



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!

Expanding Your Horizons



Spring Into Fresh Ideas

More choices! New thoughts! Great selection! A major benefit of being a KPETS team is the variety of programs and presentations you can experience, perform, or lead. Many teams have regular visits they faithfully carry out – and that's great. Finding your niche is awesome. However, if you aren't sure where your team's strengths are or you want to try something new, check out the [Presentation & Resource](#) area on the new KPETS Forum.

In this section, you will find information on programs that KPETS volunteers have done in the past as well as information on programs someone may be interested in starting. Mary Gottfried has worked diligently to set this up, and she has done a stellar job. However, at KPETS, we like to go the extra mile.....so we are listing mentors, when available.

Many of you are very resourceful and have set up many different types of programs. But, for those who like to bounce ideas around, a mentor could help you. If you are browsing the [Presentation & Resource](#) area and see something that sparks your interest, you can contact the mentor listed. They can tell you how to get started or what to expect or guide you on your way to a new KPETS adventure.

On the flip side, we are looking for mentors to add to the [Presentation & Resource](#) area. If you would like to help us grow the program, email Mary at weid-mama@etown.edu with your name, contact information, and subject for which you want to be listed as a mentor.

Starting in April, Mary will be planting program seeds in a monthly column, [Expanding Your Horizons](#). She will highlight a new or current program from the [Presentation & Resource](#) area to help nurture your ideas.



Fresh ideas to start your Spring!

Opportunities for Dog-Related Organizations / Pet Products

KPETS did a presentation in Ephrata last month and met a wonderful man, Jim DeFilippis, at the Eicher Center. After our presentation, Jim shared with me his dream of doing a 'Man's Best Friend' day at the Ephrata park in memory/honor of his late daughter. The theme is the 'Significance of Dogs in Our Everyday Lives'.

He has asked if we could help him find organizations to participate in this event. I mentioned assistance dogs, seeing eye dogs, K-9 police dogs, search and rescue and KPETS will be asking some of those we serve in the various areas to share too. (Autism, OT/PT, at-risk teens, elderly, hospice, etc.)

He is also looking for vendors who are selling holistic treats or great dog products. I warned him if I sent this out via our newsletter, he could get bombarded and he said ok! So if you know of anyone that may be interested in participating in this event on Sat, Oct 24, you may contact him directly at 717-738-3084 or eacims@dejazzd.com.

KPETS Recap

KPETS GOES WESTMINSTER

KPETS was invited to take their show on the road. Grayson View, an assisted living facility in the Harrisburg Area, called and asked if we could bring our dogs and put on a dog show. They were very specific in telling us they wanted us to teach them all the work and training that goes into a Westminster Show Dog. I do believe they had their eyes opened, as most "show dogs" are just pretty. Danna Deimler and Cindy Wilson, KPETS

very own conformation pros, brought their show dogs and taught us all what is involved. Those are the pretty dogs!!!! But we all know that KPETS are the SMART dogs!!! Mind

you, some dogs are both pretty and smart, as I do believe Danna has a show dog who works regularly at Hershey Medical Center. And Cindy's Denver is an up and coming therapy dog, but...in my humble opinion (and we all know what that is worth), our therapy dogs take much more love, care, dedication and training to do what they do. Some of our dogs perform, as Buddy did lots of tricks for the residents. Some of our dogs are just hams - Casey in



his glasses (or was that his Stevie Wonder imitation). Some of our dogs brought their best friend - Roxy brought DOT! And some did what they do best and that is just sitting quietly while a patient holds and pets them. Some of our dogs did tricks to delight the residents. Some showed off their obedience. Some showed off their latest fashions. We got the residents involved and let them help pick the winners. We had

yellow ribbon winners rather than blue ribbon winners. And the Best in Show Winner was Roxy. All in all, I do believe everyone had fun.

