



**Touching Lives
Warming Hearts**

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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KPETS Keynotes

Keeping Pet Therapy Volunteers Konnected!

HIGHMARK CHOOSES KPETS AS PET THERAPY PROVIDER

After an extensive screening process, KPETS has been chosen as a pet therapy provider for Highmark! The following press release was sent by Highmark:

The PALS program sponsored by Highmark Senior Markets starts pet therapy!

The PALS program began in 1997, providing all in-home services except personal care for free to our Highmark Medicare customers. In 2000, clubs were formed which are available to all seniors in the community. The current clubs include book clubs, quilt clubs and walking clubs.

Our newest adventure is to sponsor pet therapy and take pets into nursing homes for visits. Studies have shown that when dogs and cats come to visit a care facility, there is more laughter and interaction among residents than during any other "therapy" or entertainment time. In an inpatient setting, the presence of animals encourages socialization. Staff members have reported that it is easier to talk to residents during and after animal visits. Family members often come during the animal visits and some have reported that it is an especially comfortable and pleasant time to come.

We would like to partner with KPETS to provide this important service to our members. As a *PALS with Pets* volunteer, you would receive additional benefits through PALS. After a brief orientation, you would receive credits which can be redeemed for services or food certificates. PALS will also assist in finding your pet a site to visit.

We invite you to learn more about our volunteer program and to join us as a PALS volunteer providing pet therapy in your area. For information please call us: 1-800-988-0706 or attend our orientation on June 16, 2009 at 6:30 pm at 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster, PA.

(From Route 30, head south on 501 or 272. At the Stockyards, turn left onto Marshall Avenue. Just after crossing Juliet Avenue, watch for sign for LOT 4 on your left. Park in that lot and enter doorway H. Turn right and follow hallway to Conference Room B103.)

Note: We are hoping for a good turnout for the meeting. RSVP to Jenny at events@kpets.org.

CANINE FREESTYLE HAPPENING

Bonnie Hess, owner of **Faithful Companion Dog Training, LLC**, certified dog trainer, clicker trainer, mentor and trainer for **Animal Behavior College**, will provide an overview of the exciting sport of canine free-style - to benefit KPETS!!!!

The event will take place at Karen Sage's new barn at 171 Bethany Road, Ephrata, PA on Saturday, June 20, 9 am - 4 pm. Email Jenny at events@kpets.org with any questions. Reserve your spot by sending \$60 to: KPETS, 590 Centerville Road #107, Lancaster, PA 17601 (*NOTE: Payment due by June 12. Refunds will be honored until June 16. Price includes light lunch.*) Come join the fun. Who knows, we could form a KPETS 'dance' group. It's a great way to share your pet when visiting and for presentations!



Expanding Your Horizons by Mary Gottfried

This column will appear in Keynotes monthly. Its purpose is to make readers aware of programs, presentations and resources that can help you plan activities and find your niche as a pet therapy team. All the information presented here can also be found on the KPETS Forum under "Presentations and Resources" in PDF downloadable form.

- I've always felt strongly that kids who are not raised to love and respect animals miss out on a rich and rewarding aspect of life. As a therapy dog/handler team, this program gives you the opportunity to interact with kids in a fun way to teach them a little about pet care, and show them the wonderful bond of which humans and animals are capable.
- Last summer I contacted the Children's Program Coordinator at the Elizabethtown Library and proposed that she include us in her summer schedule. She was thrilled to include us, and, in fact, advertised the event in the community and recruited a Brownie troop to be our audience.
- Don't be shy about asking facilities if they would like you to run this event! If you are interested and have any questions, my contact information is on the Forum Mentor List for this program.
- (The Children's Educational Program copied below can be downloaded from the KPETS Forum- go to the forum, click on the Presentations and Resources Section, click on this program to open it, and print.)

CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

(NOTE: This presentation is good for Brownies, Cub Scouts, etc. If the Kip costume is available, you can have Kip attend as an assistant, depending on the age of the kids.)

