

BARKER BUCHBINDER
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JOB DESCRIPTION

Acted as certified **Service Dog** for Sherry Buchbinder (aka: Mom). Mom was born with a physical deformity that affected her ability to walk properly. I assisted with her balance, provided stability, pulled her up stairs, offered resistance when going down stairs, picked up items Mom dropped, brought in the newspaper and, with the help of our mail carrier, the mail. Mom painted her medication bottle caps different colors, so I could bring her whichever medication she needed. One of my most important jobs, though, was to keep Mom's spirits up during the tough times.

Also acted as a registered **Therapy Dog**. Duties included visiting with both children and adults in a wide variety of settings. By sharing my compassion and strength, the goal was to affect a connection that resulted in a rejuvenation of the human spirit.

CREDENTIALS & HONORS

- Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Certificate, AKC 2006
- Registered Therapy Dog, Therapy Dogs International, Inc.
- Certified Mobility Service Dog, Canine Support Teams, Inc. (CST)
- Registered "Pet-Partner" (Complex-rated), Delta Society
- First-Ever Canine Ambassador, Make-A-Wish Foundation® 2007-2010
- Canine Ambassador for Wags-For-Wishes events
- Make-A-Wish Foundation® Wish Granter -- Ambassador Barker was personally requested by a Wish-Kid to be part of her wish granting team (first time this had ever been done).
- Special Guest/Canine Ambassador, Holiday Harbor Cruise for Make-A-Wish children and their families, sponsored by Electra Cruises and the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Newport Beach, CA.
- Special Guest/Canine Ambassador, 'Breakfast With Santa' for Make-A-Wish children and their families, South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA
- Wags-For-Wishes, Del Mar, CA 2006 Participant/Second Place Costume Contest Winner "Doggie Houser"/aka "Dr. Barker"
- Dogtoberfest, First Place Adult Costume-- Pack Mule/2007, Army Paratrooper2008, Race Horse/2009
- Canidae Pet Foods - Barker's Sponsor
- Ambassador Dog, Ashley Whippet Invitational World Championship, 2008
- Riverside Police Department Honorary Police K-9, Riverside, CA
- Honorary Splash-Dog, Tony Reed of 'Splash Dogs'
- Honorary 'Muttley Crew Member', Chris Cabral, Canine Entertainment
- Honored Guest, Riverside City Council Meeting, Riverside, CA
- Pet Celebrity Dog, Open House for the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center (formerly Riverside Humane Society Pet Adoption Center), Riverside, CA 2009
- Special Guest, ASK Foundation for the Animals, Pre-Grand Opening & Open House 2010, Riverside County/City Animal Shelter, Riverside County Animal Services, Riverside, CA

- *Special Guest, 'Much Love For Dogs And Wine' The Lofty Dog Academy & Barker Block, Los Angeles, CA, 2009*

THERAPY DOG EXPERIENCE

- *American Cancer Society*
- *America's Family Pet Expo, Costa Mesa, CA*
- *Antelope Valley Hospital, Lancaster, CA*
- *Arizona Walk-For-Wishes, Tempe, AZ*
- *Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, CA*
- *Bass Pro Shops, Rancho Cucamonga, CA*
- *Bark-At-The-Park, Lancaster, CA*
- *Bichon Frise Club of Greater Los Angeles, CA*
- *Carlson Dog Park Grand Re-Opening, Riverside, CA*
- *Centennial Heritage Museum of Santa Ana, Santa Ana, CA Runway Wishes (Barker was a model!)*
- *Challenged Children's Rodeo*
- *Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)*
- *CHOC-Walk at Disneyland, Anaheim, CA*
- *City of Hope*
- *Cops Expo, Orange, CA*
- *Corona Medical Center, Corona, CA*
- *Creekside Elementary, Moreno Valley, CA*
- *Dogtoberfest, Riverside, CA 2006-2007-2008-2009*
- *Fontana Police Department – Family Safety and National Preparedness Fair, Fontana, CA*
- *Foothill Elementary, Corona, CA*
- *Hemet Valley Medical Center, Hemet, CA*
- *Hoag Hospital, Costa Mesa, CA*
- *Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, CA*
- *Jackson Elementary School, Riverside, CA*
- *Jefferson Elementary School, San Diego, CA*
- *Kaiser Permanente® Pet-Therapy Program, Riverside/Fontana/San Diego, CA*
- *Lights-On-After-School, 2008, Montclair, CA*
- *List Srv 4 Therapy Dog Teams, Shirley Colman, San Diego County, CA*
- *Loma Linda Children's Hospital, Loma Linda, CA*
- *Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, Loma Linda, CA*
- *Los Angeles Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, CA*
- *Los Angeles Walk-For-Wishes, Los Angeles, CA*
- *Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America*
- *Marina High School, Huntington Beach, CA*
- *Mattel Children's Hospital, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA*
- *Mayor's Night Out, Riverside, CA 2009*
- *Norco Mom's Club, Norco, CA*
- *Northwood High School, Irvine, CA*
- *Orange County High School of the Arts, Santa Ana, CA*
- *Parade of Lights and Winter Festival, Norco, CA*
- *Phoenix Children's Hospital*

