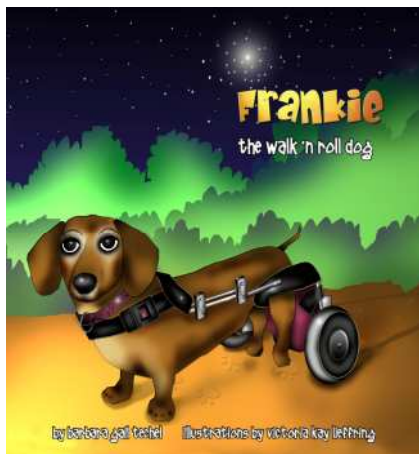


A Skype Visit with Award-Winning Author
Barbara Techel
and her Special Dog
Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog



Frankie,
the walk 'n roll dog



Activity Book

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Introduction

Hello and welcome to the information to read before a visit from children's author, or if you are considering a visit with **Barbara Techel** and her **special dog on wheels, Frankie**. Whether you are having us visit in person and dog or via Skype (or other type of video conferencing), this information will be of help in planning your event.

About Barbara Techel

Barbara Techel never intended to be a children's author. But sometimes life has a way of handing us an opportunity, and if we are open to the blessing being presented, it could have a positive effect on our life.

That is exactly what happened to Barbara. Her journey since 2005 has been an incredible one. Losing her chocolate lab, Cassie Jo to bone cancer in July of 2005 set Barbara on a spiritual journey. After some intense coaching with a life coach, she decided to follow her heart and write about what she loves most; dogs and animals. She landed her first writing job with her local paper, the Depot Dispatch and had her own column for two years called, *For the Love of Animals*. Expanding upon her love of animals, she brought home a English yellow lab Christmas 2005 and began training her as a therapy dog and hoped to write about their experiences.

Just as life was cruising along and Barbara was finding her new purpose in life, there was a fork in the road. Frankie, her 6-year old miniature dachshund, suffered a fall while staying at a kennel. That fall resulted in emergency surgery giving Frankie a 10-30% chance of walking again. Barbara was devastated, put her dream of being a therapy dog team with Kylie on hold, and attended to the many nursing home care needs of Frankie.

Frankie's road was mixed with ups and downs and after three months of no signs of walking, Barbara had her custom-fitted for a doggie wheelchair. This is where an opportunity was presented and Barbara realized the blessing to why this had happened to her and Frankie.

As Barbara and Frankie shopped at their local Farmer's Market the summer Frankie began using her wheelchair, they were met with much compassion and interest in the "dog with tires." Children loved seeing Frankie in her wheels and wanted to know why she had a wheelchair. Barbara realized she was meant to write Frankie's story to help children see their own challenges in a positive way. Eleven months later *Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog* story book was published.

Visits to schools revealed the next blessing in Barbara and Frankie's journey. One such visit a teacher commented on how well behaved Frankie is with children. She encouraged Barbara and Frankie to become a therapy dog team. In 2008 Barbara and Frankie began their volunteer work and several times a month split their time between visiting a senior assisted living facility, a hospice community and their local hospital. From visits at the senior assisted living called, Libby's House, Barbara was inspired to write, *Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby's House* which was published in 2010.

Barbara continues her writing as a contributing writer for her local paper, as well as her blogs, online directories and entering writing contests. In 2005 her story, “Cassie and Frankie Inspire A Writer” won honorable mention and in 2009 her story, “The Blessing of a Wheelchair-Bound Dachshund” won 2nd place. Both contests were sponsored by best selling authors, Linda and Allen Anderson of Angel Animals Network.

Frankie’s story featured in *Every Dog has a Gift* by Rachel McPherson published by Tarcher/Penguin Publishing March 2010, *Dogs and the Women Who Love Them* by Linda and Allen Anderson published by New World Library Fall 2010 and bestselling magazine, *Woman’s World* 2010.

When not writing, doing school visits, volunteer therapy dog work, or helping out in her husband John’s construction business, Barbara enjoys spending quiet time with her husband of 25-years, with Frankie and Kylie close by. It is in those moments that she gives her deepest thanks to God for all her many, many blessings.

Barbara & Frankie’s books

I like to include Frankie as co-author, because if not for her, I may have never written children’s books!

Our books are non-fiction and aimed at 7-11 year olds, but I have many younger children that enjoy having the story read to them (time and time again!), as well as many young adults and adults who enjoy our books, as well as seeing our presentation.