"THE PET PILLOWCASE"

Introduction: State that you're visiting with Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services. Have all teams present state their name and dog's name.

Very Brief Overview: (5-10 MINUTES- this can be modified depending on the age of kids in the audience. It's best to keep it short for young audiences)

State that we are a non-profit organization. We recruit and educate volunteers and unite them with facilities whose clients can benefit from the healing and rehabilitating effects of the animal/human bond.

We have over 170 registered teams serving over 130 facilities in ten counties in PA and two in northern Maryland.

We go to nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, schools, libraries, juvenile detention facilities, churches, rehab units for occupational, physical and cognitive therapies, disaster relief, adult day care, and special needs groups as well as home visits to autistic children. We also do group visits with multiple teams visiting a facility, and educational presentations for groups such as the girl scouts or other community organizations.

To become registered means we attend a three-hour orientation to learn about KPETS, opportunities, needs, pet requirements and insurance, etc. The pet must be evaluated as suitable for this work, and then we must complete two supervised facility visits. We are insured after completing the registration process.

We rely on volunteers and donations from the facilities we visit, donations from individuals and organizations, and fund raising events which vary from year to year (such as a dinner, microchip clinic, or bow wow bingo event.)

Interactive:

"Dog Talk" (15 minutes) Ask the kids to notice the differences between the dogs (long ears/short ears, etc.) State that there are reasons why dogs are bred with different characteristics. Have each handler state the breed of their dog and a breed characteristic and how it is used by humans (*example: have you noticed how long my basset hounds ears are? Well, that helps this breed when they hunt rabbits because the ears dragging on the ground stir up the rabbit's scent.*) Then ask for a show of hands: "Who has a pet at home?" Let them tell what kind of pet and its name and ask what the best thing about their pet is.

State that most pets can become therapy pets. We register dogs, cats and bunnies. The pet must enjoy the work and like people and other animals.

"Pet Pillowcase" (15 minutes) Let 5 volunteers pick an item out of the pillowcase, one at a time- water bowl, safe chew toy, collar and leash with poop bag and ID attached, brush, toothbrush: As each child picks an item from the pillowcase, ask the child what the item is, and what it's used for. (*use this as an opportunity for some basic dog care education: for example, water bowl: "Yes, that's a water bowl-on a hot summers day I bet you like to have a nice cool glass of water- but you wouldn't want to drink it if it had bugs and dirt in it, would you? Well, your dog likes clean water too!"*)

KPETS Recap

"Teeth Brushing Demo" If there is time, you can add this- most kids are fascinated by the idea of brushing a dog's teeth- emphasize that special dog toothpaste is needed- never use human toothpaste on a dog.

"Peanut Butter Licking Contest" (10 minutes) Ask for volunteers - each child holds a spoon with peanut butter. Race to see which dog cleans the spoon first.

Question Time (5 minutes)

Send each child home with a "Color Me" Kip handout.

DOG'S DAY IN THE PARK

Sunday, May 31st, the day could not have been more perfect. The breeze kept us all cool, the sunshine was welcomed after so many rainy days that we thought the phrase, "raining cats and dogs" might actually happen. Well, it did for Dogs' Day in the Park at the John Rudy Park in York! The KPETS booth was attended by many of the York/Hanover as well as the Lancaster teams.

The day started with Margie Smith and Sue Adams (with McGinnis, their rough collie) thinking they were going to be trying to put up the canopy and unload the car by themselves - well were we wrong! Children from some of the vendors as well as Anne Lowe (finally back after both knees having surgery!!) and her son, Brad as well as Tugger, their golden came to the rescue. We were one of the first booths to arrive, and we were up and running in record time!! From the time we parked the car to the time we sat, satisfied with a job well done - the time was exactly 19 minutes!!



