



KPETS Keynotes

Our Mission:

KPETS is a non-profit organization established to promote Animal Assisted Therapy / Animal Assisted Activities (AAT/AAA) by recruiting, educating, uniting and coordinating volunteers with the facilities, social agencies and special-needs programs whose clients may benefit from the healing and rehabilitating effects of the animal/human bond. The unconditional love of our pets is shared with those of all ages and from all walks of life.

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Keeping Pet Therapy Volunteers Konnected!

"Cookies & Canines" - A Recipe to Bust Student Stress

Take a generous amount of Oreos, add five KPETS teams, and mix with college students. What do you get? The best stress buster ever for students away from home and missing their pets while dealing with college life. Stress busting is what took place at Elizabethtown College on Thursday, September 4th when five KPETS teams met with over 50 Elizabethtown College students for "Cookies & Canines" at Ober Residence Hall.



The event was hosted by the Elizabethtown College K9 Club to help coeds deal with their stress. Students were able to play with the dogs and get a "fur fix" from missing their own pets at home. All of them were eager to tell the KPETS teams about their four-legged companions while doling out plenty of head pats and belly rubs to the fluffy golden retriever, handsome black lab, lively boxer mix, fashionista schnauzer, and rippled greyhound who attended with their humans. As could be predicted, the canines were much more popular with the attendees than the Oreos!

The event was coordinated through the College's K9 Club by Jasmine Gollup. Other officers of the Club include Patricia Cangelosi, Kalie Desimone, Ashley Frank, and Jessalyn Donnelly. The Club is dedicated to the awareness that canines are loving, loyal, and intelligent animals that deserve a good home with a family willing to return the love. The group strives to raise money for non-profit animal rescue organizations and causes.

Watch for future "Cookies & Canines" events this Fall.

- Denise Gillin



Want to connect with other KPETS volunteers!

Our forum could be a key source for us to connect with each other and facility representatives. It is new and may seem a little scary, but you can't break anything. Honest! We are all learning as we go.

Go to www.kpets.org and click on *Konnections* and then *Forum*. Just click on 'register' to sign up. Since we are getting hit with spammers trying to join, please email info@kpets.org stating you have registered and we will then validate you. It's for KPETS teams and facilities only. You'll get an email notifying you're registered and all set to go. Then come back and start konnected! If you have any ideas you think will make it better, let us know!

I see not too many are taking advantage of the forum, but start posting anyway. Hopefully others will jump in and post too. I'd be in a lot, but I do have everyone's emails and connect directly. But this is how you can find new friends who share your passion of pets and pet therapy! See you on the forum! - Karen

KPETS Recap

Daniel's Den Stories

Saturday, September 20 was a glorious autumn day for the dedication of Daniel's Den KPETS teams were there to support this cause. There were many teams, and a variety of dog breeds. Golden retrievers seemed to be the roving ambassadors for KPETS. They mingled and covered the crowds. A variety of other breeds were holding down the "fort" or the tent that was provided for KPETS teams. Gabe, the French bulldog; Gretchen, a toy mix; Abby, a mini poodle; Apollo, a lab; and Cadbury, a cocker; were there to meet and greet. Licks, wagging tails and an occasional roll over for a belly rub were the dogs response to all this attention. Most of the dogs were so excited about the people, they did not really notice the cake, hot dogs, Italian ice, chips and all the other goodies. I was greeted by Lisa S. who had invited KPETS. She pointed out the tent, the drinks and foods, where the ceremony started and she thanked KPETS for coming. Thank us?! We thank her for including us in this great day. *- Trish Hess*



Going to Daniels Den was amazing - seeing all those kids with a smile on their faces. What could be better? Not only was it a fun night for the kids, it was very fun for the adults.

Knowing that their kids had somewhere nice to play and easy to access with their wheelchair means everything. It could not have gone better. Thank you so much for allowing KPETS to be involved! Everyone loved it.

