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## Note From the President

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I thought spring was right around the corner, then Mother Nature hit us with snow and wind again this week. I guess I will huddle up with my furry friends for a few more weeks and dream of spring and all the exciting things that DOC will be involved in as spring and summer approach.

Liz is very busy with dorm events. If you are a “seasoned” dorm visiting team, thank you, If you have never tried a dorm visit—now is a great time to try. The weather will be warming up, the students LOVE our Pet Partners and the conversations you have with these young adults will stick with you for a long time.

DOC has been invited to come back to Touched Twice this year. Please read more about this event on page 11 of the newsletter. We have been invited to Gilda’s Club again in April, and DOC already has our Safety Town presentations set for June and July.

Read Across America Week was busy again this year in the Waunakee School District and at Sunset Ridge in Middleton.

Thank you to all of our members for volunteering your time with your Pet Partner—you touch so many lives every time you go on a visit or participate in an event.

*By Laura Kuchta, Kooper and Oliver*

## Be Aware of Peanut Allergies

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If you are going to participate in a DOC event or facility visit, it would be a good idea to refrain from feeding your Pet Partner any treats made with peanuts or peanut butter before your visit. Dogs are not supposed to lick their visitors, but accidents do happen and if a peanut-allergic person came in contact with a dog that had recently had a peanut butter treat, that could be tragic!

*By Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy*

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## Member Profiles

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DOC's 130 members are spread over a wide geographical area, attending many facilities and events, and we may not get the opportunity to meet each other. New member Todd Trampe suggested publishing brief profiles of members, so we can get to know each other. Good idea! Our members are very interesting people!

We'll have a few profiles each newsletter, of both old and new members. If you haven't filled out your profile form, please do! Email [karenp@dogsoncall.org](mailto:karenp@dogsoncall.org) and I'll send you a form.

Our first profile is fittingly of the Dogs On Call founder, Lynn Malayter ...

**Lynn Malayter** is the Pet Partner of Tootsie Roll (Tootsie, for short), who is a seven-year-old Chocolate Lab, originally from a breeder in Indiana. Lynn's therapy dog career began at Meriter Hospital with her former Pet Partner, Murphy. She and Tootsie continue to work there as an AAT team in the physical medicine department (physical, occupational, and speech therapy). The Veterans Administration Hospital is a new focus, as Lynn coordinated development of therapy dog programs for the PTSD unit, Community Living Center, and Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Program. Golf and tennis take up what little spare time is left!



**Pat Lawlor** and her Goldendoodle, Colleen, age six, live in Niles, Illinois. Pat was understandably miserable after having just euthanized her 13-year-old dog. Her family thought a new dog would be the only cure. Meanwhile, one-year-old Colleen (formerly "Mia") was found tied outside a shelter, in the rain. She had been at the shelter one week when she and Pat met. Pat considers Colleen a "gift from God," as this sweet, gentle, friendly girl came into her life just when needed.

Pat and Colleen have a busy schedule, visiting at Midwest Palliative Hospice Care Center in Glenview, IL; Presbyterian Homes in Evanston, IL; and will soon begin at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. They also participate in a Fear Class at Morton Grove's Rainbow Therapy Group

and have done a few programs at Kohl's Children's Museum in Glenview. Pat's other interests are cooking, reading, crocheting, traveling, and working as a bereavement and Eucharistic minister at her church.



**Lance Williston** with a Bernese Mountain Dog is a familiar sight to long-time DOC members. Lance and Baloo visited for many years; his new Pet Partner is 2-1/2-year-old Matilda. They visit at the UW dorms, expos and fairs, and are planning to visit at both Meriter and the VA Hospital. Lance has seen the value of therapy dog visits from both sides – through his own visits with Baloo and when Lynn Malayter and Tootsie visited his mom when she was in the hospital.

With a wife who is a vet tech and sees needy animals every day, Lance's household has the potential to have many critters. So far there is just one additional family member – Norman, the cat.

Lance lives in Belleville and enjoys playing golf, traveling, and wine tasting.