The day had non-stop people asking about KPETS and how could they get involved. The following is the list of volunteers that helped

KPETS: Harriet Hombach and Mattoon, Toni Vale and Freckles, Anne and Brad Lowe, Sue Adams with McGinnis, Maggie Salyers and her Golden, Laura Whitman and Lola, Wendy McKelvey and her new Bernese Mountain dog - Julie, Adella Houck and Lexi, Lisa Deyo and Lilly, David and Colleen Miller with Polo and Goliath, Becky Farquar, Becki and William Leiderknecht and their beagles, and Christine and Charles Scott.

Thanks to Toni's husband and the other KPETS mem-

bers, the booth came down in record time, with everything being put away, preparing for our next outing! A special "thank you" to Sue Adams, who stayed the entire day - making sure the dogs had all the water they needed, collecting rocks to help hold down the presentation board when the wind picked up, and holding the presentation board when the wind blew (that was most of the day)! Sue was there from 8:30 until 3:00 - thank you Sue! The booth had enough KPETS members to show how our organization has not only grown, but also has willing volunteers to come out and help recruit. Thank you one and all for your dedication to the human-animal connection and for doing such a wonderful job of promoting KPETS!

DOG DAYS AT YORK HAVEN SCHOOL

KPETS was invited to York Haven Elementary School on May 15th, 2009, to talk about who we are and what we do with our therapy dogs. We were to have between 15 and 20 kids at 15-minute intervals.

At the last minute, a pet store couldn't come so we had between 40 and 50 kids every 15 minutes! We had only three teams so it got a little overwhelming for one of our dogs (Meggie). *One of the teachers came up with a brilliant idea that may be helpful down the road if you ever need it. She took duct tape and made a line in front of Meggie. The kids were not allowed to cross the line to reach for Meggie, but she felt secure enough that she could cross the line to go to the kids. It worked out great! The dog wasn't stressed anymore and the kids were still able to pet her. (GREAT TIP HERE! !!)*

By the end of the day, we ended up seeing over 300 elementary school children. The school was very impressed how well our dogs behaved and thanked us over and over for coming. Lynne Scherden and Meggie; Jan Williams and Liberty; and Gini Swartzell and Tucker attended.

SECOND YEAR FOR CAMP DRAGONFLY

KPETS was invited to Camp Dragonfly on May 29th for the second time. This camp is a bereavement camp at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA for children ages 7 to 16.

The kids related to Cindy Wilson's story about acquiring Maggie because she was in a home where the owner died. We told the kids what we do with our dogs, showed them a few tricks, and left them pet them. It took their minds off their sadness for a moment.

KPETS again was very much appreciated for volunteering their time with these special kids in their time of needing a furry friend to pet.

Teams That Attended: Cindy and Bruce Wilson with Casey & Maggi; Stacey Chubb and Hallie; Carol Croft and Foo; Jan Williams and Liberty; and Gini Swartzell and Trey and Tucker.



Nursing Home Presentation

Denver Nursing Home requested a presentation from KPETS for May 14. It was pretty short notice to round up the troupes for a week-day event. They said even if they could have a dog come in and do some tricks, it would be great. Tricks? Did someone say Tricks? So Sammy and I packed up our bag of tricks and went and entertained the group after their ice cream social. Let me tell you, that group was on top of things. I did the ' Dogs with Jobs' question. They got all of them except one - clearing the airport runways. They got all on my I had on my list - even the ones no one ever gets - cancer and termite detection. They said they watch a lot of *Animal Planet*.

We chatted a bit about what things therapy dogs do and then did our little dance routine—well, we tried. I wanted a good treat to keep Sammy interested in me, so I brought Swiss cheese pieces. Bad Idea. He was TOOOOO focused on it. He was tripping all over me. Oh well. Everyone enjoyed the boy, and I loved showing him off. They even gave us a donation! We'll need to go back and do it right! (*sign up for 6/20 Freestyle day to learn to dance with your dog too*)

PETS ON PARADE

The Hummelstown Pets on Parade was a wonderful event. Gini Swartzell brought everything we needed and set most of it up, too! Gini (Teddy) and Sue Schreffler (Sullivan), Sylvia Miller (Skippy), Cathy Farr (Sophie), Lori Reed (Roxy) and Linda Hummel (Carnie) represented KPETS. We met many new friends (and their "parents") and informed them what KPETS was all about and how much we all enjoyed being part of such an awesome organization. KPETS was *very well represented in the parade: Teddy won for Best in Blue and Sophie won for Pretty in Pink!!*