Frankie, the Walk ‘N Roll Dog is the true, inspirational story how Frankie began her life walking like a regular dog, until a spinal injury leaves her paralyzed. After months of therapy she is custom-fitted for a doggie wheelchair. Her life since then is hard to keep up with because she does not see her disability as anything that should hold her back, but lives life to the fullest.

Frankie, the Walk ‘N Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby’s House is the second book in the Frankie series. Frankie’s visits as a therapy dog to Libby’s House, a senior assisted living, is shared from Frankie’s point of view of the residents she meets and befriends. Many have Alzheimer’s or dementia and through Frankie’s example, she teaches children that patience, listening and understanding is what will lead to what matters most, which is love.

Frankie, the Walk ‘N Roll Activity Book is a 28-page companion book to either of Frankie’s books to further expand on Frankie’s lessons of being positive and giving back to the world despite our challenges.

It is a good idea to display both story books in the library or classroom before our scheduled Skype visit. We offer special school pricing for our books, so please contact us at joyfulpaws@yahoo.com or barbtechel@verizon.net to purchase copies for your school.

Book Orders for our visit via Skype: Please send book order form home two weeks in advance with a due date due one week after our visit. On that due date please email me the names of all students who wish to have a personally signed copy. I will then ship the books directly to your school and will invoice you for total number of books sold, plus shipping. Books are mailed priority and insured to ensure they arrived in a timely and safe manner. **Book order form is included in this ebook. PLEASE NOTE IT IS TWO PAGES: Page 9 & 10.**

Note: Part of our mission is to help other disabled animals, so we do donate a portion of all book proceeds to various disabled animal charities.

Our Needs When Visiting Virtually Via Skype *(or other video conferencing determined ahead of time)*

Our needs are really going to be based upon what your school has available for set up. Ideally you want to project Frankie and me onto one screen and have a separate screen that will show our power point slides. If you are only able to have one screen then you will need to flip back and forth between my presentation and the slides.

For pointers on using Skype please visit <http://www.skypeanauthor.wetpaint.com>

Once you book a virtual visit with us we will send you a link that will contain our power point slides, as well as a short video I will have you show during my presentation, which shows how well Frankie can roll along in her wheels. This is a big hit with the children! As I give my talk, I will say, “next slide” so having someone designated ahead of time that will do this will work great.

Please email us your Skype name or if using another video conferencing service we will need that information.

We prefer no more than 2 classrooms (with 60 or less children) taking part in the Skype visit. This is to help engage the children and keep the energy going of the visit.

Speaking fee will be invoiced directly to your school and due day of my visit or can be lumped together with book sales.

Outline of Our Presentation

- Introduction of Frankie, type of dog she is, how she could walk like a regular dog for six years, sharing slides via power point with photos of Frankie before and after her paralysis, as well as her life in photos of how she lives a quality and full life in a doggie wheelchair.
- Explanation of her injury that led to paralysis and how she now rolls in her wheelchair. Demonstration of how I help her go to the bathroom and how she gets in and out of her wheelchair. Also a demo or video showing how good Frankie can roll along in her wheels!
- Selected reading

Outline of Our Presentation. continued

- Q &A

Teaches children so many valuable lessons:

- The importance of caring for their own animals
- Compassion and not judging others, human or animal
- Responsibility of having a pet and caring for them even when sick or injured
- Helps children understand if they choose to be positive despite their own challenges how much easier their lives will be
- Frankie's work as a therapy dog, despite her challenges helps children see we can each give back to our own communities in our own, unique way.

Payment

Virtual Visit payment is due day of our visit or depending on book sales due date I can invoice everything together. If we include speaking fee, plus book sales and shipping, I will invoice your school directly and books will be shipped once payment is received.

When to Book

Our calendar fills quickly, so the sooner we can secure a date, the better. Please keep in mind that we also only schedule visits for twice weekly. Booking at least one month out is best to build excitement for our visit and plan for the event.

Cancellations

To date, knock on wood, I have not had to cancel. But if due to illness with me or Frankie or an emergency and I would have to cancel I will do my best to reschedule as soon as possible.

If you or I have to cancel the visit, let's agree to try and give as much notice as possible. Though I do understand last minute problems can arise.