- *PRCA California Circuit Finals Rodeo, Norco, CA*
- *PRCA Norco Rodeo, Norco, CA*
- *Relay for Life, Corona, CA*
- *Relay for Life, Riverside, CA*
- *Revlon Run/Walk for Women, Los Angeles, CA 2006-2007-2008*
- *Riverside Police Department, Orange Street Station, Riverside, CA*
- *Riverside Police Department, Magnolia Street Station, Riverside, CA*
- *Ronald McDonald House*
- *St. Jude's Hospital*
- *St. Mark's Episcopal School, Upland, CA*
- *San Antonio Community Hospital, Upland, CA*
- *Santa Ana Zoo, Santa Ana, CA*
- *Scripps Green Hospital, La Jolla, CA*
- *Shriners Hospitals for Children, Los Angeles, CA*
- *Skip-Fordyce Harley Davidson, Riverside, CA*
- *"Summer Serenity Wish House" Open House Celebrations, Tustin, CA 2007-2008-2009*
- *"Thunderbirds Wish House" Open House Celebrations, Phoenix, AZ 2009-2010*
- *Transitioning Veterans and Military Troops at the Neil Ash USO-San Diego Airport Facility, CA*
- *University of Riverside (UCR), Mental Health Fair, Riverside, CA*
- *Upland Pet Expo, Upland, CA*
- *Various Animal Rescue Spay/Neuter/Adoption Programs*
- *Various Convalescent facilities and Senior Housing complexes*
- *Various University Campuses throughout Southern California*
- *Various venues to promote Therapy Dog education and volunteerism*
- *Wags-For-Wishes, Del Mar, CA, 2007*
- *Wags-For-Wishes, Chula Vista, CA, 2008-2009*
- *Wags-For-Wishes, Inaugural Event, Buckeye, AZ 2008*
- *Wags-For-Wishes, Glendale, AZ, 2009, 2010*
- *"Walk-With-the-Animals", Riverside, CA 2009-2010*
- *Western Medical Center, Santa Ana, CA*
- *"Wiggle Waggle", Pasadena, CA*

HOBBIES

- *Eating my favorite treats: carrots, Canidae snap biscuits, and Ice Cappuccino with whipped cream...yummmm!*
- *Playing with my "babies" (stuffed animals) especially the talking ones*
- *Catching discs (aka: Frisbees)*
- *Long walks with mom using her electric scooter*
- *Chasing a laser light at night*

REFERENCES

Sherry Buchbinder, Barker's Mom -- "I am truly blessed to have Barker in my life, and cherish each day we share together." "You changed my life forever."

Rhein Buchbinder, Barker's Dad – "Barker was everyone's dog, but at night he was **my** dog. Each night all he wanted was to lay next to me, and snuggle in my arms as if to recharge his strength for the next day."

Kim Buchbinder-Strid, Auntie/Vet-Tech who rescued Barker – "Barker was full of love, the only thing Barker hated was getting his nails trimmed."