ETOWN COLLEGE WELCOMES DOGS

It was a cold and rainy night, not fit for man or beast, but several KPETS teams did come out for Cookies and K9s at Elizabethtown College. This is always a fun, relaxed event. The students look forward to the dogs, and the dogs love it! Apollo, a Lab, was playing fetch and tugging with students, Lucy, a Beagle mix, was stretched out and relaxed on the floor, and Abby, the comedic Poodle, was dancing and twirling for attention. Another KPETS team with a Lab attended also. The cookies were laid out on the pool table, but the dogs did not notice. They were more interested in hugs and kisses.

This event is sponsored by the K9 Club at the College several times yearly during finals and at the beginning of the school year. It is a fun event and one of my favorites. I

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highly recommend this to anyone.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

In response to our tick removal tip:

Patti (Naturalist at Nixon County Park) replied: There are many myths on how to get a tick out but unfortunately many don't work. Many of the soap or Vaseline myths are due to people thinking they will suffocate, however ticks breath through spiracles (holes in the exoskeleton) but when they are attached they very rarely breath. Even worse, the tick could throw up into you and give you any diseases it might be carrying. The best way is to use either tweezers or a tick tool such as this one <http://www.tickedoff.com/>. I also tell people to save the tick, usually with a piece of tape and label it with the time and date found. So that way if you need to go to the doctor they can test the tick straight away. Small ticks carry Lyme—look for redness around the bite.

Cool idea for your pet:

Patti Hibsham's husband came up with a great idea to cool his pet in the summer heat. He put freezer ice packs in the zippered pouches of his Lab-mix's KPETS vest.

What Dog Hair?

To get hair off carpets, determine the areas where your hairy beast most often lies. Wipe those spots with a damp washcloth or sponge before vacuuming. This works great for the car, as well. The hair will ball and cling to the cloth. Shake the cloth outdoors before putting in the laundry.

Where did that come from?

If your dog get a sticky or clingy substance such as gum, tar or burrs stuck in his coat, don't use paint thinner, turpentine, or nail polish to remove it - such strong solvents can be very toxic. Instead, work in some vegetable oil or Vaseline to loosen the mess, and then follow-up with a dog shampoo. If that fails, snip, snip.

KPETS is now on Facebook!

Add us as your friend to keep in better contact and receive convenient up-to-date info! Our Facebook name is **Kpets PetTherapy**. Also, we are working on expanding our page and keeping it current with what is new and going on at KPETS!

If you have any pictures to share of your KPETS team in action, please send them to events@kpets.org. *NOTE: If the picture contains anyone non-KPETS, we will need a photo release.*

* * * EVALUATORS NEEDED * * *

Rapid growth is making it difficult for our current evaluators to keep up with the demand of new teams needing their evaluations! If you think you would like to be an evaluator for KPETS, please contact Laura at lauraw@kpets.org to discuss.

HUMAN / ANIMAL BOND IS STRONG FOR JAMES AND CASHEL

Those of you who have seen Cashel arrive for his animal-assisted therapy (AAT) sessions with James have seen one very excited dog! He whines and lurches in agony to get down the hall as quickly as he can with only one thing in mind. What's that? Not what, but who... his best buddy, James. James and Cashel began working together for their AAT sessions in March of 2006, when Nancy Houston of KPETS (Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services) began bringing Cashel to see James. Cashel was matched with James because I was looking for an active dog who would enjoy keeping busy and would like a lot of stimulation. Cashel is a very active dog who was bored with the nursing home routine. As it turned out, James and Cashel were the perfect match!

