

Hi! my name is Bonnie .

I am a 3.5 yr. old Golden Retriever , a rescue dog from Taiwan. I came to Canada and my adopted family when I was 1.5 yrs. old.

I visit the Abbotsford Regional Hospital three times a week and the Menno Home Seniors Ctr. once a week. I visit under the 'St. John Ambulance' and 'Pets and Friends' Organizations, and have my Fraser Health ID badge that I am very proud of. I'm very happy when I get my special collar and leash on and know I am going to work. I feel very important and know I have a job to do!



I love my visits to the hospital. I am very respectful of the patients' wishes and some just are not up to visiting. Others though are waiting for me to arrive and call out my name (I just love that!).

Hospital visitors are fun to visit too! They often come searching for me to come and see their family member in his or her room, or just stop to visit me in the hallways. Kids are especially happy to see me and I like them too!

The staff are my special friends. They always take the time to say 'hello' and pet me. I feel very special and find my work and visits to the hospital very rewarding.

At the ARH I visit various wards and really bond with some of the patients I see. Many remember pets they have had and tell me all about them. Others just want to be quiet and pet me, that's OK, I like quiet time too. Some even invite me to lie beside them. Then I know it is quiet time and I just cuddle. Sometimes folks are in wheelchairs or have a hard time reaching down to pet me. That is when my handler usually gets a chair and I 'sit' beside the patient so as to be within comfortable reach. I love the love they share with me.

When I get tired and need a rest myself, I start to play with my leash and while some think this is funny and I'm entertaining them - my handler knows it is my way of saying ' I need to go home now'. We usually stop in at the hospital cashiers desk and I get a treat for stopping and saying 'Hello'. →

At the Menno Home some of the patients are not keen on dogs, and I respect that. Others are very tired and just like to rest their hand on my head. When they do though, they get a big smile on their face - which just makes my day!



I also enjoy doing promotional work for the team at St. John Ambulance! I encourage my canine friends to join up with this rewarding volunteer work.

I also hone my obedience skills by attending training sessions with Jill at 'Life without a leash'. I enjoy the interaction with the other dogs and our group activities. I learn how to remain focussed and to obey my handlers commands, which helps me in my volunteer work. Mostly though, I just love to give love and in my job I get so much love back from everyone I meet that it is just the best job ever. ! I have met many good friends, and even the patients that I only get to see two or three times before they go home are such a joy. I feel very privileged to work as a Therapy Dog and to be a Pet Friend to everyone I meet.

Happy Trails &
Wagging Tails,
Love Bonnie!

