

2021 GOLD STANDARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Winner

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Owner: William H. Staub III
Carol Stream, IL

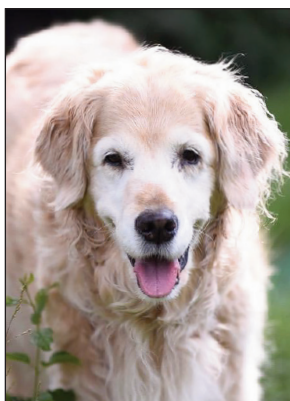
Nominated by: Hal Axelrod

"Dusty" has been doing therapy work for Therapy Dog International for the last 15 years and has made over 3,000 therapy visits. She has received the following therapy dog awards:

- Therapy Dog International
- TDI Gold for over 500 documented visits (TDIG)
- Tail Waggin' Tutors Achievement Award for 100 documented Reading Program visits (TWT)
- Golden Retriever Club of IL Linus Memorial Trophy for 2015, 2018 and 2020
- AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD)

Dusty has done work with the following medical facilities, schools and libraries:

Northwestern Hospital Hospice
Marianjoy Rehab Hospital
Ronald McDonald House



and
Wheaton College
Heritage Lakes Grade School
Stone Grade School
Hawk Hollow Grade School
Army Trail Grade School
Salt Creek Grade School
Cloverdale Grade School
Wheaton College
Donovan Rehab and Therapy
Travance Living at Wheaton
Carol Stream Library
Villa Park Library
Glendale Heights Library



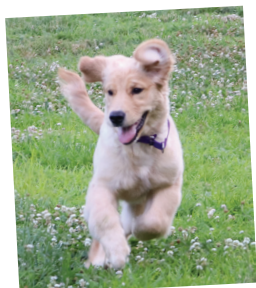
Whelped July 7, 2004, Dusty had over 3,000 therapy visits. She succeeded Staub's first therapy dog, "Annie," and was later joined by "Maggie" and "Kelly." Thank you for your valuable service with your therapy work.

Dusty has conveyed comfort and healing to the patients in hospice care, the Ronald McDonald house, and Marianjoy Rehab Hospital. She has brought happiness and smiles to the tens of thousands of students she has seen at schools and libraries.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, all therapy visits stopped in March 2020. How she loved visiting the patients and students. Dusty was always so dependable and loving to the young, the elderly, the challenged, and the sick.

Dusty has been able to continue visiting Travance Living in Wheaton, IL, the location where my mother lives. She still gets to see many of the residents who have been in lockdown over the past year, bringing a little relief to their lives.

Having the children read to Dusty at the many grade schools and libraries we visited always brought joy to those around her. She loved it when a child, sitting by her side, would read to her and give her a scratch behind the ears. ❖



Adara Washington



Pete Hale



Nelli, Mickie & Buoy Pastor



Chowdah Welch



Matilda Brandt