Each week, Cashel waits anxiously in the waiting area, while James prepares for his session. When I greet Nancy and Cashel, Cashel springs into action. He attempts to drag Nancy down the hall, knowing just where to go, desperate to get to his buddy. After entering the room and gleefully greeting James, he is able to calm down and get to business. He and James spend some time playing catch, practicing verbal and hand commands (he's learned a few from James!), James brushes Cashel, and Cashel may receive a treat or two from James. James works on moderating his voice volume (he's deaf, so this is difficult) practicing wheelchair safety, and general social skills. Although he can't say it with words, we're pretty sure James is Cashel's best friend. In addition to Cashel's other wonderful qualities, James loves that his name is Irish—Cashel is named after a city in Ireland, as is his brother, Gilly (McGillicutty), who visits James on occasion. James and Cashel are a lot alike—Irish names, a little wild and very social—in fact, we're pretty sure that if James was a dog he would be Cashel.

I asked James what his favorite thing is about Cashel and he replied "when his paws go down like a Marine." When James signals Cashel to drop, with his hand, Cashel drops very fast like the athlete that he is.

Thank you, Nancy, Cashel, and KPETS for being there for James.



BIG TURNOUT FOR CAMP KOALA

Today we had 14 dogs - 13 KPETS and one TDI turn out for Camp Koala - a bereavement camp for kids. What a great time we all had! We had as small a dog as a Pomeranian to a moose of a dog - a Great Dane! The people who turned out were: David and Colleen Miller (two greyhounds), Kristen Rebbin (black lab), Lori Corden (the MOOSE! Great Dane), Toni Vale (Freckles - mixed breed), Sue Adams (rough collie), Margie Smith (rough collie), Patty Sarago, Lois Gerlach, Becki and William L. and Lisa Deyo (beagles) and Lisa and Lilly (Bernese). I don't remember who had the: golden retriever, pomeranian, and Tammy Ritter with her TDI, boxer.

Topper, my horse, *kicked off* the "animal therapy" time slot. We started at 11:00 and went until 12:30 when the last of us pulled out of the parking lot. The day was just gorgeous, the weather was perfect for dogs not getting too over-heated. We were located at Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg, PA. We found out that KPETS has two members from Mechanicsburg as well as Lori from Dillsburg - just down the road from the camp site.

The kids had a blast - they moved between all the dogs and Topper, the horse. There were enough animals for everyone - the "Buddies' Counselors" as well as the camp staff. There was lots of laughter and happy voices for the entire time. The kids got to sit and pet dogs and lead them around. There was the "parade" of dogs with the kids and handlers all walking around the field! What a sight to see the kids laughing and having fun and all the wagging tails! This is a definite "yes" event for next year.

- Margie Smith

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!

Reminders:

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

All visit requests are now on line at: www.kpets.org. Click on the Konnections tab and choose Facilities seeking Teams.

Get Konnected with other KPETS teams at:
<http://forum.kpets.org>
You can use this cool tool to stay connected with each other!

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

A View of Pet Therapy from the Outside,

By Tracy Johnsen C.T.R.S, Volunteer Coordinator Good Samaritan Hospice

Through the years I have worn many hats, all which have allowed me to see the wonderful affects of animals and pet therapy. I have seen an elderly person stricken with dementia relax and smile. I have seen children who have so much anger and hate for themselves find self-worth all through the love of a therapy animal.

My first introduction to pet therapy was as a student in college. I thought how absurd it was to bring pigs, baby pot-bellied pigs, into a nursing home, but I wanted a good grade so I went along with it. The joy that those little pink bundles brought to the residents was immeasurable. We walked onto the locked Dementia unit at just the right time. It was the early evening "sun downing" time. The residents were restless. They were looking for their homes and struggling with trying to get there. Then they saw us and the four little bundles we had with us. It was like someone threw the "relax" switch. The calming effect was astonishing as the residents all asked to hold the "babies" and named them. We were there a little over an hour. It was just enough time for the nursing staff to prepare for the evening meal without distress. The patients were so happy to have the piggies there that one of the residents came up to me as we were leaving and said "Thank you so much for allowing me to hold your baby. It has been so long since my son was a baby." This was my fifth week at the home, and every other time I had contact with this same woman she was always looking for someone and crying. She would wander the hallways and say "Help me," but this time she was calm, relaxed, and not looking for something. It was almost as if she had found what she was looking for. I was hooked.

