

MVMA Awards Special Animals

Inducted into the Minnesota Animal Hall of Fame for the **Companion Animal Award** is **Sonnata**, owned by **Diane Moyer**. The Companion Animal Award is given to animals who have provided a benefit to their human companions or their community.



Sonnata is a wonderful dog who is truly an ideal companion for owner Diane Moyer, and for the community. Her gentleness, love and compassion are easily demonstrated as soon as you come in contact with her. People are immediately attracted to Sonnata and she welcomes their greeting with much love, eagerness and humility.

Sonnata has been a registered therapy dog with Therapy Dogs, Incorporated since 1995 and has been on numerous visits to nursing homes, hospitals, memory care homes and schools where she has provided the ill, the aged and students with lots of unconditional love, smiles, companionship and tricks.

Sonnata has been a volunteer in Heritage Animal Hospital's Community Outreach Programs: "Friends of the Elderly & Fuzzy Friends for Kids" for 2 years, participating in regular nursing home and school visits. In addition, she recently assisted Dr. Silverstein in a special educational presentation at Camp Greenwood in Buffalo. This presentation helped the Cadettes earn their "Silver Award". Of course, Sonnata was wearing Diane's "vintage" Girl Scout sash with its merit badges and beret.

Diane and Sonnata are an outstanding team who epitomize the human animal bond and their service to the community.

**Congratulations
Sonnata and
Diane!**