AND...Grayson View has asked that we come in on a regular basis - BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

- Cindy Wilson

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

St. Joan of Arc School, an elementary school in Hershey, wanted to know what dogs can do for them in their school. Cindy Wilson took Casey in to meet with the teachers and tell them what we are all about. "I felt like I was auditioning," says Cindy, as the teachers were sitting behind a table asking lots of questions. Casey schmoozed them all with his boyish charm and good looks and Cindy discussed the interaction of dogs with children. She talked about the **Reading with Rover** program, games the kids could play with the dogs, appositionally defiant children that could "earn" time with the dogs, or simply visitation. Sister Eileen, the principal, came in and asked many questions as well. Her biggest concern was, are we all certified to work with children (e.g., has there been a State Police background check, etc. done). After meeting with the faculty, Mary Ann walked us down the hall to visit with teachers who couldn't make the meeting. One teacher was working with a young man struggling with math. Casey gently put his paws on the boy's lap and looked over his paper as if to say, "Is there something I could help with?" The boy smiled and immediately began to relax. After the hall visits, Casey went downstairs to visit the WINGS program of after school kids. He was loved by all. That tail didn't stop. Within 24 hours, Cindy got an email that the Catholic Diocese would pay for the background check for anyone interested in becoming certified for this opportunity - HOW NICE!*

On a personal note - there is a fee of about \$20 to be certified. If you ever get the chance, pay the \$20 to ensure that you are safe and protected, as well as the children. -

- Cindy Wilson

FARM SHOW 2009

The 93rd annual Farm Show was held January 10th - 17th this year, and KPETS teams participated in the booth sponsored by the PA Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law. The theme of the booth was **"What Dogs Can Do"** and KPETS dogs had a chance to strut their stuff for large crowds.



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This was the third year that KPETS teams were involved, and the booth has been a huge success, thanks in



a large part to our participation. In previous years, dogs were not encouraged to attend the Farm Show. We made such a good impression with our well-behaved and interactive dogs that the booth will likely be a fixture for years to come.

Participating for KPETS was Carol Croft with Foo, Cathy Farr with Sophie, Cindy Wilson with Casey and Maggie, and Nan Hanshaw-Roberts with Smidgen. All the dogs wore their best outfits and were wonderful ambassadors for our mission. Sophie, of course, outdresses us all (we suspect that she has a walk-in closet the size of a large bedroom at home to hold all of her clothing). Smidgen also represented KPETS at two other booths throughout the week: one day for the PA Veterinary Medical Association and another day as the PA State Animal Response Team mascot.



KPETS own John Deere dog!

Thank you to the additional teams who participated throughout the week and were willing to give their time to educate folks from all backgrounds. Sadly, it seems that most of the children from the inner city believe that all dogs are "fighting" dogs and that is their sole purpose in life. Hopefully we can make a difference in how they feel about these

FAMILY THANKFUL FOR KPETS VISITS

KPETS is an awesome organization—a prime example of giving is more beneficial than receiving! The Carotto family of Elizabethtown is very complimentary on the benefits of having KPETS dogs visit their autistic children. "Imagine playing a

game in a foreign country, says Liz, their mother, "That's what it's like to have autism." Each child on the autism spectrum is different and has their unique challenges. However, there are many ways to overcome challenges, and this family is resourceful.

The Carottos became interested in animal therapy because they were too overwhelmed with raising three autistic children to bring a pet into their home. However, recognizing the need to expose their children to the many benefits of animals, they contacted KPETS to request visits. Denise/Ripley and Mary/Murray answered.

Joel, the Carotto's 10-year-old son, explained the benefits he gets out of KPETS visits. "Ripley is friendly and so is Murray." "He (Ripley/ Murray) doesn't bite; you can pet him," remarked Joel. What a breakthrough to have Joel figure out that concept all on his own! (OK ...the dogs came through, too!)

If you think you would like to reap rewards visiting autistic children—

Learn more on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 pm, Fairland Brethren in Christ Church in Cleona (See requests, page 6).
- Denise Gillan



American RedCross

Pet First Aid Course

Do you know what to do when your pets are in trouble? Your pets can be your best friends and they depend on you for daily love and care. They also depend on you to take care of them in an emergency. If your pets become ill or are injured, or need help in a disaster, you must know what to do for them. The Lebanon Chapter of the American Red Cross offers a course in pet first aid. This course will teach you how to recognize and respond to an emergency involving your pets; how to administer first aid and CPR using pet manikins; how to apply bandages and temporary splints; how to recognize and handle common illnesses which can quickly become life-threatening emergencies; what to keep on hand for emergencies; and how to prepare for a disaster so your pets don't get left behind.