After graduation I began to work as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. I was an advocate for pet therapy and tried every way possible to incorporate animals into facilities that I worked with. We incorporated room pets in the day treatment facility that I worked in with developmentally-disabled adults. This helped with teaching responsibility and also, sadly, grief and loss. It has been a long time since I have worked at that facility but have kept in touch. They have expanded the use of animals throughout the organization to include house pets and a working farm.

After moving to Pennsylvania, I found work as a Recreation Therapist on a child psychiatric unit. They already had an established pet therapy program where a therapy dog would visit every Tuesday night. I thought that was great. The staff on the other hand thought it was pointless. They thought the kids should be working on problem solving and other therapeutic activities. They just couldn't see the therapeutic qualities of the animal's visit. I began to point them out with every visit the dog made. Yes, there was an entertainment factor in the pet visit; however, the younger children were able to relax and focus. They were taught how to respect other living things. They were taught about unconditional love; something which many of them had never experienced.

I have since moved on to the Good Samaritan Health System Hospice in Lebanon as the Volunteer Coordinator. One of the first things I wanted to develop was the implementation of a pet therapy program for our patients. Sue Schreffler and Sully were our first team to visit with the GSH Hospice patients, and we have heard nothing but praise for them. They have a standing visit time with one of our nursing home patients and it is ALL GOOD!! The staff, the family and especially the patient are extremely grateful for their visits. It has been a continuing effort to establish the program, but I feel it is well on its way. Personally, I feel if more people were open to feeling the *Unconditional Love* of an animal, we would be a happier, more relaxed society. So, Thank You to Sue and Sully, Laura Whitman and Karen Gerth for helping us get started; and all of the Wonderful Volunteers at KPETS for all you do for EVERYONE you help. Volunteers like yourselves and your four legged other halves are a blessing to all you serve.

DEALING WITH A FAMILY DEATH

When my co-worker's husband had passed away after numerous visits at the hospital by our therapy dogs, we decided to go to his viewing service at the funeral home. The visits were made by Sophie (owned by Cathy Farr) and Skippy (owned by Sylvia Miller) Sophie and Skippy were very well received by everyone. We walked around to the folks sitting inside and outside and greeted everyone. There were people there that remembered us visiting the patient at the hospital. His wife was very pleased that we came to his viewing and could not express her thanks enough for making our visits at the hospital and making his last few months of his life something to look forward to by our visits. Upon leaving, the funeral director made a comment how well-behaved the dogs were and how this is a great idea for grieving families. Our therapy dogs do make a difference.

This is not the first time KPETS has attended viewing or visitations for the deceased. Some of our pets have even been requested to attend! One pet actually had his picture placed along with the family's picture several years ago. It has always been very well-received when this has occurred. But, we do recommend being very sensitive to the family's requests and others in attendance. And to be safe, check with the facility if it is ok.

KPETS AIDS ANIMALS IN NEED

On Thursday, May 28th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, the following KPETS volunteers were at Weis Markets: Ann Lowe, Donna Gomer with Cullin, Lori Colden with Miko, Fran Holt with Jackson and myself, Harriet Hombach with Mattoon. We were there to raise awareness of the program that Weis Market was conducting to gather supplies for homeless animal shelters and non-profit animal rescue groups. We set up a table at the inside entrance to the store. The dogs got immediate attention from all customers. We handed out flyers explaining how to contribute to the program. At the end of the evening, I was informed that 2 1/2 shopping carts of supplies were donated. The store Manager stated that was the most ever for one night !!!

Also attending were 4 families with their Seeing Eye puppies, which Fran and I are also involved in. On Friday, May 29th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm three Seeing Eye families with their pups were again at Weis Markets. Two more shopping carts of supplies were donated. That is the most ever given in a two-day period. Way to go KPETS and Seeing Eye volunteers !!!!