Lynn C. Barker, Friend, U.S. Navy Pilot, Barker's Namesake -- "Remembered, never forgotten. I am so honored to have known Barker and I am proud to say we share the same name. Thank you Barker for your years of service."

Melissa Overton, Barker's First Wish-Granting Make-A-Wish Child – "Barker brought light to a troublesome day, a hug when he knew you needed it, and eyes that showed trust, love and compassion. I find pure comfort in knowing his love continues to live on. He's without a doubt, one of a kind."

Sandy Overton, Wish Mom/Friend -- "One of a kind!"

Dr. Carl Becker DVM,/Friend/Barker's Veterinarian – "Barker, the gentlest dog I ever knew! He left behind a Legacy."

Starlett Johnson, Barker's Auntie Star/Author – (excerpt from "Barker: Ordinary? Pass the Crow, Please...") "In those moments of darkest abandonment, I think of Barker's tangible magic and I know for a certainty that we are NOT alone. We couldn't be. Magic like that couldn't possibly exist without something, someone out there. So my faith returns, and my panic fades."

Dr. Nicole Baril M.D., Friend, Kaiser Permanente® Riverside, CA – "Barker lifts my spirits when I'm having a bad day or have had to break some difficult news to a patient. Visiting with Barker is the highlight of my day, if not my month."

Bill Cramer, Friend/Neighbor – "Barker was the most loving dog I ever met. He was remarkable! I will never forget the day I looked next door and saw Barker standing on the roof of the Buchbinder home. 'How did he get up there?', I asked myself."

Avani Bhatia, Former Staff Member Make-A-Wish Foundation®, Orange County and the Inland Empire Chapter/Volunteer/ Friend – "Barker was and always will be remembered as a wonderful dog; he not only worked selflessly and tirelessly to enrich the lives of others, he also left his print, his paw print, in their hearts. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived; this is to have succeeded." Barker accomplished more in his short life than most of us could in a lifetime. He will be missed, appreciated, and always loved."

Unknown, Oxford, England – "He has left his mark on the hearts of many during his time here on earth."

Barker's First Make-A-Wish Child, Wags-For-Wishes, Del Mar, CA 2007 – “If I would have known Barker before I had my wish, my wish would have been for Barker.”

Cindy L. & Sadie, Barker's Yellow Labrador Girlfriend – “One heck of a dog. Sadie's boyfriend. Barker was a true friend. Everyone he met loved him.” Also, “You are a legend. You brought so much joy to so many.”

Dr. Tracy Paul, Therapy Dog Mom -- “Barker is an incredible spirit – the absolute perfect Ambassador for Wags-For-Wishes. His heart space far exceeds the physical vessel that we see as Barker. Everyone who comes in contact with him leaves as a better more loved person.”

Cesar Milan, The Dog Whisperer – “It's an honor to meet Barker.”

Diane Matsuura, Friend/Canidae Pet Foods -- “Barker, what a wonderful, loving, kind-hearted spirit. He is one in a million!”

Emily Grankowski, CCLS Child Life Manager, Children's Hospital of Orange County -- “Barker was special!”

Nancy, Terri & Spankey, Friends – “In memory of Barker who was the ‘sweets pupper’ and will always be in our hearts! Barker was very patient with Spankey, even when she would head butt...play with Barker! Barker is the best and I know he is watching over Sherry and family from above! We love you Barker!” Also, “Barker may leave this earth but he will always remain in our hearts and will live on through everyone he touched!”

Matt Gallant, Host of Animal Planet's 'The Planet's Funniest Animals' – “Barker is the top dog.”

Ricky Namavong, Delta Society National Office – “I never met Barker in person but I have heard amazing things about him. He has done so much for everyone and what a wonderful representative for therapy dogs.”

Orlando A. Cintron Jr., JD Property Management Inc. -- “Barker was not just an ordinary canine, he touched so many lives in so many different ways.” Also, “Barker will be missed but NEVER forgotten.”