- Sarah Conner

Both my daughter, Allana and I were at the opening of Daniel's Den along with Sarah Conner.

We took the liberty of entering the playground after getting permission from one of our pastors. I realized that that was the place where the children were going to have the most interaction with the dogs. What an experience it was for both the children and our four legged friends!!

It's quite a learning experience for those who don't understand what pet therapy dogs are all about. Most people thought they weren't supposed to pet them as they thought they were working dogs. We explained to them and encourage them that contact is what it's all about. I also have to commend the parents in teaching their children that they are to ask before petting the dogs.

Our day was very rewarding in that not only disabled children could find joy in the experience but normal children as well. So many smiling faces!! You can't help but walk away feeling that you had done some good, not only for the children that were at Daniel's Den, but for ourselves as well. *- Teresa and Allana Herr*

The evening started out a bit warm with a very heart filled dedication. Within an hour the weather started to cool down. The friends we met were warmer then the weather was earlier. We had the opportunity to meet some wonderful new friends and share some of our experiences with those who had the time to listen (actually those who were not chasing the excited children). The kids had a great time as there was laughter in the background the entire time we were there. Gabriel (3 year old French bulldog) was as usual in his chair trying to stay calm and wait for everyone to work their way down our line of dogs who were able to show up. It was a very nice turnout and look forward to the many years of laughter and memories the new playground will provide. *- Luann Rittenhouse*



Maple Farms Fall Fest

Maple Farms Nursing Home in Akron invited KPETS to attend their annual fall fest again this year on Sept 13. Several KPETS teams mingled among the family and residents in the parking lot along with lots of games, food and entertainment. Pod even played the 'pick a duck' game! He did pick one up, but I think he really just wanted to just get in the water and play. *- Karen Gerth*

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Palmyra Dog Swim

The Palmyra Dog swim on September 7 was a great success. This event was open to the general public and half the proceeds were donated to KPETS! There were 82 dogs in attendance. They attendance was spaced out nicely so it was a manageable group. But since this was open to all, I have to mention, there were a few people who tried to send their dogs off the diving board, and two who attempted to take their little dogs down the slide. We put a stop to that real quick. Next year there will be signs made up in advance to set more guidelines for handlers. But it sounded like everyone had a great time and are interested in doing again next year.

- Laura Whitman

2nd Annual Swim at Sun Hill Kennels

Thank you to all that participated and donated raffle items and brought food! It was truly a great day to be surrounded by such special friends - human and furry! I appreciated everyone's' help setting up an tearing down. I am truly blessed with such special people in my life. Thank you all!

Well, the swim was great. The day was wonderfully sunny, and SunHill Kennel had the pool heated for us at a nice 80 degrees. Ten dogs showed up total and we all had a great time. 4 Goldens, 1 Cocker Spaniel, 2 Springers, 1 Afghan Hound, 1 Apricot Poodle, and of course the Frenchie (Gabriel).

Some really nice raffle items were donated:

- KPETS - boxes of Dog Treats, Busy Bones, Meat Strips, and Cat Treats (no cats showed up to swim . . . hmm . . . wonder why?)
- Holly Brosey - really nice basket (which I did not win . . . darn)
- Pam Dochter used her craft skills and created a great basket with lots of crafty work and dog toys, and gift certificate to PetSmart
- Melissa Krall - a basket also with great things included (did not win any of the baskets by the way, I think it was rigged)
- SunHill Kennel - 3 / \$20.00 gift certificates for swimming or however else they want to use them
- Pet Headquarters (Laura Whitman - owner) - a nice bag of items which were raffled off separately - once again did not win the one item I really wanted there a nice Pink Lupine leash and collar.
- C.A.R.E.S (Companion Animal Rescue Elite Services) - ceramic cat and other dog items
- Deb Radanovic - gift certificate to Pizza Hut and 2 complimentary tickets to Dutch Wonderland
- Trish Hess - dog toy blanket
- Crystal and Joe Hess - a bag of goodies which we raffled off separately

I truly hope I did not forget anyone. If I did I apologize. Everyone walked away with numerous raffle items.

