



COCO THE LOVE DOG.
TALES OF A PET THERAPY DOG FOR CHILDREN

Author Sue Grundfest, a lifelong volunteer and animal lover, is the founder of Love Dog Adventures, LLC, a supplier of books and toys for children. Ms. Grundfest has written a charming new early reader picture book for children of three and over, inspired by her talented, award-winning miniature poodle **Coco**, that launches in June 2006.

Ms. Grundfest has been working with **Coco** for nine years as a registered pet-therapy pair. They have visited countless charitable organizations throughout the New York Metro Area including the Coalition for the Homeless, New Alternatives for Children, New York Foundling, Lighthouse International and Rivington House, just to name a few. **Coco** has won many awards for her work – Volunteer of the Year by Future Possibilities, Therapy Dog of the Year by Bide-a-Wee (several times) and a nomination for the New York Post Liberty Award for Community Service. In 2006, Coco was named one of Delta Society's First Master Pet-Assisted Therapy Dogs.

“The loving, funny, sweet behavior **Coco** displays when we make our pet therapy visits has been captured in this touching new children's book “**Coco The Love Dog.**” In that way readers can experience **Coco** in the same way that children who are visited by **Coco** do – hugs, kisses, tickles and all.” The book is illustrated by Daniel J. Mahoney, author of *The Saturday Escape*, *A Really Good Snowman* and *Perfect Clubhouse* for Clarion.

In addition to the book, a plush **Coco** toy dog is available. The book retails for \$14.95 and the plush toy for \$24.95 and they are available online at www.amazon.com, www.cocothelovedog.com and Canine Styles pet shops in New York.

Sue Grundfest is vice president at a global cosmetic company based in New York. A lifelong volunteer both in her professional and personal life, Ms. Grundfest serves on the Advisory Councils for the Murry Bergtraum High School as well as the First Step Program of the Coalition for the Homeless, Village Care, PENCIL, and Lighthouse International. She is on the Board of Directors of Bide-A-Wee, one of the nation's oldest animal welfare organizations. Love Dog Adventures has donated over 1,000 toys and books to a variety of charitable organizations and will continue to partner with non-profit charities that assist animals and children.

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