



NEWS FROM THE FURRY FRONT



Human Animal Bond Monthly Newsletter

Get Ready....

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HAB Family, It looks like we are turning the corner. Besides all the rain we have been getting lately, the crisp mornings, combined with relaxing breezy warm afternoons, have made for some great weather for visits! With COVID appearing to slow down and loosening of restrictions, our fur babies are ready to provide some much needed therapy for those that need it. With optimism and a refreshed new sense of hope, I think we can all say that it looks like we turning a corner. Get out our walking shoes...Our fur babies are ready, are you?



Directors PAWS by Candy Bowman

I just want to say thank you to everyone for allowing me to be your HAB Director for the last few years. I will be stepping down from the position since my daughters are getting older and busier with their activities. Abby and I will still be a team in the HAB group and continue to do visits. I have also added another Golden Retriever to my family in the last year. Her name is Daisy and she is 5 years old. I may add her into HAB in the future as she would be perfect as well. I don't know about anyone else but I am ready for Summer! I'm hoping for lots of camping trips, lake trips and fun in the sun...without a mask! Thanks again for all of your support!



Did someone say smile?

Visits are back on!!!!

Here are some of the fun upcoming Events you will not want to miss!

****Pet Fair at the PX****

(East side of building)

Saturday, May 22nd from 11am-2pm

2 teams per hour

This visit is ON POST. Make sure you have an appropriate pass to get on post.

****Annual HAB Picnic****

Sunday, May 23rd from 2pm-4pm

Wollman Park Main Shelter-1300 Shawnee St. Leavenworth, KS

Wear HAB apparel if possible as we will be having a GROUP PICTURE taken at 3:30pm!

HAB DOGS ONLY, families are welcome.

Please bring a side dish.

Hamburger, hotdogs, buns, condiments and drinks will be provided.

****AIR Dementia Group****

Second Monday of the month, starting Monday, June 14th from 3:30pm-4:00pm

First United Methodist Church

****Leavenworth Public Library****

Read To A Dog visit

Wednesday, June 9th from 10am-11am

Wednesday, July 7th from 10am-11am

****Leavenworth County EMS Billing Staff****

Friday, June 11th from 3:30pm-4pm

500 Eisenhower Suite #103

Immediately West of main EMS building on corner of Eisenhower and Hughes.

Enter on West side at main awning covered entrance

HAB Board and Editorial Staff

Director: Candy Bowman

Asst. Director's: Nolan and Cindy Lasiter

Secretary: Rhonda York

Treasurer: Kathy Sheehan

HAB Website: Allie Wood

HAB Newsletter: Nolan Lasiter

More Good News

Shout out to Rhonda York for making this happen!

Our membership meetings will now be held at:

First Methodist Church

422 Chestnut St.

Leavenworth, KS





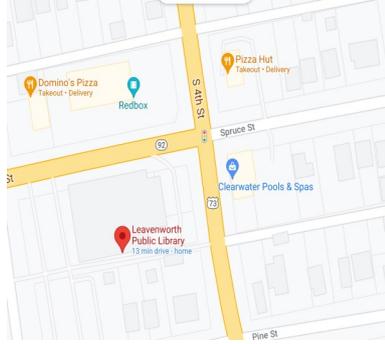
FOLLOW THE TRACKS...



Calendars and Events

Visit of the Month (V.O.M)
Wednesday, June 9th, 10-11am
Wednesday, July 7th, 10-11am
Read to a Dog
 Leavenworth Public Library
 417 Spruce Street, Leavenworth, KS

Come have fun with your furry companion, where children get a chance to spend some time reading, sharing and caring!



Calendar Visits (More will be added in the coming weeks)

Signing up for Calendar Visits is a cinch. Please go to the following website: <https://www.ftleavenworthhab.com/> and click on the Volunteer Sign up Now! Button and log-in. To get a log in, please read below for the steps to get your login and sign up. You can also reach Allie Wood via email at awood1405@gmail.com for further assistance.