There were plenty of snacks on the table such as cheese (5 different types that I tasted), bologna, crackers, pretzels, Fritos, home baked cookies, and even FUDGE!

Wish more dogs would have taken advantage of the day, but maybe next year. We are planning on a 3rd Annual Swim. The date, so you can mark it on your calendars ahead of time will be, September 6th 2009 from 3:30-6:30. It is a great time to meet and talk with other teams. Even if you do not want to swim your dog, it is still a nice day to just relax and hang out with others who share the same interest. Hopefully see you all next year.

- LuAnn Rittenhouse and Gabriel

A Day in the Park

Amos Herr himself never saw a prettier day than we had on September 13th at the park named after him, in Landisville. There were gleaming classic cars, inspiring music from the band stand and the 'star' attraction, KPETS dogs making friends with everyone.

The crowd for our half-hour presentation was larger than last year. They listened attentively to the history of KPETS and heard an explanation about the work we do. The dancing and skateboarding dogs captivated everyone. Musical hoops was an interactive hit, not only because of the fierce competition but the extra help in singing "Ring Around the Rosie" by some young volunteers from the audience.

Thanks to all who helped with this worthwhile event. The exposure was invaluable. Our hope is that some of the many people that stopped by our booth and expressed interest will soon become part of our wonderful organization.

- Mimi Sigworth

In Loving Memory: Nexi

I was the lucky one. My Nexi lived to 10.5 years old. Her diagnosis has given me time to spoil her more than she usually is. I got to take her to her favorite hill in the mountains and hear her bark echo through the trees one more time. I got to hold her, smell her fur, and tell her she is the best dog on earth. I was the last person she saw as she went to the bridge.

She is the one that changed my life forever. She pulled my Dad in his wheelchair, and made him smile. That taught me the value of pet therapy. She stayed by my side when I went through chemo and radiation because that is what Berners do - she showed me devotion. We learned to pull a cart together, no competition, we just did it together because that is what Berners do - work. We were in the ring one time, for the veteran's parade at the specialty. Nexi said, "I did that for you, Mom. Now let's go back home to my hill". She slept at our bedside every night, making sure we were safe, because that is what Berners do - watch over their families. She taught me that Berners aren't just ordinary dogs,

and she gave me the inspiration to help other Berners through rescue and re-home. I learned to try to be consistent, patient, kind, not harsh. She taught me to defend and stand up for those I care about (sometimes you just have to show your teeth), and to be a little silly at times, to earn her respect. She was the best judge of character I ever met, and was always right in the end. We didn't win any titles, but we had a pretty good life doing what Berners do.

There isn't much more in our time together, that I could have wanted, except more time. The last weeks were the hardest. I got to use all the things that that my sweet Nexi taught me. I hope I did right by you. Oh, how I will miss you.

I was the lucky one to be given this beautiful, silly, cantankerous, bull-headed, but loving soul to watch over while she was here on earth. I could have skipped the last weeks, but it was the least I could do in exchange for all she has given me.

What a walk together we had Poohbear. You go ahead now sweetie. Mommy will see you further down the road. God Bless
Mit Engein gehen

In Loving Memory of Nexi - Bedro's Abendstern von Bern (evening star of Bern)

- Mary Merrell



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- Laura Whitman

Libraries Aren't Just For Reading

What words conjure up when you think of libraries? Reading, research, quiet time, probably come to mind rather quickly. Such was not the case at the Elizabethtown Public Library on Monday evening, September 22!

The Library hosted two KPETS teams – Mary Gottfried / Murray and Denise Gillin / Riplee, and their superstar assistants, James Carotto and Kip for a program entitled *Meet the Therapy Dogs – A KPETS Program*.

Twenty-eight people of all ages attended – and enjoyed – this interactive program as highlighted below:

James extended personal greetings to all who entered and made them feel welcomed right from the start!

