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TEMPLE GRANDIN COMES TO L'AUBERGE DEL MAR

*Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs, Inc.
presents Autism & Animals, An Evening with Temple Grandin
to raise funds to provide service dogs to TERI, Inc. and ACT Today!*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SAN DIEGO, CA, October 25, 2011 — On Monday, December 5, from 6-9pm, Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs, Inc. (TLCAD) presents Autism & Animals, An Evening With Temple Grandin to benefit a designated TLCAD fund to provide service dogs to TERI, Inc. and ACT Today!.

The benefit will take place at L'Auberge Del Mar in beautiful coastal Del Mar, and will feature hosted heavy hors d'oeuvres and a welcome cocktail, no-host bar, opportunity prizes, and a special presentation by keynote speaker Temple Grandin, PhD, arguably the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world.

Karen Shultz, president of TLCAD, notes, "It is an honor for TLCAD to have Temple Grandin, an Advisory Board member, speak for the second time on animals and autism — two subjects paramount in TLCAD's Leash-On-Life Program for placing service dogs for children on the autism spectrum. TLCAD is known for its customized training to each client's needs and places the dogs at no cost to the recipient. We are very grateful for Ms. Grandin's ongoing support."

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Temple Grandin obtained her B.A. at Franklin Pierce College in 1970. In 1975 she earned her M.S. in Animal Science at Arizona State University for her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes, and in 1989 Dr. Grandin was awarded her PhD in Animal Science from the University of Illinois. She is currently a professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University, where she continues her research while teaching courses on

livestock handling and facility design. Her book *Animals in Translation* was a *New York Times* bestseller, and her other popular books include *Thinking in Pictures*, *Emergence Labeled Autistic*, and *Animals Make us Human*.

Dr. Grandin has received numerous awards including the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Livestock Conservation Institute. She was named a Distinguished Alumni at Franklin Pierce College, and received an honorary doctorate from McGill University. She was named a fellow of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers in 2009, and has also won prestigious industry awards including the Richard L. Knowlton Award from Meat Marketing and Technology Magazine and the Industry Advancement Award from the American Meat Institute and the Beef Top 40 industry leaders.

In 2010, Grandin was the focus of a semi-biographical HBO film, titled *Temple Grandin*, starring Claire Danes as Grandin. The movie was nominated for 15 Emmys, and received five awards, including Outstanding Made for Television Movie and Best Actress in a Drama. That same year Dr. Grandin was also included in the annual *Time* 100 issue that named the people who most affect our world. Dr. Grandin is a past member of the board of directors of the Autism Society of America. She lectures to parents and teachers throughout the U.S. on her experiences with autism. Articles and interviews have appeared in the *New York Times*, *People*, *Time*, National Public Radio, 20/20, The View, and the BBC. Dr. Grandin now resides in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Honorary chair of the event is Judge Victor E Bianchini, event chairs are John Geary and Mia Stefanko, executive editor of *Ranch & Coast* Magazine. Mistress of ceremonies is Andrea Naversen, editor-at-large of *Ranch & Coast* Magazine. Tickets are \$125 per person. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available. For more information please visit www.tenderlovingcanines.org.

Following the December 5 benefit at L'Auberge Del Mar, TLCAD is also sponsoring a private speaking engagement featuring Temple Grandin, who will speak about "Different Kinds of Minds" to Qualcomm engineers on December 6.

Autism & Animals, An Evening With Temple Grandin

Monday, December 5, 2011, 6-9PM

L'Auberge Del Mar

1540 Camino Del Mar

Del Mar, CA 92014

Tickets: \$125

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ABOUT TENDER LOVING CANINES ASSISTANCE DOGS, INC.

Tender Loving Canines Assistance Dogs, Inc. (TLCAD) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that was established in 1998. Its trainers are all volunteers, dedicated to the training of service dogs for those with limited abilities in San Diego County. TLCAD specializes in training seizure response, mobility, autism, facility and specialty dogs, such as balance and Tourettes. The dogs are given at no charge to the recipients. In turn, the client receives training on the care, handling of, laws, customized cues, and safety of their dog, at which time they receive certification and ownership. TLCAD stays involved in the training and recertification of the dog for the remainder of its life.

ABOUT TERI, INC.

TERI, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) California corporation. Since its inception in 1980, TERI has grown to accommodate the needs of many while remaining true to its original goal — to improve the quality of life for children and adults with developmental and learning disabilities. Through support, advocacy, dedication, innovation, and resolve, TERI has brought opportunity and hope to countless individuals and families. TERI looks to the future by continuing its commitment to set new standards through establishing and operating model programs, conducting applied research in best practice procedures, and offering training and consultation to professionals, families, and other community members.

ABOUT ACT TODAY!

ACT Today! stands for Autism Care and Treatment Today! ACT Today! is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising awareness and providing treatment services and support to families to help their children with autism achieve their full potential. ACT Today!'s goal is to introduce and help facilitate early and on-going treatment by providing the necessary resources (including referrals, funding and guidance) to individuals with autism and their families. ACT Today! strives to provide necessary services so that each child with autism can reach his or her highest potential.