PETS AND HOT CARS NEVER GO TOGETHER

It's that time of year when we all need to be reminded and to remind others — DON'T KEEP YOUR PET IN A LOCKED CAR!!!! The Patriot-News printed a good article on May 25, 2009, about what to do if you see a pet locked in a hot car. Call the local Humane Society. Police officers also say it's OK to call 911. When you call, remember:

- ◆ Leave contact information in case officers need more information; finding the car in time is imperative! They will never give out your name so you don't need to fear repercussions.
- ◆ If you can't stay with the car, try to find someone local, like a clerk in a nearby store, to notify of the situation so they can direct officers. If you can't leave a phone number, ask if you can provide police with the number of the store.
 - ◆ If you see the owner return and the car leaves, call officers back and let them know so they can attend to other animals that need their help.



Just running a 5-minute errand with your pet in a hot car can be deadly—even when the weather isn't that hot! In 72 degrees, a car in direct sun can reach an internal temperature of 116 degrees. Cracking the windows has almost no effect. Veterinarian Cate Reinaldo, a volunteer with United Animal nations, points out that dogs don't have sweat glands all over their bodies like humans do. The main way they cool off is panting—which isn't very efficient. Once the dog's body temperature gets over about 106 (normal is around 101) the result is "everything from nerve damage, heart problems, liver damage, systemic organ failure, and it happens fast, within a matter of minutes," she says.

Do You Have KPETS PR Material?

With the help of our pro bono attorney, we realize that to be in compliance, we need to up-date donation jars and boxes with the following statement:

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If you have some donation material, please let us know, so we can up-date it OR if you have donation jars, etc, please feel free to add the statement to those jars. THANKS!

What's Coming Up?

Due to insurance purposes, events designated ® are only open to REGISTERED therapy teams (KPETS, Delta, TD Inc. etc.)

JUNE

<u>Jun 8</u>	Mon	® 4:00p -5:00p Mountville Library Kick off Mountville Library's summer reading program!	KPETS READ certified teams are invited to kick off Mountville Library's summer reading program. KPETS teams will be helping kids keep up their reading skills as the kids read to the dogs! You are required to view the read dvd if you want to participate! Teams signed up: Suzanne, Carol, and Joan.
<u>Jun 9</u>	Tue	7:00p Pre-assessment Session	Mennonite Home, Lancaster Due to limited space, contact training@kpets.org to reserve your spot.
<u>Jun 13</u>	Sat	9:00a Orientation 9:00a -11:00a Lebanon "Bark for Life"	Fellowship Hall, Brethren Village, Lancaster Sat June 13 from 9-11 am at the Lebanon Expo Center, KPETS has been invited to participate in the Bark for Life portion to the Relay for Life, by putting on a brief presentation explaining what KPETS is and what we do. The schedule is as follows: 9 am - Blessing of the Animals 9:15 - Canine relay walk - during this time JoEllen Meyer (and any other KPETS teams who would like to help) will speak about KPETS, and there will be other dog related activities. 11 am - conclusion If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Jenny at events@kpets.org
<u>Jun 16</u>	Tue	®6:30p -7:00p Highmark PALS Meeting 7:15p Development Meeting	Join us for this brief meeting to find out more how you can visit those in need AND earn credits through PALS for various services and other things. This is a great opportunity for our volunteers! RSVP Jenny at events@kpets.org KPETS office - 630 Janet Avenue. If you'd like to help with fundraising events and development ideas, please feel free to join us for this brief meeting following the Highmark PALS meeting.
<u>Jun 20</u>	Sat	®9:00a -10:00a Hershey "Relay for Life" 10:00a Volunteer Round Table - New Oxford KPETS Kanine Freestyle Workshop	KPETS has been invited to the Hershey "Relay for Life". Even months - the 3rd Saturday of the month Rosie's Restaurant in New Oxford, PA RSVP Margie at margiesracking@earthlink.net A great chance to introduce you and your dog to the fun of kanine freestyle. All day event in Akron, PA. \$60 - includes lunch. Contact Karen Sage for details at karens@kpets.org. So far attending:Karen, Nancy H, Jolene, John H. and a few others. COME JOIN THE FUN!
<u>Jun 23</u>	Tue	7:00p Pre-assesment Session	Mennonite Home, Lancaster Due to limited space, contact training@kpets.org to reserve your space.
<u>Jun 27</u>	Sat	®10:30a -3:00p Mennonite Home Fest ®11:30a -1:30p Lebanon VA picnic	The Mennonite Home is having their June-fest this year on Saturday June 27, 10:30am-3:00pm. "We would love to have some of your furry friends to add to the fun and festivities for our residents and their families" MH says. They are just looking for teams to come and mingle and visit with residents in the courtyard. We have been invited to the Lebanon VA Hospital picnic on Saturday, June 27th. The picnic will be around lunchtime. If you would like to attend, contact Jenny at events@kpets.org.

