

GOLDSTAR PET PARTNER TEAMS



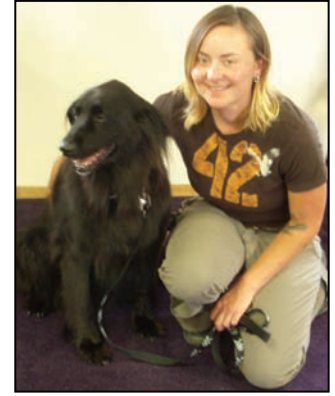
Shiloh and Sandra Miller



Judith Miller and Martha Stewart



Jack and April Werner



Cup and Emily Schumacher

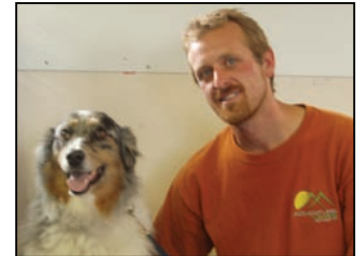


Max and Ruth Bourgeois



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monthly Meeting: December 9, 4:30 p.m. Hunan's Restaurant. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.
- January: Delta Society Pet Partners® Team Training given by April Werner. Call 770-0188 for details.
- Training and testing for new Pet Partner Teams. Contact Sandy for times and locations - 758-0123.



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GOLDSTAR THANKS

- Trivia Time radio program from Taos Mountain Casino raised \$240 for Goldstar on Ktao radio, an above average amount!
- August 12 Goldstar meeting at Don Fernando Hotel, with a great meal provided - thanks to Chef Raven Putnam!
- Thanks to Ruth Bourgeois, Web-Works of Taos, for web site revisions and updates, and printed materials design.
- Thanks to Iva Garrettova, for giving the monthly dog trainings and fun dog events.
- Thanks to Berni Paterno for hosting Goldstar meetings at The Bean.

And a big thanks to all the other friends of Goldstar, the volunteers and sponsors who have helped make our programs a success this year!

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GOLDSTAR REMEMBERS

JEEP

Companion of Joel and Linda Gottlieb, Goldstar Members

This wonderful puppy was diagnosed with bone cancer. Joel writes, "wherever we went Jeep brought smiles, laughter, conversation, and made people feel good with his sweet sociability. His heartbeat made our home whole. Between the rounds of tears we are thankful that Jeep has been an extraordinary blessing."



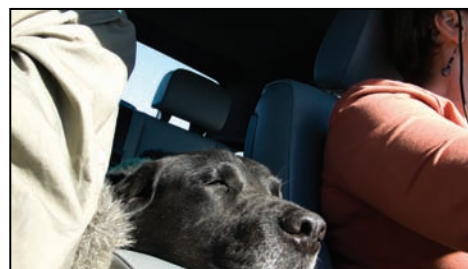
New Beginnings . . .

The Gottliebs adopted a gentle-natured Lab mix from the extraordinary Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. Bodhi is his new name.

"Don't know much about him, but he has already shown indications that he may work as a therapy-assistance dog and perhaps as a mobility assistance dog for the gimp member of this household," Joel said.

"Bodhi will join us in a diet to lose our extra 15 pounds. Bodhi is short for bodhisattva (Mahayana Buddhism) -- a being able to reach nirvana but who delays enlightenment to help suffering beings."

We wish Linda and Joel the best with their new companion and look forward to seeing them at future Goldstar events.



Bodhi

MAX

Companion of Laura Robb, Supporter of Goldstar

Memorial Story by Laura

He should have been named Houdini, for his ability to break through fences, but it was Max --- named for the illustrator Maxfield Parrish. When another dog in the neighborhood brought him to my house it was obvious he had been living on his own for quite awhile. A big, skinny, long-haired guy, abandoned and abused, coat frizzy from malnourishment and looking a mess; I suspected his chances at the shelter weren't good and since he wouldn't leave, it was here he stayed. Max joined my other dogs



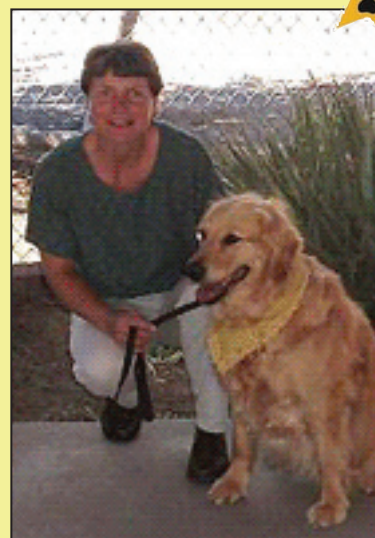
and cats, all of whom were injured and/or abandoned at some point in their lives. Unlike the others, neutering, fencing, haircuts (which he loved), walks, treats and regular bowls of food did little to tame his wild side. He would still catch prairie dogs while on a leash, gorged on cutworms when in season and preferred noodles to canned dog food. Occasionally he would bolt out of the gate charging off on a special mission and I finally learned (with painful human slowness) that he had spotted birds circling in the distance and knew there must

be a roadkill or carcass of some sort in the vicinity. Twice he escaped and caught chickens belonging to the neighbor (though I was able to rescue the second one) and always he would return with a "I'm sorry but I had to do it" look on his face. Eventually I resorted to repairing the fence with Quikrete.

Then of course there was his sweet side. Max was big enough to be intimidating, but all he was after when it came to people was treats and affection. The only time he hurt anyone was when he caught my lip with his paw trying to refocus my attention when I stopped petting him momentarily to tie my shoe. He had soulful eyes, a winning smile and loved children.

Max was his own dog to the end. My efforts to keep him on a special diet were countered by wolfing down any decomposed treasure that appeared within leash radius during our walks. No doubt the vet was trying to remain understated with the comment "he's a handful" after Max chewed his IV out for the second time. Sadly, his feral lifestyle probably contributed to the kidney failure that shortened his life. Max's many friends will miss him.

BRENDA



Brenda was a very special Pet Partner and companion of Iva Garrettova, Training Director for Goldstar. Brenda passed away this year, also from cancer.

Brenda is fondly remembered for all her search and rescue work as a member of the Goldstar Search and Rescue K9 team. Brenda loved swimming and would retrieve anything in the water. She had her search and rescue training in Dallas, Texas.

She was well known for her many nice visits to Enos Garcia School for the R.E.A.D. program and was a favorite with special ed kids at the Taos High School, where Iva was a teacher's assistant.

At Goldstar fundraising events, Brenda was known for her ability to accept donations and carry the dollar bills to Iva to put in the donation can.

Iva brought Brenda with her to the United States when she moved here from the Czech Republic, and all Brenda's commands were given in her native language.

Our sympathies to Iva on the loss of her wonderful companion, Brenda.