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From the Heart: Virtual Fundraiser Benefits the Animal Medical Center

Dog Trainer Linda Brennan Honors Her Late Dog, Heart Five-Time Winner of the Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster

(New York, N.Y. – July 19, 2021) A virtual fundraiser and silent auction to benefit the Animal Medical Center (AMC) was held in memory of Heart Brennan, the five-time winner of the Masters Obedience Championship at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. The June 19th event celebrated the incredible bond between Top Dog Obedience School trainer, Linda Brennan, and her beloved Heart, raising over \$16,000 for two of AMC’s charitable funds: The *401K-9 Fund*, which provides care for retired law enforcement and military canines, who serve retired U.S. veterans, and retired New York City Fire Department dogs; and the *Frank V.D. Lloyd Fund for Guide Dogs*, which provides veterinary care for active guide dogs for the visually-impaired.

More than 80 people attended the Heart Virtual Fundraiser. Guests had the opportunity to bid on exclusive dog-training items, including private lessons and specialized gear. The event featured a slideshow of participants' beloved pets and an informative presentation about pets and cancer by Dr. Nicole Leibman, Chief of Oncology at [AMC’s Cancer Institute](#), followed by a Q&A session.

“Linda’s experience with the care and treatment Heart received at AMC, and her confidence in the clinical team prompted her to want to give back to the Animal Medical Center,” said AMC Trustee Michael Heaner. “Linda wanted to raise money specifically for AMC funds that support working dogs, so they could receive treatment at AMC, just like Heart.”

“I am deeply grateful to the Animal Medical Center and the clinical team that cared for Heart, and for giving me additional time with Heart following her cancer diagnosis,” said Linda Brennan, Instructor at the [Top Dog Obedience School](#).

For more information about AMC’s Charitable Funds, including the 401K-9 Fund and the Frank V. D. Lloyd Fund for Guide Dogs, please visit: www.amcny.org/community-funds.

About Animal Medical Center

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