



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!

**August 8th has tons of fun for just about every one!
With two major events benefiting KPETS!**

KPETS' First Paw Ball and Family Fun Fest

What: KPETS is hosting a FUNdraising Softball Tournament and Family Fun Day

When: August 8, 2009 from 10 am -5 pm.

Where: Froelich Park, Mountville

Details: Register your 10 person teams, consisting of at least three women and everyone over 18 to play. The entry fee is 40 \$ a person or 400\$ a team. T-Shirt, food, and beverages for the players and we are working hard to secure prizes for the winning teams!

Other activities include:

Agility & Fly Ball, Face Painting, Animal & Fun Vendors, Food & More...

KPETS has vendor spots available now! The vendor fee is \$25.00. If you or anyone you know would like to be a vendor, please contact Jenny.

For complete details and to RSVP, contact Jenny at events@kpets.org / 888.685.7387 ext 2 or go to our Facebook page.

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=94277912206#>



Not into softball? How about Golf ? !



Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Golf Tournament

This event has many ways to get involved! You can get a foursome together (or solo) and play, you could sponsor a hole! or even just come to the fabulous dinner afterwards. Let's make this a success! We would like some teams to welcome the golfers as they register from 11 - noon, too. I'm sure they could use some friendly pet therapy to get them through the day - just in case they miss some putts or slice some drives! Additional details inside!

And don't forget !

4th Annual Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo is just around the corner on September 6th! But NASCAR Raffle tickets on sale now!

You could be the lucky grand prize winner of Dover 400 International Speedway race for September 27th 2009! Simply contact Jenny at events@kpets.org or Adella at ahouck@embarqmail.com to purchase your raffle tickets! Sell some to

your friends, too! Proceeds benefit KPETS!

Raffle Includes: 2 Race Tickets, Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation, 3-night rental accommodation at Outdoor World Circle M, Race Day Tailgate Party, Post Game

Sandwich

Tickets are 5\$ each or 5 tickets for 20\$



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.

KPETS sometimes gets speaking requests from various small businesses, civic groups, other companies, etc. Last February, the Elizabethtown Lions Club made such a request. Although I had never done a "solo performance" for KPETS, I agreed to be the Lions Club dinner speaker at their monthly meeting.

I downloaded the PDF from the KPETS Forum, and Karen sent me the DVD. As it turned out, there was no DVD player available that evening, but I didn't have any problem filling the allotted time. After speaking, my Basset Hound, Murray, visited the audience, and I answered questions. Having the program from the Forum as the basis for my talk, gave me the confidence to fulfill the Lions Club request.

*Below is the text of the short **Public Relations Program with DVD**. It's available as a downloadable PDF on the KPETS Forum under Presentations and Resources.*

This presentation is good for adult groups such as Lion's Club. It is basically just an introduction to the DVD – this is a very short presentation: about 25 minutes including the 11 minute DVD.

Brief Introduction:

- ◆ State your name and dog's name, and say that you're a volunteer with Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Service.
- ◆ Mention the breed of your dog, very brief comment on breed characteristics.
- ◆ State that we are not service dogs; service dogs are trained by puppy homes then placed with the disabled, and have legal rights to go into public places.
- ◆ Therapy dogs belong to us, are trained by us, and must be invited into public places.

Show DVD.

Brief Overview:

Kpets is a non-profit organization established to promote Animal Assisted Therapy & Animal Assisted Activities.

AAT - Animal Assisted Therapy is where teams work with a professional such as a physical, occupational or speech therapist on specific medical goals for each patient. This is a 4-unit session:

- Patient and therapist where the therapist is responsible for the patient.
- Dog and handler where the handler is responsible for the dog.

* * * * This should NEVER be less than 4 with the responsibilities truly defined! * * * *

AAA - Animal Assisted Activities are activities such as visits and done independently with no medical goal. It can be in the form of fun presentations. They are more casual, but just as beneficial.

KPETS recruits and educates volunteers. Then those volunteer are united and coordinated with the facilities, social agencies and special needs programs whose clients may benefit from the healing and rehabilitating effects of the animal/human bond.

We have over 175 registered teams serving over 150 facilities in 10 counties including two counties in northern Maryland

We go to: nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, schools and libraries, juvenile detention facilities, churches, rehab units

for occupational and physical therapy, cognitive therapies, disaster relief, adult day care, and special needs groups as well as home visits to autistic children.

KPETS also does group visits with multiple teams visiting facilities. Educational and / or fun presentations for group settings are also available for scouts, churches, or the elderly. Examples: girl/boy scouts, church groups, Civic Groups or other facility organizations.

To become registered:

- ◆ First, the volunteer attends a 3-hour orientation to learn about Kpets, opportunities available, needs, pet requirements, and insurance, etc.
- ◆ The pet must then be evaluated in a pre-assessment session which is in a controlled environment. We make sure the dog is ok with strangers (obviously!), other dogs, loud noises. We check for basic obedience and mostly that the handler has control at ALL times.
- ◆ After the pre-assessment is passed, the volunteer / pet team go on two supervised facility visits for additional on-the-job training. We are screening these teams to make sure the pet is suitable for this work. It must be a win-win-win for all: handler, dog and those visited.
- ◆ Upon completion of all the steps, the teams is registered and has liability insurance while volunteering on behalf of KPETS.

How we help:

Helping kids:

We are involved with programs for special needs kids at churches.

We participate in school reading programs .

In juvenile facilities, at risk teens learn social skills, self esteem, and learn to love something.