The course includes an illustrated pet first aid book, and first aid kits can be purchased on site. The instructor is a veterinarian.

The course will be held on Saturday, March 21st, 2009, at 9 AM at the Lebanon Red Cross office. The cost of the course is \$30, payable to the Red Cross, and includes a pet first aid manual. Register at (717) 273-2671.



Paws for a Cause Benefit !

Let's show **Central PA Pet Sitters Network** how much we appreciate their efforts to raise funds for KPETS. Many of us know how difficult it is to pull off an event like this. And they are doing it for KPETS! ! !

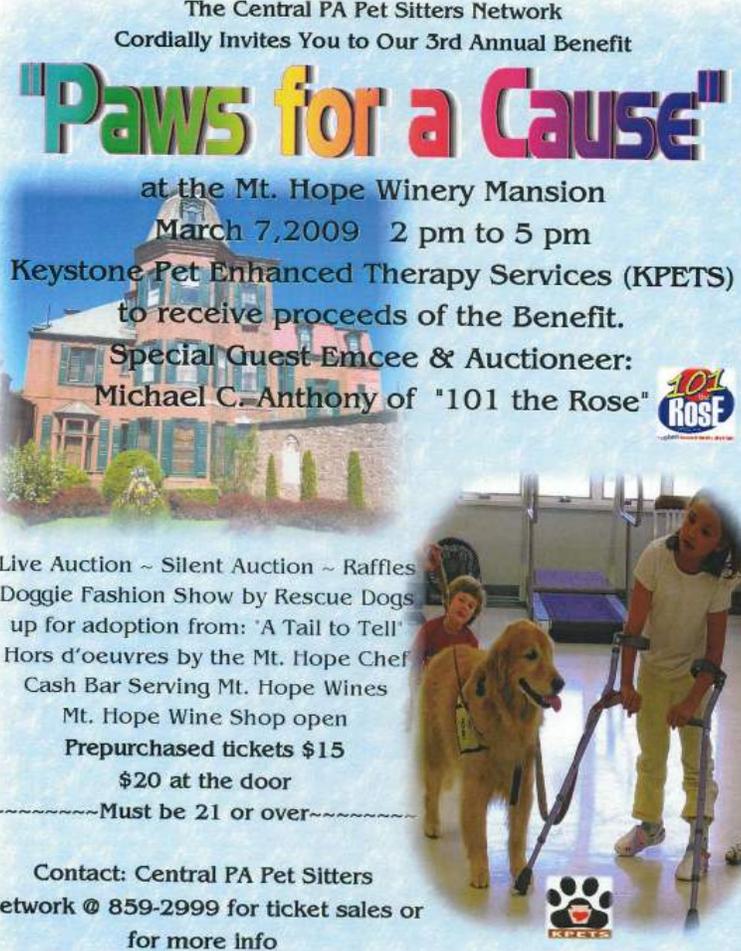
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Call 859-2999 today for tickets!
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The Central PA Pet Sitters Network
Cordially Invites You to Our 3rd Annual Benefit

"Paws for a Cause"

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March 7, 2009 2 pm to 5 pm
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Contact: Central PA Pet Sitters  
Network @ 859-2999 for ticket sales or  
for more info 



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**United Against Puppy Mills (UAPM)** is launching a campaign to educate the dog-buying public through a toll-free "tip line." Callers to the tip line will hear a two-minute, pre-recorded message. The goal is to increase awareness about puppy mills.

UAPM will periodically post the number in newspaper classified ads, but they need help to put this phone number in front of as many people as possible. It's easy to do: Copy and post the letter-sized sign on next page. Make copies as needed. (If possible, cut along the dotted lines to create tear-off tabs.)