HAB Events	
Today	Thursday, May 20
	Week Month Agenda
Saturday, May 22	
11:00am	Pet Fair
12:00pm	Pet Fair
1:00pm	Pet Fair
Sunday, May 23	
2:00pm	HAB Annual Picnic
Monday, May 31	
Memorial Day	
Monday, June 7	
3:30pm	First United Methodist Church
Wednesday, June 9	
10:00am	Leavenworth Library
Friday, June 11	
3:30pm	Leavenworth County EMS
Saturday, June 19	
Juneteenth	
Sunday, June 20	
Father's Day	
Sunday, July 4	
Independence Day	
Monday, July 5	
Independence Day observed	
3:30pm	First United Methodist Church
Wednesday, July 7	
10:00am	Leavenworth Library
Showing events until 7/31. Link for more	

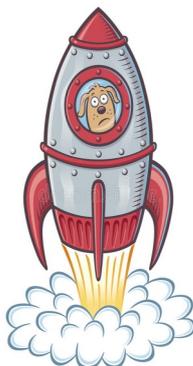
HAB Calendar 2021
 These are the visits for the rest of the month of May-June. These can be viewed on the website at <https://www.ftleavenworthhab.com/>

"The More You Know"

Did you know that dogs can shake up to 70% of water out of their fur in four seconds?

That's more G-Force than a rocket launch into space!

Next time you let your buddy go swimming, time for blast off!



USDB / JRCF Visit

Update: Visits will start within 60-90 days! Yay!

There is required training for this visit now. The next required training is June 3rd, 6-8 PM at the USDB Chapel

We will put out more information at the picnic

Please contact Nolan at 502-396-0219 or nolasiter@gmail.com for further details



THE TRACKS GO ON..

Events and notes from the Board
Assistant Directors Tidbits

Nolan and Cindy Lasiter

Wow! Can't believe Summer is upon us! With all the rain and cool weather we have been having, you would never think so. As we prepare for what looks to be a good summer, visits are starting up again, and it appears that families and friends are finding ways to get back together, please continue to think about ways you could help out HAB and those in need. Time is a precious resource to all of us, that is why volunteering our time is one of the greatest gifts we can give, and we are so fortunate that we can give our time with our most precious fur babies. Thank you for all that you do HAB members, this board is here for you and we look forward to a fantastic year, hopefully much better than 2020.



I hate dressing up...hurry up and take the picture already ~ Buddercup and Lani

See you out there! May the fur be with you!



Claire, Blake and Angel...life is rough sometimes...

Secretary's Treats

Rhonda York

The AIR (Arts, Inspiration, and Respite) Dementia Ministry at the Leavenworth First United Methodist Church was just getting started when COVID-19 hit and the program was put on hold. They have now resumed the ministry and included in this ministry are HAB visits. This ministry uses music, crafts, and service projects to help those suffering with dementia or Alzheimer's disease keep their minds active. This is also a respite opportunity for the caregivers. Personally, I have seen the slow decline in my own family. My mother doesn't really recognize my face, although she has a warm feeling when she sees me. I remind her that I'm the one with the dogs. And she remembers the dogs! My recently deceased father-in-law also suffered from dementia. His dog companion helped to keep him at home as long as possible. So I understand how petting one of our HAB dogs can bring joy and memories to people who need that. Visits will begin again starting on June 14 from 3:30-4:00 at the Leavenworth First United Methodist Church education building and will be the 2nd Monday of each month.





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Events and notes from the Board

Treasurer's Trove

Kathy Sheehan

Hi Everyone! I will start to collect dues in May and June. The cost is \$25 for one handler / one pet or \$30 for more than one handler / and or more than 1 pet. All dues must be paid by June 30th, 2021. Hope to see everyone soon!

Don't forget about the picnic, it will be a blast!



Cooper says "Did someone say treats?"

From the HAB Board

Please take a look at the HAB By-Laws to stay on top of all furry things HAB.

The Board has made some subtle changes to the By-Laws to ensure that HAB Members can have safe, fun visits.



"The More You Know"

What do you call a cold dog?

A Chilli Dog

What do you get if you cross a gold dog with a telephone?

A Golden Receiver!



THERE IS A CYCLE OF LOVE AND DEATH THAT SHAPES THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO TRAVEL IN THE COMPANY OF ANIMALS. IT IS A CYCLE UNLIKE ANY OTHER. TO THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER LIVED THROUGH ITS TURNINGS OR WALKED ITS ROCKY PATH, OUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE OUR HEARTS WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WILL BE BROKEN SEEMS INCOMPREHENSIBLE. ONLY WE KNOW HOW SMALL A PRICE WE PAY FOR WHAT WE RECEIVE; OUR GRIEF, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL IT MAY BE IS AN INSUFFICIENT MEASURE OF THE JOY WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN.



Member Submissions

HAB members, please submit your stuff to me, this is where I will post stuff upon submittal. Shout out to Ruie Gibson!