First up, Mary & Murray kicked off with introductions and – with the help of audience members – a demonstration of the correct way to greet a dog.

Mary then gave background information on KPETS and the kind of dog that makes a good therapy pet. Members of the audience were asked to point out the likenesses and differences between Murray, a Bassett Hound and Riplee, a Greyhound, helping them to understand that looks don't matter – almost any dog can be a therapy dog.

Next, attendee volunteers helped Denise conduct a peanut-butter eating contest for Murray, Riplee, and Kip. It was a very close race, with Riplee winning by a nose!

After eating all that peanut butter, Denise and Riplee demonstrated for the group how Riplee likes to brush his teeth. That led to a discussion of the commitment it takes to own a pet. Volunteers were again enlisted to pick an item out of a pillowcase and discuss how it relates to pet care. Discussions centered around: a water bowl; safe nutritious treats; collar, leash, and identification tags; grooming tools; and a toy – because pets are loads of fun!

The teams followed up by dazzling the crowd with a demonstration of obedience skills (use the terms obedience and skills loosely here). Murray won with ease by executing two perfect 10s in the "sit" and "leave it" commands (as of press time, Riplee is still looking bewildered).

With all the action, there was still enough time for attendees to talk about their pets before receiving pictures – facilitated by James – of a Bassett Hound and a Greyhound to take home and color.

Kip closed out the program with a flourish of well wishes to all the attendees and lots of thanks to the audience volunteers!

The Elizabethtown Public Library is to be commended for hosting this event and providing the opportunity for KPETS to showcase therapy teams and the work they do as well as the fun they supply.

- Denise Gillan



James Carotto, Denise Gillin / Riplee, Mary Gottfried / Murray, and Kip (Rachel Hensberger) wowed the crowd at the Elizabethtown Library's Therapy Dog Program.

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Volunteer Position Changes

It's time to announce some changes in a key volunteer position with KPETS. As you know, we've been trying to find a replacement for Andy and Linda Euclide who could no longer do our membership files and registrations. They have done a great job for the past several years; but with career changes, it was no longer feasible for them to continue in this capacity. Andy, Linda - God love ya for all the hours you put into the task. The database Andy designed and tweaked as we grew is quite impressive! Keeping track of so many volunteers with so many unique situations - like multiple handlers w/multiple dogs, etc. - We just have to say "Ya dun good! !" Again, thank you both for your dedication ! ! ! !

We have two KPETS volunteers who have stepped up the plate to help keep us afloat in this area! Michele Emehiser has agreed to tackle this new duty and Erin Jackson has agreed to help her until the transition is complete and things are running smoothly! !

Michele has been with KPETS for years volunteering with Gatsby, her lab. Gatsby was in training for the seeing-eye program but did not make it. SO his new job has been with KPETS! And boy, are we glad.

Erin just graduated from Millersville and completed KPETS orientation in August. She is working on getting Patch, her German Shepherd Dog registered with us. Thank you Erin, for jumping right in to help KPETS through this change. Erin has some more ideas on how to help us too. We're all ears, girl! ! !

What this means - please be patient!!! It is renewal time and this is a crazy busy time for us. Newly registered teams, please be patient too. We'll try to get you ID out asap. I know Michele received some new membership paperwork this week and the renewals keep coming in each week. If you want to follow up in a couple weeks, you can call 888.68.kpets (888.685.7387) and choose option 4. Or you can email Michele at membership@kpets.org.

Thanks for your patience and understanding!

- Karen Gerth

Help Wanted

The forum is taking off rather slowly. What we need is a monitor to check the forum regularly and supply feedback and answer questions as they arise. Jenny and I are just too swamped with everyday emails and other admin stuff to really stay on top of that too.

We open for suggestions to improve it and make it how our teams would like to see it. If you are familiar with forums and would like to help us out, please contact Karen at kareng@kpets.org or 888.68.kpets. THANKS!

Pet's Ten Commandments . . .