Kimberly Stauffer, Development Coordinator, Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter – “It's hard to put into words everything I want to say about Barker. He was our guy. He touched the lives of so many just by being in their presence. My favorite memory of Barker will always be him dressed up as Santa Paws and walking with the Make-A-Wish group in a community parade. I will also always have good memories of him sleeping away in my office while we talked. Barker's memory will live on in each and every person he came in contact with. I am glad I had the pleasure of meeting him: what an amazing gift.”

Santa Claus, “I can't compete with Barker!” Also, “Barker's never naughty. He's always been a good boy.”

Unknown, Tokyo, Japan – “He is a legend!”

Make-A-Wish Child – “Barker's as sweet as a Hershey Kiss!”

Lillianna Gomez, Wish Concept Coordinator Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter – “I don’t believe I will come across another caring and sweet hearted dog as Barker, our Wish Ambassador. If it was a quick visit to the office after a long day at CHOC, or a paw shake during a wish presentation, he always made my day brighter. I am blessed to have known such a kind hearted and dedicated dog, and already see those traits in his little brother, Doc Barker. Barker was an awesome friend and a great teacher and I’ll always remember his special presence whenever I look at my Barker wristband.”

Gayle Anderson, Reporter, KTLA Morning News – “What a beautiful and loving dog!”

Shirley Colman, Friend/Auntie, List Srv 4 Therapy Dog Teams – “Barker the Wonder Dog and Make-A-Wish Ambassador.” A note from Barker:

Mom & Dad,

Weep not for me though I am gone into the night.
Grieve if you will, but not for long upon my soul's sweet flight.

I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears.
For with your love I was so blessed.
For all those many years.

There is no pain, I suffer not,
The fear now all is gone.
Put now these things out of your thoughts,
In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife.
Please do not dwell upon my death,
But celebrate my life.

Always remember how much I love you both, and loved helping everyone. Take good care of Doc now, he’s just a goofy pup, but he knows how, so let him step into my paw prints.

I will never be far away, just stop and remember and I will be there!

Love,
Barker

Charlene Cordiero, Friend/Bayside Retrievers – “How could anyone question Barker was special?”

Kristina Cordiero, Friend/Bayside Retrievers -- He was always happy and made you happy too.”

Unknown, Kingston, Jamaica – “Barker, what a unique spirit and powerful soul!”

Make-A-Wish Child – “Barker is the best dog ever! He's so cool”.

Bonnie Fairchild, Friend – “Barker had it all: loyalty, smart, wonderful temperament, and friend.”

Ernie Prukner, Marketing Manager, Angels Baseball Team – “Barker was a good dog!”

Evelyn Morad, Office Manager, Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter – “If anyone is keeping count up there, they will know that Barker has gone above and beyond in the service to mankind.”

Stacie Bonner McIlveen, Friend – “Barker was an amazing dog. Always so loving and happy. His face could light up a room. He will be missed, but never forgotten. He was a true angel on earth.”

Tammee & Skeeter – “What an impact Barker made by touching the lives of so many people. He will be truly missed!!!!”

Brooke Dafesh, Community Relations Manager, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Los Angeles – “Barker was an amazing dog and a great support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation®.”

Sam Ferrans, Hero Disc USA – “What a special gift Barker was and a special gift he shared with so many people. Barker is a true Hero and will be missed”.

Liz Kaplan, Director/Corporate Fundraising & Media Relations, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Arizona – “I am glad that I was able to spend time with Barker, what a dog!”

Brent Goodrich, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America – “Barker was a great Ambassador for the Foundation and just a cool dog. He will be remembered fondly by many people here at the office.”

Nance A. Wabshaw, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America -- “Barker was an exceptionally gifted animal. It was almost as if he had a sixth sense about people and situations. What a great blessing he was.” Also, “Barker, a magnificent dog!”

Michael Rosoff, Volunteer/Wish Granter/Friend – “Barker, a true Make-A-Wish volunteer, and a wonderful addition to any wish presentation!”

Christina Sandoval, Assistant Wish Manager, Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter – “It was always a joy to have Barker visit the office. He brought a smile to everyone’s face and made the day that much better.”