Tips to Ensure a Successful Skype Visit

- Please let the children know Frankie and I will be visiting via Skype. This builds excitement and anticipation of our visit. It's a good idea to have our books displayed in the school library so the children can read about Frankie ahead of time. Post bio (included in this ebook in your school or classroom(s)).
- In fact why not get everyone involved and read the story to the students. You can visit our website, www.joyfulpaws.com and watch Frankie's inspirational video. And visit Frankie's blog, www.frankiethewalknrolldog.blogspot.com and learn about her adventures. The more you involve the students the more likely they are to take to heart the many valuable lessons Frankie has to share. Here are some other resources for areas of study in relation to animals with disabilities: <http://www.rollingdogranch.com>, <http://www.handicappedpets.com> <http://www.eddieswheels.com>, <http://www.homeforlife.org>

Testimonials

'Thank You' from the bottom of my heart for sharing Frankie with us. You truly do an outstanding job helping to teach children about our differences and overcoming challenges in our daily lives! Students saw that even with a disability there is great ability in all of us!

-Marisa M. Kluth, Third Grade Teacher, Sheboygan Falls Elementary School

Your message was very uplifting and so perfect for children to comprehend. You went above and beyond my expectations. Frankie is truly a gift from above to us all!

-Amy Nelson, Teacher at St. John the Baptist School

Excellent! Great use of time moving from book to Frankie, to her dog cart. Kids were stimulated-- it never got boring. Keep doing what you are doing. You are by far the most organized, well-planned, and prepared presenter I ever worked with.

-Julie Hauk, Teacher at Longfellow School

I received this book as a gift and loved it. Every kid that comes in my house is required to read the book with me. This inspirational story teaches children love, compassion and courage. It put a big smile on the face of a kid who's in a wheelchair.

-Lin Fong-O'Neil, Children's author of Tiger! Tiger! Tail on Fire!

Author Barbara Techel and Frankie left a lasting impression with all the families who attended the presentation. The program was wonderful and ideal for audiences of all ages. Their book "Frankie the Walk'n Roll Dog" was a fascinating addition to our collection. We are looking forward to a return visit!

-Aimee Steinbruecker, Youth Services, Sheboygan Mead Public Library

Students at my school in Canada used Skype to connect via the Internet with Barbara and Frankie who live in Wisconsin. The students were so excited and amazed at the experience. It seemed as if Frankie and Barbara were sitting right in their classroom! The students were able to interact with Frankie and Barbara. They asked many thought provoking questions. They learned a lot about animals with disabilities and how to stay positive no matter what challenges they might face. The Skype has been their favorite part of the school year!

~Karen Keys, Teacher Librarian Canada

Any Questions— please email or call me

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at joyful-paws@yahoo.com or call me at 920-377-1749.

Frankie I look very forward to visiting your school in person or via Skype!

~Barbara Techel

****See final checklist on last page****



Frankie is the Wisconsin Pet Hall of Fame Companion Dog

Barbara is the author of the multi-award winning book, *Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog*. When her dachshund, Frankie, suffered a spinal injury, Barbara had her custom-fitted for a wheelchair. Frankie persevered, and Barbara realized the beautiful opportunity she had to share Frankie and give others hope and inspiration to be the best they can be. Along with sharing Frankie's story with children, Barbara and Frankie routinely volunteer as a therapy dog team at local hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice centers, spreading joy wherever they go. Barbara hopes her second award-winning book in the Frankie series, *Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby's House* will teach that no matter what life challenges we face, we can still give back to the world. She also hopes it will encourage children to spend quality time with their grandparents and cherish each and every moment.

Since 2005, Barbara has been a contributing writer for the *Depot Dispatch* sharing stories of her animals, as well as other furry friends she has met along the way. Frankie's story featured in *Every Dog Has a Gift* by Rachel McPherson, published March 2010 by Penguin/Tarcher Publishing. Her story is also featured in *Dogs and the Women Who Love Them: Extraordinary True Stories of Love, Healing, and Inspiration* by Linda and Allen Anderson published Fall 2010 by New World Library. Also as seen in *Woman's World* magazine July 2010. Barbara is active in promoting the message that all disabled animals can and do live quality lives if given a chance.

Barbara is a member of Wisconsin Children's Book Writers & Illustrators, Dog Writer's Association of America and Wisconsin Regional Writer's Association.

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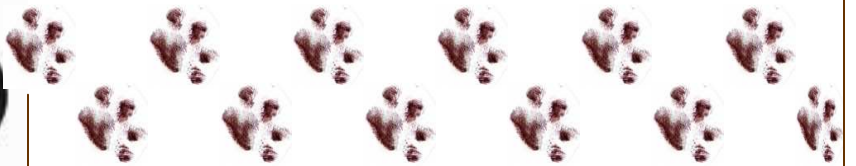


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A VISIT WITH FRANKIE THE WALK N ROLL DOG and her award-winning author (mom) Barbara Techel

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Visit Barbara and Frankie on their website at www.joyfulpaws.com



Frankie and Barbara Techel will be visiting via Skype on _____ They will share their inspirational story with the school children and teacher/s.

