

## **The Jaedyn Annual Volunteer Therapy Award**

I would like to give you a little background about our Jaedyn. Jaedyn was a natural born therapy dog. She had a special gift to know when someone needed her most.

She Changed many lives through her years of service visiting patients at hospitals, rehab centers, children's wards, psychiatric units and hospice. She even saved my mom's life by detecting her heart disease before she even knew what was wrong. Her instincts were spot on.

One particular visit a patient asked "does her name mean anything?" I answered, "yes it means God Hears" she threw her arms around Jaedyn's neck and sobbed "I thought God forgot me a long time ago." The doctors told me as we were leaving that Jaedyn had just done what the doctors had been unable to do. That Jaedyn had given the women the breakthrough the doctors had been hoping for.

So this award is in honor of Jaedyn who passed away in 2021 from Osteosarcoma, and all the rottweilers that change people's lives through their love and dedication to helping people in need.

This award will be awarded annually if the CRC board of directors and myself feel a dog and team has meet the following criteria as set by Maureen and Doreen Sullivan the sponsors of the award. 1 recipient will receive a trophy (that is yours to keep) and their names placed on the perpetual trophy that will remain with CRC.

- 1) The humans and dog team must be a member of a recognized organization (can be local or national). You must provide proof of membership.
- 2) Must Be a Rottweiler
- 3) Therapy work can not be done during the time you are being paid to be at work. You must be volunteering you time.
- 4) You can nominate Yourself however you must provide a letter from someone who runs the facility you volunteer at or who's live your dog has touched. I want to know how your dog made a positive impact on its community, the facility they volunteer at or how they have helped an individual get through a challenging time or provided comfort in an exceptional way.
- 5) The hours you have volunteered do not matter the quality of the connection your dog has with the people does.

Jaedyn was mine and my mothers heart so in her honor please send in your applications. The CRC board will choose the person who they feel best meets the criteria above. Please remember this award is about the quality of therapy work you do not the quantity. It's about the human canine connection and how our dogs can heal people in ways that doctors can't.

Please send the following information to Maureen Sullivan at [sulliv91@yahoo.com](mailto:sulliv91@yahoo.com) with your submission please include the following your name, your dog's names "Call name" and "show name" if applicable your email and phone number to contact you. The organization you are a member of and proof of membership. Along with your letter(s) of recommendation. The applications must be received by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024