Richard Piconke, Uncle Richard/Friend, TKR Plumbing – “My kind, loving, little teddy Bear. my buddy, my bubba!”

Jan Greenberg, Friend – “Barker...Friend, Partner, Amazing Spirit, Teacher...”

Chris Cabral, Muttley Crew – “Barker was one of kind and we will miss him!”
Unknown, Melbourne, Australia – “Barker, one in a million!”

Make-A-Wish Child -- “Barker's the best!”

Chris MacArthur, City of Riverside Council Member Ward 5, Riverside, CA – “I am glad that we were able to have Barker represent the Make-A-Wish Foundation® at the Council meeting.”

Torrey Trust, Student Wellness Coordinator, University of California, San Diego, CA – “From what I heard about Barker, he will be missed by the thousands of peoples’ lives he touched.”

Sara Pollich, JD Property Management, Inc. – “Barker was always a pleasure to have come by the JD office. He was a great dog that will be missed.”

Kent Yamaguchi, Zoo Director, Santa Ana Zoo/Prentice Park Parks, Rec. & Community Services Agency, City of Santa Ana, CA -- “Barker will always be part of so many people’s happy memories.”

Evelyn & John Campbell, A1 Stitching Corner Custom Embroidery/Barker and Doc Barker’s Official Embroiderer – “Barker is and always will be a very special dog pal of mine and John. I enjoyed all the embroidery work I did for him. He is, and will always be, a shining light to many people that he touched in his life. He will be well missed.” Also, “I loved that dog like he was mine.”

Eilene Heveron, Friend – “It was my pleasure to have known him, and you and Barker together. What a team!”

Marilyn Askins, aka Grandma – “Barker has touched so many hearts. He was the best dog in the world!”

Carole Kelly, Friend/T/O Therapy Dogs, Inc./Bark-At-The Park – “Barker did wonderful things and opened a multitude of doors. He was one of the special ones!” Also: “Barker was a gentle soul with such a healing spirit. It was a pleasure to share a therapy visit with him and watch the delight he created.”

Karen Aquino, Police Administrative Services Manager Riverside Police Department, Riverside, CA – “He leaves a great legacy and touched so many lives for the good. I am grateful to you for sharing him with us.”

Karen S. Roberts, Public Affairs Director, Kaiser Permanente® Riverside Service Area, Riverside, CA – “Kaiser Permanente® members and health care providers will truly miss Barker. He was one of a kind”

Cheryl St. Germain, Maintenance Coordinator, JD Property Management, Inc. – “Barker did so many good things for so many people. He is with all those people he made feel better before they went to Heaven and he is with them now...”

Duke and Tina Donahue, Quail Chase Labradors, Phoenix, AZ – “Barker will be remembered fondly by so many people whose lives he touched. So few dogs experience the quality of life you gave Barker and he returned the love to so many.”

Unknown. Dublin, Ireland – “I never met Barker, but I WISH I had!”

Tony Reed, Splash Dogs – “Barker had a spirit that will never be seen again. He was the best!”

Nancy Lippman, Delta Society Evaluator – “I know how special Barker was; he left big paws to fill.”

Joanna Shatswell, Friend – “Barker was a great dog. He made a lot of people happy and did great things.”

Robin E. Dunn, CFRE, Friend/Chief Executive Officer, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Arizona – “Barker was the perfect Ambassador for the Make-A-Wish Foundation®. It was an honor to know him.”

MaryLou Harclerode, Friend – “Barker was here for a mission and God called him home. Remember he has no pain now, only lots of friends to romp with.”

Megan Guild, Friend/Youth Development Coordinator, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Orange County and the Inland Empire – “Barker! One word says it all.”

Bruce Flint, Friend, Director Of Operations, Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter – “Barker, a wonderful dog shared with a lot of thankful friends. Thank you for including me and our Chapter on your journey.”

Robin Schnepf, Friend – “Barker you are amazing! You did so much and touched so many people's hearts! You will always be missed!!!”

Jan Burrus, Kaiser Permanente® Hospital/Volunteer/Friend -- “Barker was a beautiful, loving dog who was loved by all of us.”