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

Manheim Parade

On Wednesday, October 8, KPETS teams participated in the Manheim Parade for, I think, the fifth year in a row! ! KPETS turn out for this event was great! But I'm not going to list everyone because I know I'd forget someone.

But I do want to thank Bev Butch's son, Tim, for driving his fancy smancy pick-up truck sporting the KPETS banner on it for us.

Kip and all the dogs/handler teams walked along the parade route allowing kids and adults alike to get a few pets in as we strolled by. The judges stand announced us and what we do. We got applause for our volunteer efforts! That was meant for each and everyone of our KPETS teams!

From what I understand, the parade was played back on Blue Ridge Cable channel 11 on Thursday and Saturday. Did anyone get to see us on TV?

The rain did hold off the whole time, right up until I pulled in my garage at home. Now that is what I call good timing!

Thanks to all who attended! Let's do it again next year!

An Investment for KPETS

The funds KPETS raises are used to cover regular monthly expenses, insurance, etc. But any thing left over is put safely away in a money market fund to gain interest for the future goals of the hiring staff to keep our organization functioning.

Most of our admin equipment is our own personal stuff. The little Dell printer we've been using just wasn't quite making the grade anymore. As Laura put it: "*The Little Engine that could, just couldn't anymore.*"

So with board approval, we have purchased a new and improved multi-function printer/scanner/copier for KPETS use.

Thank you all for your hard work in fundraising. You have made this purchase possible!

- Karen Gerth

Bon Ton Community Day

Saturday, October 11 was our first opportunity to sell Community Day booklets at Park City. What a blast ! !

Jenny Rule/Maddy, Mimi Sigworth/Oliver, Adella Houch/Lexi and Karen Gerth/Sammy were there to schmooze the shoppers.

We gave our schpel about how we were there to represent KPETS and sell our \$5 booklets with \$10 coupons in them good on Community Day, November 15. The \$5 donation went directly to KPETS but they could come back on November 15 and use the \$10 coupon and any of the other special offers in the booklet.

We sold approximately 60 booklets - \$300 for KPETS! But people were even just donating without buying booklets too. Karen was using Sammy's vest as a money compartment and folks just came up and put money in it without a purchase! God Love 'em! !

Sammy was even taking money from people and taking over to Jenny who was sitting along the entrance wall with here exhausted pooch Maddy. Sam eventually gave her the bills and then it was her job to straighten out them out.

Oliver tuckered out before the end too. But he was great for those pooped shoppers - they knew exactly how he felt.

Adella and Lexi, well, let's just say - leave it to the goldens. They were getting tired but didn't turn down chance for another pet - even on the way out the door.

Thanks all, for spending those two hours at Park City with your dogs. I had a great time showing off my special pal, while raising funds for our organization. (ps. I talked so much, I had a sore throat that night!)

Oh, almost forgot!

On Saturday, November 8 we'll be doing this again. I think Jenny said the time is from 4-6 pm. The more teams we have, the more booklets we'll be able to sell. So if you're outgoing (and your pup is too) and not afraid to talk to strangers about KPETS, contact Jenny (events@kpets.org or 888.68.kpets extension 2). Join us in selling the Community Booklets.

You can get booklets to sell to your friends an neighbors in the meantime too.

The cool thing is, the organization that sells the most booklets BEFORE November 15 Community Day will be invited to sell even MORE ON Community DAY. The books will be so much more easy to sell that day as they cost \$5 but the \$10 is good right away. This is a potentially awesome fundraiser that is little work and SOOOOOOOOOO much fun!

- Karen Gerth

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Just an FYI - I pray no one is needing this right now. But as we all know too well, our precious pets do not live long enough!

DR. ALICE VILLALOBOS'

QUALITY OF LIFE SCALE

Pet caregivers can use this Quality of Life Scale to determine **the success of pet hospice care**. Using a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (best), patients can be scored.