Post to public bulletin boards in grocery stores, pet supply stores, hardware stores, restaurants, college campuses, and community centers. ALWAYS ask permission before posting it in a private business. For example, in a business near a pet store that sells dogs, in your vet's office, etc. Check back and put up a new sign when the tabs have all been taken or the sign has been removed.

Small efforts like this can end puppy mills as they currently exist. It takes caring, compassionate people to help those that can't help themselves.

For more information about UAPM go to <http://www.unitedagainstpupmills.org>.

**PET TREAT RECALL:** According to the FDA Website: <http://www.fda.gov/default.htm>, the Great Choice Treats have been recalled by PetSmart. The Website features a search function so you can look for other recalled items.

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## 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](mailto:events@kpets.org) or (717) 808-0143 or the contact listed for that specific event! Come enjoy the fun! Get involved!*

The next couple of months are filled with great KPETS event opportunities!!!

**March 7: *Paws for a Cause***, Mount Hope Winery Mansion 2:00 to 5:00 pm – Fundraiser by the Central PA Pet Sitters Network to benefit KPETS. Tickets are \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance – call 859-2999 to order. There will be a silent auction, raffle, live auction, doggie fashion show by rescued dogs up for adoption, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. Invite everyone you know!

® **March 10: *Association for Personal Care Administrators*** (APCA) Spring Conference, Host Resort, Lancaster. Need teams to help staff the booth for this all-day event! HELP!

® **March 16: *Masonic Homes*** at 7:00 pm – Presentation with Laura Whitman. Fun show for the residents.

® **March 20: *Arthritis Foundation*** (LGH Orthopedic) 5:00 to 9:00 pm – Dog Safety / Dog Walk Safety. Three shifts needed to cover the booth: 5:00 to 6:30; 6:30 to 7:45; and 7:45 to 9:00. Tell kids and adults about dog safety / dog walking safety and promote May 2<sup>nd</sup> arthritis walk to be held at Dove Church in Ephrata.

® **March 22: *Autism Spectrum Connections***, 2:00 pm—Fairland Brethren in Christ church (529 West Penn Avenue, Cleona, PA 17042). Meet with parents of autistic children wanting human-animal bond opportunities. Contact Denise Gillin at [denisegillin@yahoo.com](mailto:denisegillin@yahoo.com) for more information.

® **March 25: *Lutheran Retirement Village***, South Hanover at 6:30 pm – Presentation to independent living group. Many have pets and may be interested in joining KPETS.

® **April 14: *Heinz-Menaker Senior Center***, Harrisburg, 12:30 to 1:30. KPETS will be putting on a fun and informational presentation for the residents.

® **April 17: *Acadia Carnival***, Acadia at Greenfield, 2:00 to 2:50, Fun presentation. The event will be held in a large room with clients in a circle at the perimeter. Regular dogs plus new dogs are invited.

**April 19: *Tommy Foundation 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Edge of Autism Walk/Festival***, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster – 12:00 to 2:00 pm (Walk) and 2:00 to 6:00 pm (Festival). Dogs are invited to walk. (Festival) need volunteers to walk and man booth. For more information, contact Denise Gillin at [denisegillin@yahoo.com](mailto:denisegillin@yahoo.com) or Liz Carotto, Outreach Coordinator for Autism Spectrum Connections at [lizzilu@comcast.net](mailto:lizzilu@comcast.net) or 717-471-4530.

® **April 24: *St. Anne's Church***, Liberty Street, Lancaster (parking is on Duke Street), 6:00 to 8:00. KPETS will be participating in a function for students in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade and their families. We will have reading corners, mingling, etc. This is a fun event to involve the students and animals. There will also be snacks sold with proceeds going to KPETS.

**April 26: *Pup-E-Palooza!*** (PEP) is at E-town College, two shifts – 8:30 to 11:00 (opening) and 2:00 to 4:00 (closing/returning booth items). This is always a fun event. If you can help staff the booth and sell items, please let Jenny know!

**May 2: *Annual Arthritis Walk***

**May 31: *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dog's Day in the Park*** at John Rudy Park in York, three shifts – 8:30 to 11:00 (opening/picking up booth items/setting up); 11:00 to 1:00 (staffing booth); and 1:00 to 3:00 (closing/returning booth items). This event is sponsored by Animal Rescue, Inc. If you are available to help staff, please contact Jenny.