Diana M. Meneses, Ph.D. Historian/Friend – “Barker was such a great dog! He did a lot of great work, and I feel lucky to have met him.”

Sandy Hall, BREWSTER, Friend – “Barker was one great dog!! GIBSON welcomed BARKER up there in Heaven with Open Paws! GOD has the greatest 2 Dogs with him now...He just loaned them to us for a while.” (Note: Gibson was the World's Tallest Dog www.remembergibson.com, Brewster is the World's Tallest Puppy,)

Joel Vine, Friend/Volunteer Services, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Los Angeles – “Barker, he was a very special hero. Thank you so much for what you have done for Make-A-Wish and our kids.”

Marilyn Ambrose & Caleb, Therapy Dog Team – “I'm sorry I didn't get to meet you personally. I'm very fond of chocolate labs & just know Barker was a very special companion.”

Ann Ward, Friend – “Barker did a wonderful service to so many thousands of people and I know he will be rewarded in ‘doggie heaven’.”

Ursula Kinley, Friend/Splash Dogs – “Barker was a wonderful Ambassador.” Also, “Every time I see a chocolate lab, I think of Barker.”

Unknown, Versailles, France – “Barker the dog with two last names and the biggest heart anyone has ever known. What an awesome dog!”

Jule and Louis Vuitton – “What a great inspiration to all of the therapy dogs!”

Cindy Howard, Friend – “Barker did a lot of good in his life and he made the world a better place for many people. You should write a children's book about Barker's life for the Make-a-Wish kids. How he was so sick with parvo and how he fought through the illness to grow up and work for Make-A-Wish helping other children who are ill. Just an idea since the kids love him so much, it might help to give them hope, strength, and joy about their own recovery and potential for greatness. I think Barker would like that, he is a bit of a ham.”

Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter – “Barker will forever hold a special place in our hearts.”

Linda Blair, Actress/Founder of WorldHeart Foundation– “We'll work together soon, I just know it.”

Phyllis Whitlock, Kaiser Permanente® Volunteer – “Barker will be missed, and even though he is in heaven now, his passing is a great loss to all of us.”

Mailman Doug, Co-Worker/Friend – “Barker will be missed by all who gave his love and most of all the love he gave with nothing expected. Well, maybe a carrot or two, a petting, and a thank you good boy! Barker is in Doggie Heaven!”

Sharon L. Bevins M.D./Friend – “Barker was special in so many ways. He will live on in the hearts of those he touched.”

City of Montclair, CA, Front Lobby Counter – “Barker will be missed!”

Alacia Aduante R.N. – “My good friend Barker: Barker, a tremendous loss of an awesome friend who will be missed so much for a long, long time. Thank you for sharing! It hurts me a lot because he is too young to leave many of us, especially the young patients who enjoy his presence.”

Diane L. Arment, CISR/CPIA/Volunteer/Friend, Arizona Wags-For-Wishes, Paffenbarger & Walden LLC – “Barker will be greatly missed!”

Candace M. McGrew, Friend/Program Manager Volunteer Services, Administrative Division. County of Riverside Department of Animal Services -- Barker made plenty of people smile and he will be greatly missed.

Deborah Michelle Roberts, Child Life, Kaiser Permanente® Hospital, San Diego, CA — “Barker, what a wonderful dog! I hope you can carry on Barker's legacy with Doc-Barker through Make-A-Wish and hospital visits.”

Amy Stinstrom, Volunteer/Friend – “Sweet Barker now has his wings. . . he brought so much joy to so many people.”

La Sierra University, Counseling Center, Riverside, CA – “Barker played a big role in life.”

Marge Mather, Friend – “What an unusual animal!”

Lauren Wood -- “Barker was a great pup and you should be so proud.”

Susan Reed, Barker's Official Make-A-Wish Assistant & Friend/Realtor – “I was fortunate to have worked with Barker and been present during so many visits and special events with Ambassador Barker, Canine Ambassador for the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America. We as humans have so much to learn from his short time here on earth, and now we must continue to make the world a better, more loved place, in honor of Barker. He will be missed but never forgotten. What a treasure!” Also, “I fell in love with Barker the moment I met him. It was an honor and a privilege to work with and for Barker. He has the most unique spirit, and somehow knows what you need. Watching him work was unbelievable, I don't know how to describe it. I witnessed miracles time and time again.”

