

# Booker Promotes Canines and Childhood Cancer Study

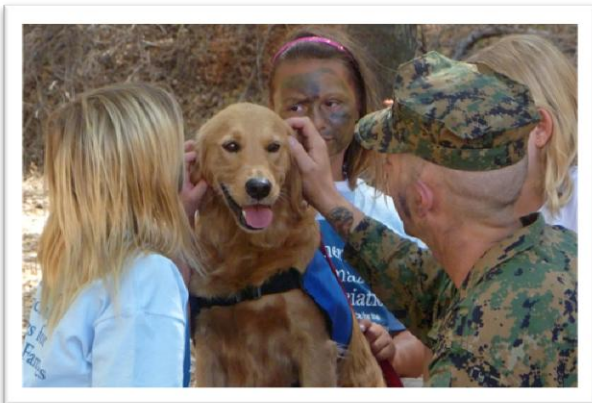
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On October 6, 2014, **Donna** and Booker **Pettit** participated in a filmed fundraiser held at the Beverly Hills home of TV star Adrienne Maloof. Adrienne held the luncheon to promote the American Humane Association's groundbreaking research study on Canines and Childhood Cancer (CCC). This is a randomized control trial to scientifically demonstrate the benefits of Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) to pediatric patients and their families. UC Davis Children's Hospital in Sacramento, CA is one of the five nationwide sites where clinical data is being collected for the next 12-24 months. The results are expected to be released in 2015-2016.

Booker was invited to this event because of his previous work with American Humane Association in serving children of military families at Operation Purple Camp. Operation Purple is a program of the National Military Family Association that provides a week-long summer camp experience specifically designed for military families. Therapy animals are brought in to assist the children with their adjustment to camp. Last year Booker was filmed working with the campers and the soldiers at Camp Whittier in Santa Barbara. The segment aired on the Hero Dogs Awards program on the Hallmark channel in October. Booker's television debut may be watched via <http://youtu.be/NMe49ILWYh8>.

Booker is registered and insured through Pet Partners. He works primarily as a Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D.) going to elementary schools to have students read to him. He earned his AKC Therapy Dog title in July 2014 after 50 documented visits to local schools and community college in Paso Robles, CA. Donna and Booker moved to Gilroy, CA in August where Booker will soon begin his Animal Assisted Therapy work at Gilroy Prep School.

*Booker at Operation Purple Camp*



*Donna Pettit and Booker at AHA event*