## Member Profiles

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**Mary Friedel-Hunt's** Pet Partner, nine-year-old Golden Retriever Bentley, immediately demonstrated how he is a natural at this therapy dog business. When Bentley was four-months-old, he was with Mary and her husband, Bill, visiting Mary's mother in a nursing home. Mary and Bill were playing with Bentley when he suddenly took off, ran down the hall, and into another patient's room. A nurse who saw what happened asked Mary to not go in the room where Bentley had gone. He had jumped on the bed of a very young mother who had been at the facility for six months. She had a stroke and had not spoken a word in all that time – but was now excitedly talking to Bentley. Mary says, "That was the day we decided he would be a therapy dog."

Buffy, Mary's first Golden, was literally a throw-away. Mary's neighbor was behind a truck and saw the driver launch the four-month-old dog into the Janesville dump and speed off. The neighbor rescued the dog, gave it to Mary and

Bill, where he lived happily for 14-1/2 years. "I will never be without a Golden," says Mary.

Mary, who lives in Spring Green, currently works as a psychotherapist. She recently sold the magazine she and her late husband started and published, *Voice of the River Valley*. Mary's husband died in 2010 and now she is ready to get involved with Dogs On Call. Other interests are watercolor, music, spirituality, and nature.



**Pat Stevens** and 2-1/2-year-old Springer Spaniel Wilson live in Sun Prairie. Wilson is an import to Wisconsin, from a line of champions at Briarton Kennels in Coopersville, Michigan. They have a busy therapy dog schedule, with visits at Living Faith Assisted Living and Colonial Club Adult Daycare in Sun Prairie, Meadowmere Assisted Living in Madison, as well as Meriter and UW Hospitals. Pat and Wilson recently became a R.E.A.D.-registered team and will be starting that activity soon.

A high priority for Pat is spending as much time as possible with her two grandchildren. Otherwise, she splits her time between scrapbooking, reading, golfing, traveling, snowshoeing, and walking Wilson every day.



**Sue Heidrich** took the runt of the litter, who no one wanted. Lucky for us, as Chocolate Lab Molly, now 11 years old, has made so many people happy during visits at the Meriter Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital, the VA psychiatry inpatient unit, UW dorms, numerous R.E.A.D. sessions, and many meet-and-greets around the area.

Sue also shares her home with Charlie, a 10-year-old Labrador; PartyCat, an eight-year-old rescued Calico (there must be a story with that name!), and ???, the new Labrador puppy who's arriving in a few weeks.

Aside from therapy dog visits, Sue's dog-centered activities include rally, tracking, and competition agility. Somehow she also has time for reading and gardening.

*By Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy*

# Meriter and UW Hospital News

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Contact Karen Peckham, [karenp@dogsoncall.org](mailto:karenp@dogsoncall.org)

## **UW Hospital – You Won’t Get Lost!**

I’ve heard DOC members who are not in the UW Hospital program voice concerns that the facility is so big and confusing. If this is preventing you from joining the teams visiting there, don’t let that stop you! DOC teams visit only in a select number of units and we go as a group to the areas – two teams and a volunteer visit captain – safety in numbers! There are a few units that allow visits in patient rooms. Those units are easy to find if you’re on your own. We haven’t lost anyone yet!

## **A New Unit for Visiting at Meriter:**

Dogs On Call teams are now able to visit a portion of Meriter’s new Family Care Center (aka the Birthing Center). In this unit, we will be visiting antepartum (long-term stay) and postpartum families, as well as the family waiting room in the Newborn ICU. Your Pet Partner may get to experience the sound of a crying newborn for the first time!

## **UW Hospital Event Features DOC Teams**

UW Hospital’s Health and Healing Week (March 11-15) focuses on some of the complementary therapies offered by the hospital. Each day highlights a different program. For example, art one day, music another, and Wednesday, March 13 is Dogs On Call therapy dog day! Several of the UW Hospital DOC teams will be positioned in common areas of the hospital from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to talk to staff and visitors about what we do, where we visit, and explore how they can get involved in therapy dog work.