**August 8: *Knights of Columbus*** in Lancaster is having a golf tournament at the Four Seasons with all proceeds going to KPETS.

**October 24: *Significance of Dogs in Our Everyday Lives***, Ephrata Park. Contact Jim DeFilippis at 738-3084 or [eacims@dejazzd.com](mailto:eacims@dejazzd.com). Jim is putting together an event in memory of his late daughter. *Continued on Page 7*

**KPETS VOLUNTEER ROUND TABLES !!**

**Second Saturday of odd numbered months** - 9 am - Moveable Feast, Mountville (Take the Mountville exit off Route 30 – heading east – go north 1 block; take first left and look for strip mall). RSVP to Carol Johnston max1024@verizon.net or (717) 672-0166.

**Third Saturday of even numbered months** - 10 am - Rosie's Restaurant, New Oxford (Route 30 between Cross Keys and New Oxford – strip mall on the right heading west). RSVP

**KPETS Orientations: March 8:** 1 pm Pet HQ, Palmyra / **April 11:** 9 am Brethren Village, Lancaster / **May ?:** York  
**Be sure to check [www.kpets.org](http://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,

**Visit Requests - Registered 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. 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](mailto:events@kpets.org) for additional information and details.

**Abraxas** in Morgantown-looking for teams to visit and work with boys at the facility. Would LOVE a Dane!

**Acadia** in Greenfield-looking for teams to visit regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> (when there is one) Tuesdays of each month. They would love a very interactive dog - likes to retrieve, is very friendly, and can play a crowd (group of 8-12).

**Adult Service Facility** in Gap-looking for regular visits on Tuesdays at 1 or 2 OR Thursdays at 10 or 10:30. They would like visits at least once a month or as often as possible.

**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](mailto:patricia_henry@aseracare.com) or 1-888-262-8545 for more information. Visitations are completely around your schedule once or twice a month.

**Autism Spectrum Connections Program** in Cleona-looking for teams to provide visits with autistic children. Learn more by meeting ASC members on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 pm, Fairland Brethren in Christ Church (529 West Penn Avenue, Cleona, PA 17042).

**Choices Rehab Adult Daycare at Lancaster Methodist Church** in Lancaster-looking for a team to visit weekly or bi-weekly, Monday Tuesday or Thursday for any hour between 9-3.

**Compassionate Care Hospice** in Honeybrook or Christiana in Lancaster / Chester Counties, Masonic Village, Middletown Home and Jewish Home, Harrisburg-looking for teams. Contact Aubrey Smith at (717) 203-7104 or [smith9900@comcast.net](mailto:smith9900@comcast.net). Minimal one-hour orientation will be set up at your convenience (can be before or after a visit.)

**Country Meadows / West York:** First Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Contact Jeff Boyer (717) 650-2683.

**Denver Nursing Home**-Weekly visits from cats or dogs. Contact Nancy at 336-2213 for information.

**East Berlin Library** First Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm: Contact Fran Holt (717) 292-5743.

**Ephrata Area**- Request for teams for a group home for two mentally challenged men. Hour-long visit in the evening once every other week on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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

**Greyson View Adult Daycare** in Harrisburg (off Derry Road.)-contacted KPETS to start regular visits. Visits to start in the afternoon any day Monday through Friday.

**Heartland Hospice** has opportunities in seven counties from Harrisburg / Hershey and Chambersburg / Waynesboro. Visits could be in nursing home, assisted living, apartment or private home. Hospice volunteer training at volunteer's convenience. Contact Pauline Goulet, Volunteer Coordinator, 717-240-0018 or e-mail [4675officestaff19@hcr-manorcare.com](mailto:4675officestaff19@hcr-manorcare.com).

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## Visit Requests - Teams needed!

**Heinz-Menaker Senior Center** in the Harrisburg area-looking for a team to visit during the day twice a month. 1824 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg.