* Adapted by Villalobos, A.E., Quality of Life Scale Helps Make Final Call, Veterinary Practice News, Sept. 2004; for Canine and Feline Geriatric Oncology Honoring the Human-Animal Bond, by Blackwell Publishing, Table 10.1, released 2006.

HURT

SCORE

Adequate pain control, including breathing ability, is first and foremost on the scale. Is the pet's pain successfully managed? Is oxygen necessary?

HUNGER

SCORE

Is the pet eating enough? Does hand feeding help? Does the patient require a feeding tube?

HYDRATION

SCORE

Is the patient hydrated? For patients not drinking enough, use subcutaneous fluids once or twice daily to supplement fluid intake.

HYGIENE

SCORE

The patient should be kept brushed and cleaned, particularly after elimination. Avoid pressure sores and keep all wounds clean.

HAPPINESS

SCORE

Does the pet express joy and interest? Is he responsive to things around him (family, toys, etc.)? Is the pet depressed, lonely, anxious, bored or afraid? Can the pet's bed be close to the family activities and not be isolated?

MOBILITY

SCORE

Can the patient get up without assistance? Does the pet need human or mechanical help (e.g. a cart)? Does he feel like going for a walk? Is he having seizures or stumbling? (Some caregivers feel euthanasia is preferable to amputation, but an animal who has limited mobility but is still alert and responsive can have a good quality of life as long as his caregivers are committed to helping him.)

MORE GOOD DAYS THAN BAD

SCORE

When bad days outnumber good days, quality of life might be too compromised. When a healthy human-animal bond is no longer possible, the caregiver must be made aware that the end is near. The decision needs to be made if the pet is suffering. If death comes peacefully and painlessly, that is OK.

70

ACCEPTABLE

35

UNACCEPTABLE

TOTAL SCORE

What's Coming Up?

Join the fun!

To sign up to help with events or if you have any questions, contact Jenny Rule at events@kpets.org or (717) 808-0143 or the contact listed for that specific event! Come enjoy the fun! Get involved!

October 18th- Mutt Mixer-This is always a FUN event with lots to do and see. From 12-5 KPETS will have an info booth at the 4th annual Mutt Mixer and Flea Market at Stumpf Field/McMinn's Park at 1350 Fruitville Pike. Lancaster. We need help staffing the info booth, picking up and dropping off the booth material as well.

® **October 18th** Elizabethtown College 's homecoming parade at 10:15. KPETS has been invited to walk in the parade. Meet at Elizabethtown Area High School at 10:15 with your KPETS attire on.

® **October 25th**- Muddy Creek Birthday Party-KPETS will be attending a birthday party for 80+ members at the Muddy Creek Church in Denver. We will be putting on a fun and interactive presentation from 12:45-1:15.

® **October 24th and 31st**- Outdoor World Costume Party-The costume party is before bingo on both the 24th and 31st. It's a fun thing for the campers who have supported KPETS all summer with Friday night bingo's. It is for the dogs, but the entire team can dress up if they like. Email Adella Houck at ahouck@embarqmail.com if you are attending. You should arrive around 7:30pm and it will end around 8:15pm.

® **October 26th** from 1-4. The Welsh Mountain Medical and Dental Center is having a Teddy Bear Clinic and needs a team and KIP to be a part of the festivities with reading to the dogs..

® **October 31st** – Masonic Homes Grand Lodge Halloween -At 1 pm KPETS will be putting on a fun Halloween Costume program for the residents of Masonic Homes in Etown.

November 1st. Millersville Parade. Kick-off at 9 a.m., 2 mile walk. Pet Costume contest with cash prizes at 12:30.

November 8 - Volunteer Roundtable Breakfast. Moveable Feast, Mountville 9 am. RSVP to Carol Johnston by Nov 5 at max1024@verizon.net or (717) 672-0166.

® **November 14th**- Susquehanna rehab in Columbia fun presentation for the patients. Looking for teams to participate in the presentation with fun games, mingling, tricks.

® **November 15th**- Community Day at the Bon-Ton at Park City, Lancaster. Hopefully we'll win the contest and be able to sell books in the mall!