HAB in action at David Brewer Elementary





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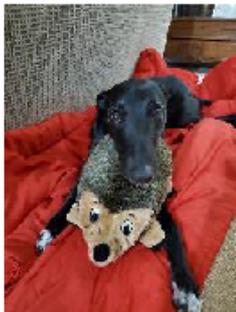
Parting Shots...

To my fellow members of HAB. In June I will be retiring from the Army for the second time. With this retirement comes a relocation back to my home city of Fort Wayne, Indiana and also my 'retirement' from HAB. For seven years I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to do visits to the variety of schools, organizations, confinement facilities and the like. To see the smiles on



peoples' faces made it all worthwhile. Many of you know that in this time I have had three Greyhound partners. I got involved with HAB with my first Greyhound, Elmo; for two years Elmo went on visits. Elmo's favorite events I think, were the read to the dogs events at the libraries. He would contentedly put his head in a child's lap as they read him a story. Next came Snickers who, in my view, was a consummate therapy dog – never met a stranger, wanted to be with everyone, and got along with every other dog on a visit. For Snickers, he enjoyed every visit, but I think

especially the elementary schools, confinement facilities, and Munson. For over three years he served as my partner. And I will never forget his last visit, as a tripod after having his rear leg amputated, at Munson as he went about making the doctors and staff smile. I will also never forget the kindness of Mrs. Broeker's third grade class sending me a card in memory of Snickers. And finally, now with my current partner, Claire. Claire loves people and has



never met a stranger. But, given her background, she was certainly more of a challenge to train to pass the required temperament test. I am grateful to Rhonda York for working with Claire and I and helping me train her. Claire's training culminated with her earning her Canine Good Citizen designation. Since Claire began her HAB visits in August of 2019, I decided to keep track of her visits and I was surprised to find that Claire has done over 40 visits since beginning with HAB. Her favorites – all of them. Anywhere there is someone willing to pet and interact with her. I only regret that because of COVID-19 she has not been able to do more.

Please allow me to leave you all with a few final thoughts. First, remember that this group needs leadership to keep it functioning. Support the board members as they endeavor to lead and manage the group. And, most importantly, consider serving on the board; it is not difficult and by stepping up you allow other board members to step down. Second, as a member of the group, participate and support visits. Find ones you and your partner enjoy. There should be no reason for any visit to be cancelled due to lack of participation. And third, recruit new members; help keep the HAB group active and growing. Think about the happiness, the smiles, that our partners (not us) bring to the people and children they meet. As the threat from COVID-19 hopefully dissipates in 2021, I expect people will be really looking forward to seeing HAB back visiting them. I hope Claire and I will be able to find a group like HAB in the future so we can continue our therapy dog activities.

Russ Crumrine

"The More You Know"

Did you know that a Bloodhounds sense of smell is so accurate that it is admissible in a court of law as evidence?

According to PBS/AKC, Bloodhounds have the ability to follow tracks that are over 300 hours old and can stay on a trail for over 130 miles.

Wow! Now that is one crazy sniffer!



Member Spotlight



Buddy Wooten, a current member of HAB, adopted Charlie from Unleashed Pet Rescue in May 2020.

Charlie, a Miniature Australian Sheppard, passed his temperament test January 31, 2021. Charlie spends a lot of time at Waggin' Tails dog park and walking in his neighborhood. Charlie is dog friendly, curious, and has definite herding instincts. Charlie is Buddy's third dog in this HAB program. They look forward to HAB visits and interaction.



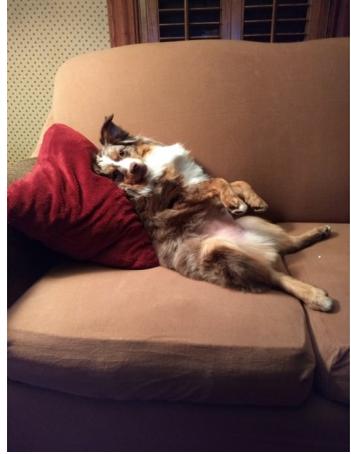
April-May-June 2021



THE TRACKS END...



WE ARE HAB!!!!



HAB Member's in Action!



HAB Membership Meeting April 2021



HAB Family, I hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you like the look and feel, or want to provide feedback on how to improve it, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to improve and make HAB that much better. As your HAB Board, we are here to serve you. Thank you for reading and may the "paws be with you!"

Newsletter Editor

Nolan O. Lasiter

