few basic questions. This helps keep the page a safe, members-only space. We thank Susan Hunt who is stepping down from her role as CAP's longtime Facebook Administrator, but will still be active as a contributor.

Follow Us on Instagram

CAP now has an Instagram page! Find us at **@CAPpettherapy** and give us a follow. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family, too. The more followers we have, the more people we can reach with our message.

Who's Behind the Posts?

Dorene Goldstein and Kate Nelson are now managing CAP's social media accounts. They've been posting regularly and gaining lots of followers. You can help by liking and sharing posts and stories whenever you see them. It makes a big difference!

Share Your Event Photos

Have photos from a visit or event that you'd like to see posted? Please send them directly to Susan Hunt, who will pass them along to Dorene for use in our social media posts. **When taking photos during client visits, please be**

mindful not to include the faces of adult clients or children. We always need to be respectful of everyone's privacy. Susan Hunt will continue to review all photos to ensure that we're following our privacy rules.

We look forward to connecting with you online!

Third Time's the Charm. Right?



The score so far is, Mother Nature 2, CAP 0. Two dates scheduled to celebrate CAP's 40th anniversary were scuttled by inclement weather. Attempts to reschedule for fall did not work out, but we have not given up. Our 40th anniversary celebration will be scheduled sometime next spring. All the planning is done. Now, we just need the weather to cooperate for what's sure to be a wonderful party for our members and guests. Stay tuned for details as they become available. We'll have this celebration yet!

Baby, It's Cold Outside! Isn't it Time to Add a Fleece to

Your CAP Gear? The CAP Store is Open!

Here's the **link** for your CAP shopping.
https://business.landsend.com/store/companionanimalprogram/

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Half of CAP's income comes from membership?
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