® **November 18th**- Manheim Senior Center Presentation. KPETS will be putting on a fun/interactive presentation for Manheim Township Seniors at 1 pm. Join us to put on a great presentation with tricks, games and mingling.

® **November 22nd**. Alternative Gift Fair at Lancaster's Farm and Home Center, from 10-4pm. Come and do some holiday shopping and help KPETS at the same time. Purchase charitable 'gifts' for folks on your list and all proceeds benefit KPETS!

Orientations:

November 9 - Palmyra

December 13 - Lancaster

Be sure to check www.kpets.org on the KPETS Kalendar page for additional updates!

® Note: Due to insurance purposes, events designated ® are only open to REGISTERED therapy teams (KPETS, Delta, TD Inc. etc.) OR teams who have taken KPETS Orientation and are working on evaluations.

Doggie Dictionary

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. It is important to evenly distribute its contents throughout the house before your person comes home.

BATH : If you find something especially good to roll in, humans get jealous, and they use this degrading form of torture to get even. Be sure to shake only when next to a person or



Visit Requests - *Teams needed!*

HELP !! As you can see our list of requests is growing and growing. Word is getting out how wonderful pet therapy is for folks in these types of settings. And now there is gaining interest for more diverse types of visits. Please consider filling one or more of these requests!

For any event that does not have a direct contact name included: contact Jenny Rule at 717-808-0143 or events@kpets.org for additional information and details.

AseraCare Hospice is seeking pet therapists to share their certified pets with terminally ill patients in facilities in Lancaster/Lebanon. Orientations on requirements are offered on a continuous basis around the area. Please contact the volunteer coordinator at patricia_henry@aseracare.com or 1-888-262-8545 for more information. Visitations are completely around your schedule once or twice a month.

Compassionate Care Hospice - Contact Aubrey Smith at (717) 203-7104 or smith9900@comcast.net. Minimal one-hour orientation will be set up at your convenience - even before or after a visit. Looking for teams in the Honeybrook or Christiana area in Lancaster/Chester county, Masonic Village, Middletown Home, and Jewish Home, Hbg.

Good Samaritan Health System Hospice - Please contact Tracy Johnsen, Volunteer Coordinator at (717) 270-7672 or tjohnsen@gshleb.org. A mandatory hospice training at the volunteer's leisure is required.

Lebanon Teams Cedar Haven, Lebanon Valley Home, Manor Care, Hearthstone Nursing, and Stonebridge. Please contact Sylvia at 717-865-2385 or sylvia_flinchbaugh@yahoo.com

Adult Daycare at Choices Rehab in Lancaster Methodist Church is looking for a team to visit weekly or bi-weekly, Mon. Tues. or Thurs. for any hour between 9-3.

Denver Nursing Home- would like weekly visits from cats or dogs. Some residents asked for cats. Contact is Nancy at 336-2213

Lancaster General Hospital. Teams needed for a variety of visits at a variety of days and times. 4 hour orientation is needed.

Greyson View- Adult daycare in Harrisburg (off of Derry Road.) contacted KPETS to start regular visits. She is looking for visits to start in the afternoon any day Monday through Friday.

Heartland Hospice: opportunities in seven counties from Harrisburg/Hershey down through Chambersburg/Waynesboro. Visits could be in: nursing home, assisted living, apartment or private home. Hospice volunteer training done at the volunteer's convenience. Contact Pauline Goulet, Vol Coordinator at 717-240-0018 or e-mail her at: 4675officestaff19@hcr-manorcare.com.

Keystone Drop-in-Center in Lancaster is looking for a KPETS team for regular visits for special needs folks.

Lancashire Hall- Lancashire Hall in Lancaster is looking for a team to visit on a regular basis with flexible visits.

St Joe's, Reading - inpatient mental health OT/activities is looking for regular visits. Contact Debbie Moser at 610-208-4680

Odyssey Heath Care in Camp Hill Mechanicsburg area. Gini looked into doing hospice work

United Zion Retirement Community- Jessica Kistler at 626-2071 ext. 1006. Looking for visits the 1st Wednesdays of the month.