## **Welcoming New Teams at Meriter:**

Ellen Williamson and Carson

Ben Welch and Leia (joining Billy)

## **Welcoming New Teams at UW Hospital:**

Lorelei Allen and Logan

Yvonne Gern and Daisy

Pat Stevens and Wilson

There are several teams going through the shadowing process at both Meriter and UW Hospital, but we can always use more! Contact Karen Peckham at [karenp@dogsoncall.org](mailto:karenp@dogsoncall.org) to learn more about the fun, rewarding, flexible hospital visits.

## **A Loss**

We are very sorry to report the loss of Mabel, six-year-old Golden Retriever partner of Anna Bezruki. Mabel collapsed at the dog park and was subsequently diagnosed with a bleeding cancerous tumor between the valves of her heart. The family was able to say their good-byes that night, before Mabel was euthanized. Anna and Mabel had been visiting at Meriter since mid-2012; we will miss them both at Meriter. Anna has decided to continue as a member of DOC, to help at events, and that’s good news for us!

***By Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy***



## Meriter and UW Hospital News

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Amelia Rose

### New Baby

DOC welcomes Amelia Rose, born to DOC member Ashlyn Brigham and husband Adam on Christmas Eve! She was 6 lbs. 5 oz. and 19.5 inches. Ashlyn says Pet Partner Harley makes sure Ashlyn knows when Amelia is crying and canine sibling Scout is very interested in Amelia's "stuff" (hats, socks, etc.).

*By Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy*

## Girl Scouts Learn About Therapy Dogs

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On February 1, 2013, eight fourth-grade girls and their leaders in Girl Scout Troop 2510 hosted Karen and Raider Peckham at Randall School in Madison. The Scouts explored jobs that dogs have, the difference between therapy dogs and service dogs, where therapy dogs visit, and what they do. The 10-year-olds, who had a wide variety of pets, were quite impressed to learn that 10 is the minimum age to become a therapy animal handler (with a parent or guardian along at all times) and that not all therapy animals are dogs. The discussion also touched on how to safely greet a dog.

*By Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy*



Ozzie is a snow lover. Nothing better than a good frolic through the snow, with a few snowball snacks. Here is a picture of Oz at the PD dog park one frosty day.

*By Dana Walker and Ozzie*

## Safety Night at Madison Children's Museum

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The Madison Children's Museum Safety Night is an event sponsored annually by partners of Safe Communities to provide fun, interactive education to kids and their families about how to be safe. There will be approximately 14 stations throughout the Museum for kids to visit, one of which will be Dogs On Call. DOC handlers will give tips on how to properly greet a dog and, of course, the dogs are there for petting! The event is Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## Staying Healthy at the Well Expo

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I can only say that my experience at the Well Expo was very short lived as I was quite ill with the flu that had been rampant throughout Wisconsin. A perfect place to be running a booth while sick – the Well Expo! Thank goodness for member Karen Smith who pitched in and took over the booth so I could head for home and my couch. Thank you, Karen, for riding to my rescue and also going through bad weather on the Sunday of the event.

The Well Expo features not only traditional forms of healing, but also introduces many non-traditional experiences such as yoga, acupuncture, and reiki massage. Dogs On Call was able to use the Meriter Hospital booth and teams greeted visitors to the Expo. It has been proved that petting an animal lowers blood pressure and calms people experiencing various health conditions. The DOC dogs at the Well Expo lowered the blood pressure of many Expo attendees who visited our booth.

Thanks to the teams who participated: Barb and Murray, Dana and Ozzie, Kay and Daisy, Amy and Ralphie, Liz and Charlotte, Fay and Gandhi, Dan and Buddha, Marsha and Baxter, Todd and Izzie, Pat and Wilson, Lance and Matilda, Bri and Gerry, Andrea and Shayna. (As the weather worsened on Sunday, we closed a little early so a couple of our teams didn't attend – but we want to thank them as the dogs were groomed anyway and we're grateful they volunteered.) For Dogs On Call, the Well Expo was a successful event and we intend on returning next year.

