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Paws a Bit to Relieve Finals Stress

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Miramonte High School students pet Therapy dog Champ, a golden retriever. A group of therapy dogs were made available to the school for stress-relief during finals week. Photo Cathy Dausman

a lot of the finals, pre-graduation stress.

Speaking of graduation, see our list of senior award winners page A12, and photos of local graduations.

Congratulations to the class of 2016!

Miramonte High School quite literally went to the dogs June 7 and 9 thanks to a student suggestion and the follow through of administrative assistant Betsy Canty.

Therapy dogs - golden retrievers, a shepherd, a terrier and shih tzu mix - were swarmed by student admirers taking a break from finals and lapping up the proffered four-footed love.

Junior Zach Cohn was one of the first to greet Angus, a dark coated shepherd. Fresh off his AP US History exam, Cohn enjoyed his Angus encounter, saying he has a dog and cat at home.

Angus, Champ, George, and Tova were members of the Animal Rescue Foundation therapy animal team Pet Hug Pack; Benny, who arrived sporting a Golden State Warriors tee shirt, is registered with American Therapy Dogs Inc.

"It really was a hit," said Canty, who contacted providers only the previous week. Luckily, it all worked out. Just ask the study-stressed students who crowded the quad and cooed over dogs large and small. It undoubtedly relieved

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