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

**LRMC Acute Rehab for Inpatients** in Lancaster-looking for teams for both physical and occupational therapy to be involved as a group treatment session. A typical treatment session lasts for 45 minutes. The best days right now are Tuesdays or Wednesdays after 1:00 pm.

**Lancaster General Hospital** in Lancaster-teams needed for a variety of visits at a variety of days and times. Four-hour orientation is needed.

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

**Lutheran Retirement Village**, South Hanover (Utz Terrace) open visiting. Contact Margie Smith at [margiesrack-ing@earthlink.net](mailto:margiesrack-ing@earthlink.net) or (717) 624-4742.

**Lutheran Home** in Gettysburg: regular visits needed for 62+ folks waiting for pet visits.

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

**The Meadows** in Lancaster, behind WGAL- looking for teams to visit on a regular basis at dementia unit. They are fairly flexible with visitation times.

**New Oxford Library:** Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, 7:00-8:00 pm. Contact Margie Smith (717) 624-5743

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

**Presbyterian Apartments** in Harrisburg: homebound woman on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street loves animals but isn't able to have one. She wants KPETS dog team on regular basis. An all-purpose room is available for activities such as fetching and tricks.

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

**United Zion Retirement Community**-looking for visits the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of the month. For information contact, Jessica Kistler at 626-2071 ext. 1006.

## Bon Ton Community Days

Bon Ton Community Days was going on in Lancaster AND York for the past couple weeks. All teams who participated did an awesome job of selling the coupon booklets. We don't have a final tally from Lancaster since several teams went to the mall and some folks sold them privately. The dollars and remaining booklets are still coming in. I want to thank all of you who spent your Saturday afternoons at the mall with your pets. I don't have list of everyone but please know your efforts are greatly appreciated. But I do know Bobbie Garber's golden Kayla took her first escalator ride! And wanted to go back for MORE!

This was the first time for the York area teams! **Thanks—York / Hanover Area Teams**

**Thanks Margie Smith for coordinating the Community Days at BonTon in York/Hanover! It was a big success—\$156.00 worth!**

**Thanks also to the teams who pitched over there:**

Lori Cordon, Frank Holt, Donna Gomer, Wilma Krepps, Dave & Coleen Miller, Sue Adams (*She worked at the library so Wilma could help out at BonTon!*)

### KPETS NEW EMAIL DISTRIBUTION

If you get an email asking you to confirm being added to a KPETS email list, it is legit!! We just changed our hosting service and the email groups need you to confirm that you want to be on our lists. SO be sure to respond if you want to keep getting the newsletters and requests for visits! Thanks!

# KPETS Key Konnectors

## 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.

York Volunteer Round Table: March 14, 9 am. Contact Margie Smith for more details. margiesracking@earthlink.net

## 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).

## 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 records. 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

- Margie Smith (York) 717-624-4742 / margiesracking@earthlink.net

**KPETS Keynotes Editor** - Lori McDaniel / Denise Gillin. 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. To help out on this committee, please contact Adella Houck at ahouck@embarqmail.com.

## SUBMIT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS On-Line

If you have web-access, you can submit your hours on-line at [www.kpets.org/volunteers](http://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!

### KPETS Team Evaluators for On-Site Supervised Visits

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| York    | Margie Smith     | 717- 624-4742 | or | margiesracking@earthlink.net |
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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.

Bobbie Sayer, who has been doing this, is going to be out for a while. Please keep her in your prayers.

## Reminders:

Please submit all your **KPETS volunteer hours** on-line at [www.kpets.org/volunteers](http://www.kpets.org/volunteers).

**Is your pet due to be re-assessed!**  
Contact Wendy at [training@kpets.org](mailto: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](mailto:keynotes@kpets.org).

If you would like to be removed from this mailing, please contact us at [info@kpets.org](mailto:info@kpets.org) or 888.68.kpets.

**It's not too late to come to the  
Central PA Pet Sitters Network fundraiser  
"Paws for a Cause" event!  
Tickets are \$15 in advance or  
\$20 at the door!!  
See you at Mount Hope Winery!  
March 7 Call 717.859.2999 for tickets!  
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