*By Jan Hoffman, Griffin and Ryder*



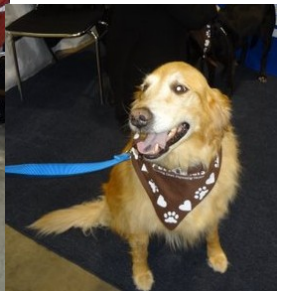
Kay and Daisy  
Amy and Ralphie



Barbara and  
Murray



Dana and  
Ozzie



## Here we go again—Dogs at the University

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Mid-term exams are coming up soon at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. That means I am receiving requests for Dogs on Call to visit with the students to help ease the stresses and anxieties that go along with student life. I have already sent out one request to DOC teams for the February and March visits. While I am very grateful to the teams that have signed up to help with the UW visits once again, I would really love to see some new faces. Visiting with the students is a lot of fun. If your Pet Partner loves visiting with young people who can't get enough of furry critters, please consider volunteering for one of the UW events. I guarantee that you and your wonderful dog will come away tired but with a big smile on your face.

In about a month, I will be sending out the University of Wisconsin-Madison Dogs on Call schedule for April and May. It promises to be a busy Spring at the UW, with lots of DOC visits. Please consider making room in your busy schedules to volunteer for one of these fun and heart-warming events. The students really appreciate DOC taking the time to share our dogs with them during a very difficult and stressful time.

*By: Liz Morrison and Charlotte*

## You Are Never Too Old To Win An Agility Title

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Molly, who loves to play, did not start competing in agility until she was seven years old, so we both started as “Seniors.” She will be 11 in April. She has competed in both NADAC and AKC trials and has titles in novice, open, and excellent levels in a number of different events. She especially loves tunnels (“Tunnelers” in NADAC) and jumps (Jumpers with Weaves in AKC) and really fast courses. She's definitely not the fastest dog around and sometimes decides to visit the judges on the course (dispensing a little therapy along the way), but she always has a great time, grinning with a wagging tail through the whole run. Agility is a great way to communicate in 'dog' language and work as a team.

Molly and her handler, Sue Heidrich, also recently received a Congratulations and Thank You for eight years of outstanding volunteer service with Pet Partners, September, 2012.

*By Sue Heidrich and Molly*

## DOC Mentoring Program

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**Liz, Charlotte and  
Grandson Liam**

The Dogs on Call Board of Directors recently implemented a mandatory mentoring program for new members. The rationale behind this program was to help new members get started in their DOC careers. A new member is paired with an experienced Pet Partners team for the first visit and follows along without his/her dog as this team makes a visit to a nursing home or health care center. By witnessing an actual visit, a new member is able to see a DOC team in action and ask any questions that might arise. The second visit to the nursing home or health care center would consist of the new Pet Partners team being shadowed by the mentor without his/her dog. This allows the new team the chance to make a visit knowing the mentor is right there in case any issues arise. After the two visits are completed, the mentor can decide if more shadowing is needed or if the new member is ready to be on his/her own. Of course, if the new member wishes to have more help, the mentor will continue to follow the team along for as long as it takes for the new member to be comfortable.

This new requirement is meant to help new members feel like DOC is not just sending them out on their own once they've passed the evaluation and registered as a Pet Partners team. It's also meant to create an atmosphere of trust and caring in a group that prides itself on sharing our animals' unconditional love and affection with our communities.

I was lucky enough to have mentored a new member at Wynwood last week. Besides showing this new person what Charlotte and I do when we visit, I was able to reaffirm my belief that animals can and do make people feel better. By watching a wheelchair-bound nursing home resident pet Charlotte's head and smile as she reminisced about the dogs she has loved in her lifetime, the new DOC member witnessed first-hand what Dogs On Call is all about and why we choose to become members of this wonderful organization.

Mentoring is about teaching, but I think I learn just as much or maybe more than the person I'm supposed to be helping. It's all about paying attention to the world around us and being open to the possibility that we don't know everything about everything.