Kathy Roper, DA/Volunteer/Gift Shop/Chaplain Svs. Kaiser Permanente® San Diego, CA - “What a special gift Barker was, and a special gift he shared with so many people.”

Marissa McGuire, Friend – “Thank you for being a blessing in my life Barker, even though I have only known you a short time. You are an inspiration to many!”

Rebecca Kwait, Volunteer Services Coordinator Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County and Inland Empire Chapter – “Barker was gifted in so many ways and I feel so blessed that he used his amazing gifts to give back to Make-A-Wish and the children of the Foundation. His memory will live forever. Barker will truly be missed!”

John Welch, Friend/Public Information Chief, Riverside County Department of Animal Services Riverside, CA --- “Barker, what a wonderful dog!”

Ron Loveridge, Friend/Mayor, City of Riverside CA --“Barker is the gift that keeps giving!”

Sheldon Siegel, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America -- “Sometimes, it can take forever for people to make each other smile and laugh. When you meet Barker, it can take forever to stop.”

Joan Powell, Friend – “A gentle, loving dog...anxious to spread love and caring where ever he could.”

Cara Teator, Auntie/Friend – “Barker knew exactly what you needed and was happy to provide it! I just loved rubbing his soft ears. You are missed but will never be forgotten!”

Bobby Woods/Friend/Director USO San Diego Neil Ash Airport Center, San Diego, CA – “Barker is one of my favorite therapy dogs. He always brings a smile to our enlisted military personnel and veterans.”

Jon Finck, Director of Volunteer Services, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Greater Los Angeles – “Barker, an Ambassador to mankind!”

D.J., Friend/Trainer Canine Support Teams, Inc. – “Barker was an amazing! He was a great service and therapy dog.”

Rod & P.J. Perkins, Neighbors/Friends/Pass Detachment Command Sons Of The American Legion – “Good friend and neighbor. He will be missed dearly.”

Robert Cook, Friend – “You always put a smile on my face no matter how my day was going. I always enjoyed your visits. Will miss you little buddy.”

Sue Brown, Friend – “Barker, a special ‘person’. He brought joy where ever he went. Bless you Barker.”

Rebecca Barocas, Bark-At-The-Park – “I will always feel so privileged that I got to meet your wonderful dog, Barker.”

Gaynell Jones, Neighbor/Friend/Auntie – “Barker you helped so many people during your life. It was an honor and a privilege to know you. Thanks for the memories.”

June D. Clelland, Grandma – “Barker is God’s gift to mankind.”

Juanda Anderson, CameraAnimals Photographer/Friend – “Barker was such a special ‘person’.”

Monica Fierro, Document Administrator Make-A-Wish Foundation® OCIE Chapter, one of many adoring fans! – “Barker was an old soul living in a dog’s body, He had a gentle way about him that made his visits to our office a refreshing dose of serenity. He had a very special sense of people and a unique way of showing his loyalty, love and compassion for other. You will always be an angel watching over us!”

Sarah Sasman Jacoby, Campaign Manager, Make-A-Wish Foundation of America – “It’s truly extraordinary to see all of the things this ‘little brown dog’ and his dedicated mom Sherry have done for so many. I am inspired by the time I spend with them – it’s truly a gift.”

Kimberly Sanders, Program Services Support Coordinator, Make-A-Wish Foundation® OCIE Chapter – “It is my great belief that dogs are put on this earth to give warmth, courage, love and hope to everyone they meet. To say Barker did this with ease is an understatement. He was the master of these traits; incomparable and unforgettable. Thank you Barker for just being you.”

Michelle Conrad, Program Services Manager, Make-A-Wish Foundation® OCIE Chapter – “What Barker gave away will never be gone; he will remain in the hearts of those he touched forever in the spirit of love. Sherry thank you for sharing your wonderful gift with our Chapter and the kids we serve.”