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<u>Jul 11</u>	Sat	9:00a Volunteer Round Table Breakfast	Moveable Feast Mountville RSVP to Carol at max1024@verizon.net
<u>Jul 12</u>	Sun	1:00p Orientation - Palmyra	Pet HeadQ, Palmyra
<u>Jul 14</u>	Tue	7:00p Pre-assessment Session	Mennonite Home, Lancaster Due to limited space, contact training@kpets.org to reserve your spot.
<u>Jul 17</u>	Fri	Ephrata Family Fun Night	Help staff our table for this evening of doggie fun.
<u>Jul 19</u>	Sun	®12:00p -3:00p Lancaster Co. Therapeutic Riding's Family Day.	Lancaster County Therapeutic Riding is having a family day for riders and volunteers. They would like KPETS teams to visit for a little while to walk around and mingle with the families and maybe talk about what we do with the dogs. Please let me know if you would be able to attend. events@kpets.org.
<u>Jul 28</u>	Tue	7:00p Pre-assessment Session	Mennonite Home, Lancaster Due to limited space, contact training@kpets.org to reserve your space.

KPETS Key Konnectors

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

*** EVALUATORS NEEDED! ***

If interested in how to become an evaluator, contact Laura W at lauraw@kpets.org for more details

Etown	Laura Whitman	717-368-9993 or lauraw@kpets.org
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Hbg	Denise Procious	717-834-5694 or dprocious@sutliff.net
Palmyra	Tammy Sickles	717-832-0348 or dogtrainingisfun@aol.com
Ephrata	Karen Sage	717-859-3044 or ssdrs@ptd.net

IN TRAINING:

Etown - Sue Schreffler & Mary Gottfied / Ephrata - Jolene Newcomer / Lanc - Nicole Byers

OTHER KPETS Konnectors:

Roundtable Planner: Volunteer Round Tables - Lancaster - **Carol Johnston** max1024@verizon.net or 717-672-0166. York/Hanover - **Margie Smith** margiesracking@earthlink.net.

Phone Buddy Coordinator:

If you do not have email, contact Patty Sarago (717) 761-0396 to get set up with a phone buddy to keep you informed between newsletters.

New Recruits Assistant: Helping guide new inquiries for KPETS to Orientation. Sue Schreffler - inquiries@kpets.org or (717) 838-9672.

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** maintains new and existing registered KPETS volunteers' records. Contact her at: membership@kpets.org.

Events Coordinators:

Coordinating and staffing KPETS events AND visits - **Jenny Rule** (717) 808-0143

Pre-assessment Testers: **Wendy McKelvy** (717) 285-9719 or training@kpets.org, and **Karen Sage** karens@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
- **Margie Smith** (York) (717) 624-4742 / margiesracking@earthlink.net

KPETS Keynotes Editor - **Denise Gillin**. If you staff an event or have any good therapy stories to share, please send them to 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 - To help out on this committee, please contact Karen at kareng@kpets.org. We have some new exciting things in the works. We could use your assistance!

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