Welcome new members, we're glad you're here.

***By Liz Morrison and Charlotte***



# The DreamBank

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Dogs On Call, Inc. was invited to the DreamBank in downtown Madison for a meet and greet, and a R.E.A.D. event for children. The DreamBank is full of a variety of interactive experiences to inspire the pursuit of every persons dreams. This is a place for dreamers to come together in our community. The DreamBank is actually in an old bank, so our R.E.A.D. teams were reading in the old vault! The vault has been renovated so there are windows, but what a great building. The DreamBank said that, with us there, it was one of their busiest winter days; the dogs must have brought the people in. Our members had fun talking about what therapy dogs do; the dogs loved having the kids read to them plus they enjoyed all of the attention.

The DreamBank would like us to come back in the summer when the Madison Farmers' Market is running. Keep it in mind, it will be busy!

*By Laura Kuchta, Kooper and Oliver*



**Sacajawea and Charlotte**



**Daisy**



**Button**



**Billy**



**Leia**



**Gerry**



**Raider**



**Tahoe**



**Kooper**

## Four On The Floor Please!

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Hopefully, all DOC members are aware of our Four on the Floor policy. However, are we all aware that this means more than just no dogs on the bed? It means that your dog's four paws (or three, in the case of Gerry!) should remain on the floor at all times when visiting. This includes no shaking, no high fives, no paws on knees, furniture, or medical equipment.

Why take the chance of having a paw or nail put a mark on a client, especially with that "tissue paper" skin that some of our older clients have? Or, you have taught your dog to shake and there is a child sitting right in front of him; where is that paw going to land if he decides to shake? Plus, when we talk so much about infection control and ways not to increase the spreading of germs, why on earth would we want to put our dogs' paw, that has been everywhere, in somebody's hand!

Remember, even a scratch is considered an incident and must be reported to the facility, the DOC President, and Pet Partners. An Incident Report Form must be completed by you and all witnesses and submitted to Pet Partners immediately. In addition, you will not be able to visit until the incident is reviewed and a decision made. That decision could result in you no longer being a Pet Partner, so why take the chance -

Remember, FOUR ON THE FLOOR.

*By Artie Berning, Sacajawea and Henry*

## Early Evaluation

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Did you know that you can test and renew with Pet Partners up to six months before your current expiration date and still keep your original expiration date ending quarter? All Pet Partners expiration dates are now quarterly; March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

So, suppose the current expiration date on your badge says you expire September 30, 2013. You can test and renew anytime after March 31, and, assuming you pass the evaluation, your new expiration date would continue to be September 30 but with the new year of 2015. This is a much better idea than waiting until too close to your expiration date and taking a chance of getting that dreaded "Not Ready," or the date you wanted being already full and going past your expiration date and not being able to visit.

One important thing to remember about all of this; your last test stands no matter when you test. So, using the example above, suppose you decide to test sometime in May and get a Not Ready. You can't just assume that since you don't expire until September you can continue to visit. Your last evaluation stands, so you would not be able to visit until you evaluate again and pass.

*By Artie Berning, Sacajawea and Henry*

## Touched Twice

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On April 6th, Dogs On Call will help at this event for the fourth year. This event helps people with medical and dental issues, chiropractic adjustments, financial planning, clothing, hair cuts, and much more. There has even been a photographer there in the past for family photos. All the volunteers are professionals from our area who donate their time for this very worthwhile cause. DOC's contribution has been to just be there to help pass a little time for someone waiting in line, or perhaps relieve a little stress while someone is being attended to. And, of course, there are the kids, who in some cases have never had the opportunity to interact with a friendly, well-behaved dog. This population just loves DOC being there! Watch for a call for volunteers e-mail soon, and help for an hour or so if you can. You can find more information about Touched Twice online.

