



### **Congratulations Teddy!**

For 22 years, the AKC® Humane Fund, a non-profit organization that promotes and supports the important roles that dogs play in human lives, has announced its annual ACE awards (Awards for Canine Excellence). Each year, the AKC® Humane Fund presents awards in five categories.

Teddy and his human companions, George, Pamela and Caleigh Brown from Attleboro, Massachusetts, won this year's ACE award in the category of Therapy Dog. The Browns and Teddy received certification as a Therapy Dog Team from Dog B.O.N.E.S and the K9 First Responder Teams.

Excerpted from the AKC® Humane Fund press release of December 3, 2021:

*“Teddy,” officially known as Steadfast Bright Lights Prince Theodore CGCA TKA, is an eight-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog owned by George, Pamela and Caleigh Brown of Attleboro, Massachusetts.*

*K9FR Canine Teddy is certified by Dog Bone’s Therapy Dogs and K9 First Responders, Inc. Uniformed K9 First Responder Teams (K9FR) bridge the gap between a traumatic event and the connection to mental health support by leveraging the human-canine bond. In this capacity, Teddy has provided support for people in a wide range of situations, including going into a prison, following the untimely death of a young corrections officer and comforting EMS personnel after the death of a beloved coworker. Most recently, Teddy and George deployed to support the US Capitol Police, providing one-on-one and group attention.*

*As a therapy dog, Teddy visits schools and is a member of one school's Suppress the Stress club. He works as a reading companion dog for educationally challenged children and visits classrooms to offer support for students and teachers. Teddy also attends adult day programs for developmentally disabled adults.*

*When Teddy isn't bringing comfort to those in need, he is often competing with his high-school-aged owner, Caleigh, in conformation, obedience and other performance events.”*

From all of us at Dog B.O.N.E.S., we'd like to congratulate Teddy and the Brown family for being selected from hundreds of nominees this prestigious award. Well Done!