Books are available for sale and will be signed by Frankie with her paw print and also signed by Barbara (**see 2nd page for ordering**). They will be shipped directly to the school. If you are interested in purchasing one or more copies of the book(s), please send payment with form filled out. Have your child give to their classroom teacher or librarian. **Please make check payable to (school's name):**

**PLEASE SEE SECOND PAGE ON HOW YOU CAN ORDER
FRANKIE'S AWARD-WINNING BOOKS!**

BOOK ORDER FORM



Frankie the Walk 'N Roll Dog

National Best Book Award from USA Book News

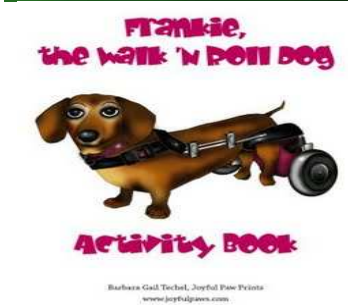
A true, inspirational story about a dachshund whose life started out just like any other dog walking on all four paws until a spinal injury leaves her paralyzed. Frankie is custom-fitted for a wheelchair and learns to keep on rolling. Her zest for life will have you cheering and she will give you hope that all things are possible. Frankie will leave an everlasting and loving paw print on your heart. A book for all ages to teach overcoming challenges and also compassion for the physically challenged.



Frankie the Walk 'N Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby's House

Indie Excellence Award

Frankie the Walk 'N Roll Dog keeps rolling along in her doggie wheelchair. This paralyzed dachshund's unabashed healing, exuberant spirit, and spunky personality is a blessed gift to everyone she befriends. In this true, inspirational story, Frankie tells how she became a registered therapy dog and shares her visits to Libby's House, a senior facility where many residents have Alzheimer's or dementia. Frankie teaches us that patience, listening, and understanding opens our hearts to what matters most—love.



Frankie the Walk 'N Roll Dog Activity Book

Frankie inspires the message, always be positive and keep on rolling by her example that overcoming a challenge can be done by having a positive attitude. This 28-page activity book is filled with activities designed to teach children that challenges are given to help us learn and grow. Once completed comes with a certificate of achievement signed by author and Frankie.

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

____ I would like to purchase ____ copy(ies) of **Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog**, the true, inspirational story of Frankie and how she overcame her challenge and now rolls happily along in her dog cart (wheelchair). Helps kids see their own challenges in a positive way. **Special school visit price is \$12.00 (save \$2.95 off retail)**

____ I would like to purchase ____ copy(ies) of **Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby's House**, true story of Frankie's visits to Libby's House, a senior assisted facility, where she makes many friends and provides joy and smiles to the residents. Helps kids understand the elderly and making a difference. **Special school visit price is \$12.00 (save \$2.95 off retail)**

____ I would like to purchase ____ copy(ies) of **Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog Activity Book**, (28-pages of crossword puzzles, word searches, coloring pages, mazes and more- for grade level 3rd and up) **Special school visit price is \$8.00 (save \$3.95 off retail)**

____ **Book Package Special One**, Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog **OR** Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby's House (**circle one**) and Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Activity Book, **special price is \$18.00 for the 2-book set (save \$8.10 off retail)**

____ **Book Package Special Two**, Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Dog, Frankie, the Walk 'N Roll Therapy Dog Visits Libby's House and Activity Book, **special price is \$28.00 for all three books (save \$13.95 off retail)**

Enclosed is my check, cash or money order for _____

Please have Frankie and Barbara personalize book(s) to:

Final Checklist

The fun and exciting day is fast approaching! Make sure you have remembered to:

- Promote our visit within the school creating a dog crazy frenzy about reading, as well as how fun it will be to see a dog rolling in wheels!
- Make sure you have sent out the book order form well in advance (**it is two pages– page (9 & 10)**). Feel free to include a letter to parents and invite them if they'd like to meet Frankie as well.
- Contact local press and media— they love a positive, uplifting story and your students just may get their picture in the paper!
- That's it! We will look forward to meeting you and your students!!

Website:

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Frankie's blog:

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Frankie's Mom's blog:

<http://www.joyfulpaws.typepad.com>

Frankie on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Frankie-the-Walk-N-Roll-Dog/119520888067478?ref=sgm>

Frankie on Twitter:

<http://www.twitter.com/walknrolldog>

Barbara on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/joyfulpaws>

Barbara on Twitter:

<http://www.twitter.com/joyfulpaws>

Barbara on LinkedIn:

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/barbaratechel>