[touchedtwiceuntied.org](http://touchedtwiceuntied.org)  
[touchedtwicemadison.org](http://touchedtwicemadison.org)

*By Artie Berning, Sacajawea and Henry*

## Gilda's Club

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DOC did a presentation at Gilda's Club again on Feb. 13th. Although we did not talk to a large crowd, those who were there were very interested in hearing what we do and meeting our dogs. We will be going again in March if anyone is interested in coming along.

Members were Barbara Fuszard & Murray, Bob Schenk & Charlie, Gina Smith & Button, Faye Antolec & Gandhi, Artie Berning & Sacajawea, and Lynn Bartling & Wilson.

*By Artie Berning, Sacajawea and Henry*



**Tootsie visiting with Mike**

## VA Hospital Visit

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The VA Hospital has opened up another unit to DOC. This new unit is the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Unit, also known as Building 6. We started visiting a few months ago and it is going very well. As with the other two VA units we visit, the patients and staff are so appreciative of our being there. DOC is the only therapy animal program allowed in the VA Hospital.

Our visits are Saturday or Sunday, the team's choice, and last about one hour. As with the other units we currently visit, DOC and the VA have strict requirements to start visiting, but this is the place to start for those who want to visit the VA Hospital.

*By Artie Berning, Sacajawea and Henry*

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## Sheep herding – From the Lamb’s Perspective

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Sheep herding is a wonderful way for a handler and a dog to work together as a team in a time-honored tradition going back hundreds of years. Herding is the process of moving livestock by using a dog, such as a Border Collie. It requires close coordination between the handler and dog, moving the sheep in an orderly and predictable manner to the desired location. Recently I read that “sheep herding is a dialogue of instinct occurring between dog and sheep” but I suspect that was written by someone who was either a shepherd, or a Border Collie. To get the inside truth I conducted a frank interview with my own lambs, Pearl, Shirley, and Bluebell. Renee

has been working them with her herding dogs and I wanted to see how things appeared from a lamb’s perspective. It went something like this...

Dan – G’morning girls. How are you today?

Pearl – As a Southern Belle, I am quite accustomed to hot weather, but I must say this heat wave is becoming a bit tiresome. Why, I nearly perspired yesterday and that would have been quite unladylike, indeed.

Shirley – Tiresome my butt. It is hotter than blazes out here in the paddock. When are you going to install some air-conditioning for us?

Bluebell – Oh Shirley, stop complaining. You are such a whiner.

Dan – C’mom girls, be nice. I would like to ask you some questions about your recent sheep herding experience.

Shirley – Oh, is that what you call it? I’d say it was more like sheep terrorizing! Who were those sheep-stalking brutes anyway? I never saw such determined dogs!

Pearl – Shirley, dear. Please don’t use such vulgar language. It is not ladylike.

Shirley – Well, excuse my French! Those Border Collies had a Charles Manson-type look about them. You know...something about their eyes. And they kept stalking us, too. Every time we tried to move this way, they made us move the other way. I’m an American, darn it. I have my rights!

Bluebell – Oh Shirley, you are such a complainer. All you ever say is “Baa Baa Baa!” all day long.

Shirley – Well, of course I say “Baa.” What do you suppose I am going to say? Get off my back. Just because you are Daddy’s Little Favorite didn’t stop those bullies from chasing you all around the paddock like the rest of us!

Dan – OK girls, can we get back on track? So what can you tell me about the *dialogue of instinct* between you and the Border Collies?

Pearl – Oh my, they were certainly not gentlemen. I dare say they scared the Southern Baptist out of me by the very look in their eyes. I nearly fainted straight away and felt utterly compelled to run as fast as my dainty little ladylike cloven hooves would carry me, as unladylike as that must have appeared. My goodness, they gave me quite a start and I am quite sure I must have blushed. Now, those three Labradors who live here are *true gentlemen*. Why, Gandhi licks me nearly every time he sees me and showers attention on me at every opportunity. It reminds me of the night when I attended my first promenade.

Shirley – There you see, Bluebell, even Pearl was afraid of those beasts.



