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## Lady is One Incredible Dog!

Therapy Dog from Hanover, PA is a real winner.

**Warwick, N.Y 2/6/04** – Publisher Moo Press of Warwick, NY announced today that the first book in their *One Incredible Dog!* book series will be published May 15, 2004. The first book is about Lady, a Therapy Dog who works in Hanover, PA. *One Incredible Dog!* is a new early reader series for ages 4-8 that honors the incredible things dogs do for people every day.

Lady recently won The Evening Sun Newspaper's "2004 Pet of the Year," and has won numerous other awards and honors including The American Kennel Club's "Canine Good Citizen," Therapy Dog International's "Active Outstanding Volunteer" and Hanover Hall Nursing Center's Certificate of Recognition for "Many hours of joy she provides to our residents."

Therapy dogs help cheer up people young and old who are in hospitals, nursing homes, and special homes for children. Non-profit organizations like Therapy Dogs International ([www.tdi-dog.org](http://www.tdi-dog.org)) and Delta Society ([www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)) help educate and train therapy dogs and their handlers.

The therapy dogs that helped people after the attacks of 9/11 inspired author Chris Williams, a radio announcer in Baltimore, MD. Networking locally, he met Kathy Miller, a nursing assistant at a nursing home in Hanover, PA who had a Therapy dog named Lady. After spending some time with Kathy and Lady, Chris wrote *One Incredible Dog!* a story that takes the reader through a typical day in the life of a therapy dog.

Trainer and owner Kathy Miller says Lady was found abandoned by the road in Spring 2000. As a nursing assistant and animal lover, Kathy had always been interested in animal assisted therapy. She enrolled Lady in a Therapy Dog certification program and after two years, Lady received her certification from Therapy Dogs International in Flanders, NJ.

Lady and Kathy work together in nursing (about 40 hours per week) at the Hanover Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and volunteer at local schools, churches, and hospitals in the Pennsylvania area to promote awareness of therapy dog programs.

For more information on Lady, Kathy, and Chris, please see the publisher's website at [www.MooPress.com](http://www.MooPress.com) (downloadable graphics available) – Press Room page.



## *About the Illustrator*

Judith Friedman was born in Hungary and grew up in France. After studying at the *Ecole De Ganneron* in Paris, Judith continued her studies at the *Art Institute of Chicago*. A long time resident of Illinois, Judith now lives in Wisconsin with her husband and works as a free-lance illustrator, portrait artist and painter.

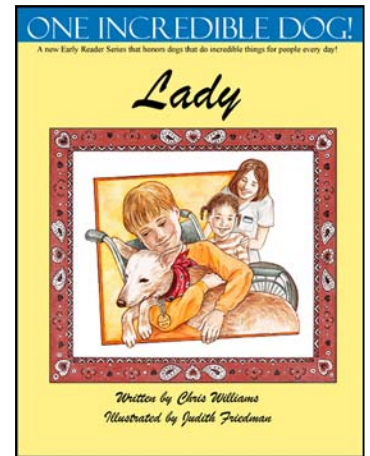
Judith's career is as broad as she is worldly. An award winning children's book illustrator who has illustrated dozens of children's books, Judith has also designed record covers, illustrated storyboards for TV, developed cookware designs for Eco Housewares, designed numerous advertisements, and illustrated for magazines such as Business Week, Cricket Magazine, Crain Chicago Business and School Zone. Publishers such as Follett, Whitman, World Book, Laidlaw, Lerner/Kar-Ben, Nystrom, Pearson/Scott-Foresman, and McDougall-Litel have all looked to Judith for quality illustration on a regular basis. While living in Illinois, Judith taught several for-credit classes at the Art Institute of Chicago, at her own studio, and for various schools and libraries. She continues to be a frequent speaker, exhibit her artwork for nonprofit organizations, and serve as a judge at numerous art shows in the Chicago area. When not working, Judith enjoys sailing, traveling and cooking.



## *About the Therapy Dog*

Lady was found in the spring of 2000, abandoned along side of the road. She was adopted and trained by Kathy Miller to work as a Therapy Dog. In May 2002, Lady received her certification from Therapy Dogs International. She works 40 hours a week as Kathy's co-partner in nursing and volunteers at local schools, churches, and hospitals in the Pennsylvania area.

An active 4 year old, Lady's favorite toy right now is a pink teddy bear that plays music when she picks it up. She can hear a cellophane wrapper from a mile away, and is always ready to share your food! Her favorite treat is a natural beef jerky made by a local meat market (low in salt and no seasonings).



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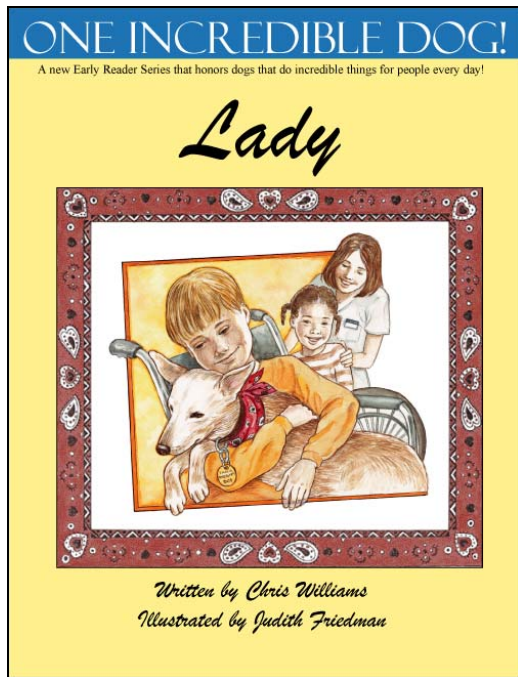


## *About the Owner-Trainer*

Kathy Miller, a mother to three, was born and raised in Ohio and currently resides in Hanover, PA with her husband and youngest daughter. Kathy works as a nursing assistant at the Hanover Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Kathy entered into nursing in 1997 and soon after became interested in Animal Assisted Therapy after reading about the Eden project in long-term care facilities. She contacted Therapy Dogs International in nearby Flanders, NJ and began educating herself on the training and techniques of using Therapy Dogs in therapy and nursing situations. In 2000, Kathy adopted a dog that was found abandoned on the side of a road. She named the dog Lady,

and began to train her to work as a Therapy Dog. Two years later, Lady received her certification from Therapy Dogs International. Kathy and Lady work together in nursing and volunteer at local schools, churches, and hospitals in the Pennsylvania area.

# Fact Sheet



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Our book promotion campaign includes radio and TV appearances, book signings, presentations by Lady and her owner/trainer, the illustrator, and the author at schools, libraries, hospitals, and local civic groups such as humane societies, kennel clubs and therapy dog association chapters.