Ephrata Area- Request for teams for a group home for 2 mentally challenged men. Looking for about an hour visit in the evening once every other week on a Tues, Wed or Thurs.

Heinz-Menaker Senior Center in the Harrisburg Area is looking for a team to visit during the day twice a month. 1824 N. 4th Street, Harrisburg.

Lutheran Home in Gettysburg. Regular visits needed for 62+ folks waiting for pet visits.

Manor Care in Lancaster is looking for a team to visit on a regular basis.

The Meadows in Lancaster, behind WGAL is looking for teams to visit on a regular basis to their Dementia unit. They are fairly flexible with visitation times.

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Volunteer Roundtable Planner:

Carol Johnston 717-672-0166 or max1024@verizon.net. Volunteer Round Tables are held every SECOND Saturday of odd numbered months at 9 a.m. at Moveable Feast in Mountville. (Carl was having pc problems)

Phone Buddy Coordinator:

If you do not have email, contact Karen to get set up with a phone buddy to keep you informed between newsletters. (888.68.kpets = 888.687.57387). Bobbie Sayer had been doing this but will be out for a while. Please keep her in your prayers!

Orientation Follow-up Guide:

Guiding volunteers through the registration process once orientation has been completed. Nicole Byers - welcome@kpets.org and Gini Swartzell - ginis@kpets.org

Membership Files: Michele Emenheiser and Erin Jackson maintain new and existing registered KPETS volunteers. Contact them at: membership@kpets.org

Events Coordinators:

Coordinating and staffing KPETS events AND visits - Jenny Rule 717-808-0143 or events@kpets.org and Gini Swartzell 717- 732-5772 or vpompoo@aol.com

Pre-assessment Testers: Wendy McKelvy 717-285-9719 or training@kpets.org and Mary Merrell 717-259-8759 or marym@kpets.org. 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Mennonite Home, Lancaster. Or by appointment with Laura Whitman, (Palmyra) 717-378-9993 / lauraw@kpets.org; Bill Townsend (Oxford) 610-932-4401 / wptownsendoxford@yahoo.com or Mary Merrell (York) 717-259-8759 / marym@kpets.org

KPETS Keynotes Editor - Lori McDaniel has been helping get the Keynotes published each month. Please, if you staff an event or have any good therapy stories to share, please send them to her at keynotes@kpets.org.

Safety Assurance Leader - Wendy McKelvy. Any questionable pet behavior observed should be reported immediately to Wendy at training@kpets.org or 717-285-9719

Development Coordination - Adella Houck and Jackie Diffenderffer. To help out on this committee, please contact Adella Houck at ahouck@embarqmail.com.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you have web-access, you can submit your hours on-line at www.kpets.org/volunteers.

Each member should be set up with user name of first initial and last name (ex. kgerth) and the initial password being the last four digits of your phone number (unless I typed it in wrong). You change your password once you log in. You can also see a list of your hours. If you cannot log in, contact Karen.

For those without internet access, please mail completed forms to the KPETS address and we will enter them.

THANKS SO MUCH!

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Help - What If I Don't Have Email??

If you don't have email, and are not receiving calls from a phone buddy occasionally, be sure to contact Karen Gerth and let her know (888.68.kpets). We'll hook you up with someone to keep you posted of opportunities that come out via email between newsletters.

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Reminders:

Please submit all your KPETS volunteer hours on-line at www.kpets.org/volunteers.

Is your pet due to be re-assessed!
Contact Wendy at training@kpets.org

Go to <http://forum.kpets.org> to get konnected with other KPETS folks on our on-line forum! Let's use this cool tool to stay connected!

Submit your newsletter stories to Lori at keynotes@kpets.org.

If you would like to be removed from this mailing, please contact us at info@kpets.org or 888.68.kpets.org.



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