## Sheep herding – From the Lamb’s Perspective

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Bluebell – Pearl did not say she was afraid, she said she was startled. You never listen to anyone else, you big rolly-polly!

Shirley – That does it! I’ll show you a rolly-polly and butt you right in the head. Then you will be rollin’

Dan – Girls! Girls! None of that now, I have some more questions to ask you.

Bluebell – OK, Daddy dearest. I could listen to you all day...

Shirley – Oooh, I am going to butt you so hard that Pearl is going to feel it!

Pearl – Now, now. That is no way for a lady to behave.

Dan – Thank you, Pearl. Now, girls, what did you think about Renee?

In Unison – Oh, she was such a darling! Every time one of those Bully Collies came running after us, she made them lie down, and Renee stepped between us and kept us safe. We love Renee!

Dan – So would you mind if we arranged for some more herding practice one day?

Pearl – It would be charming, I am sure. Will Gandhi be watching?

Shirley – I wouldn’t mind running around the paddock if you would spend a few bucks and buy a darned air conditioner. Do you think *that* could be arranged, you big cheapskate?

Bluebell – Don’t you call my Daddy a sheeps skate!

Shirley – I said “cheapskate,” not “sheeps skate” you dummy. Get the fleece out of your ears and pay attention.

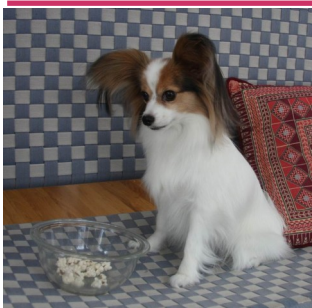
Bluebell – Oh, that does it. I am going to butt you so hard Pearl *and* the Labradors will feel it!

As the girls fought, I scrambled to safety and hopped over the paddock fence, wishing there were some trusty Border Collies around to bring some order to my once peaceful homestead. At least Pearl was dignified enough to stay out of the fray, as she sauntered slowly away, spinning her colorful parasol in the summer sunlight.

*By Dan Antolec and Buddha*

## Popcorn! – A R.E.A.D. Story

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**Daisy about to enjoy  
a well-deserved bowl  
of popcorn**

Daisy and I were doing our weekly R.E.A.D. session with a Madison 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and what do you think one little girl’s book was about? POPCORN! Now, I can tell you that “popcorn” is one of the words Daisy knows very well. It is in fact one of her favorite words, right up there with “treat” and “squeaky mouse toy.” You can guess what Daisy thinks about popcorn. *Yum*. Her ears were perked to full height for the whole story, and she looked very, very attentive! The little girl was delighted with Daisy’s obvious interest. But, I felt a little badly for Daisy, since by the very end, when we had read the word POPCORN for maybe the 30<sup>th</sup> time, she had begun to suspect that no real popcorn would be forthcoming!

*Lydia Zeller and Daisy*

## Barnes and Noble Gift Wrapping

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This past December, Dogs On Call participated again in three gift wrapping sessions at Barnes and Noble in Madison's East Towne Mall. Many shoppers were pleasantly surprised to find friendly dogs to pet amid the holiday bustle and stress of shopping for gifts. The Barnes and Noble employees welcomed us with open arms and freely participated in the holiday de-stressing. All proceeds will be used to continue the DOC business card reimbursement program.

*Those attending were:*

Karen Smith and Zombie

Dan Antolec and Buddha

Christina Klock and Leelo

Liz Morrison and Charlotte

Julie Henige and Cooper

Kay Lysne and Daisy

Lydia Zeller and Daisy

Jan Hoffman

Laurie Ingwell

Wendy Ellis

Marlee Henige

Artie Berning and Sacajawea

Faye Antolec and Gandhi

Bob Schenk and Charlie

Nancy Kaufman and Eva

Jen Phipps and Eva

Pat Stevens and Wilson

Carol Mahlik and Montana

Barb Wolf

Pat Wende

Elaine Schenk and Jenny (daughter)

*By Gina Smith and Button*



**Faye and Gandhi**



**Wendy**



**Dan and Buddha**



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