Autistic kids learn how to interact appropriately with the animals and develop social skills by interacting with the volunteer.

Helping the elderly:

Research on benefits to the elderly has shown that heart attack patients are more likely to survive

Patients receiving pet therapy visits experience less depression, are less fearful, and have lower blood pressure.

When we visit

KPETS Recap

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facilities the staff also benefits with elevated moods, it's a bright spot for everyone we interact with.

Helping the disabled:

AAT volunteers work as part of occupational and physical therapy teams to achieve medical goals: examples would be:

Putting the dogs collar on to regain fine motor skills

Brushing the dog to work on endurance or range of motion

Walking the dog along side a walker or wheelchair to make the task more fun (two leashes must be used: short leash help by handler/ long leash for patient.

Conclusion:

We rely entirely on volunteers and donations in order to serve our community. There is never a fee.

With 175+ volunteers serving over 150 facilities and organization, duties of running this organization have become overwhelming. To continue to grow and satisfactorily serve our community, funding has become imperative!

Currently, we are funded by donations from facilities we visit, donations from individuals and organizations, and fund raisers which vary from year to year such as a fund raising dinner, microchip clinics, and Bow Wow Bingo event. The need for additional funding is key. Annual pledges from communities and civic organizations and facilities we serve will help considerably!

Interactive:

Ask for questions from the audience- if other teams are present, dogs can circulate through the audience at this point.

Hershey Medical Center Community Days

On Saturday, May 9th the Hershey Heelers, the therapy teams at Hershey Medical Center, were invited to take part in their Community Day.

Community Day is a family fun-filled day promoting good health, better living and offering free health screenings, Life Lion Hangar Tours, Fire Safety Exhibit, Hershey Characters and none other than our very own KPETS Therapy Dogs.

The dogs had fun and were the hit of the day. Participating were Cindy Wilson/Casey, Patty Sarago/Ginger, Ann-Louise Gilfoyle/Darcy, Carol Croft/Foo, Nan Hanshaw-Roberts/Smidgen, and Cathy Farr/Sophie.

Smidgen and the Nittany Lion were wrestling to the ground. I think Smidgen must be a Pitt fan, that's all I can say! Many thanks to the participating teams to help promote the healing benefits of therapy dogs.

Nittany Lion Gets "Pet Therapy" At HMC's Community Days --->

Volunteer Step Forward to Assist!

KPETS is growing – which brings some pains, but many more successes! The Westminster area has two new evaluators – Bev Hirt and Donna Gomer. They both passed a test and met the KPETS' criteria for this position. Congratulations to both!

Additional dedicated volunteers have joined the ranks of screening potential volunteers. Mary Gottfried (ready to go) and Sue Schreffler have been working with Laura Whitman in the ETown/Palmyra area.

Nicole Byers (all set, too) and Jolene Newcomer have been shadowing Wendy McKelvy and Karen Sage for the Lancaster/Ephrata area.

Fran Holt and Harriet Hombach are evaluators now working regularly in the York area.

Additional Pre-assessments now Available

Some of the newly registered evaluators will also be helping with pre-assessments. Due to their dedication, we are now offering additional pre-assessments to meet the growing influx of volunteers wanting to get started!

Here is the current Pre-assessment schedule:

- ◆ Lancaster – Every Tuesday (except fifth on of the month) at 7:00 pm at Mennonite Home, Lancaster
- ◆ Palmyra – Fourth Mondays at 7:00 pm at *In The Net Sports Complex*, 798 Airport Road, Palmyra
- ◆ York – TBD
- ◆ Hanover - January, May and Sept.

If you need a pre-assessment or are due for a re-assessment, please RSVP to Jenny. We now have Jenny



taking all these rsvp's to make it less confusing for new teams starting the registration process. Jenny will then post who plans on attending each assessment on the KPETS Kalendar in the details for that specific assessment date.

OPERATION PURPLE

Three KPETS Teams spent the day at Camp Conrad Weiser, Wernersville, PA at Operation Purple. This program is a free, week-long, overnight camp open to all military children ages 7 to 17. One hundred sixty-seven boys and girls of deployed service members attended this year. This is a chance for these kids to be with similar kids and have an opportunity to see some of the military equipment that their parents use every day. The camp is geared towards giving them tools to deal with the stress resulting from a parent being away and to impart the message "Kids Serve, Too."

What does this have to do with dogs? Everything! The day KPETS attended the Camp, it was rainy and overcast, so dog therapy was in high demand. Bobbie Garber/Kayla; Karen Sage/Sally, Caper, and Sunny; and Bill Townsend/Zoey represented us. Not even the constant rain could dampen the spirits of the dogs, their handlers, the campers, or the counselors!

It was a LONG day, starting at 9 AM and ending at 3:15 PM. There were eight groups of kids with about 20 to 25 kids in each group. The groups spent about 45 minutes with the dogs learning about the different breeds, watching neat tricks and hearing about dog safety. Best of all, they could pet and snuggle with them! I'm not sure who was more exhausted at the end of the day: the handlers or the dogs!

Of particular note was Karen Sage and Sunny. One little girl did not want to continue with her group after lunch. She wanted to be with the dogs (a little home sick)! We looked over at Karen and Sunny and the little camper was sitting and brushing Sunny's ears, quite content. (You get extra stars for that, Sunny!!)

Mary Regner, a Board member of the National Military Family Association, watched the teams several times and could not thank us enough for being there. These awesome dogs (and their handlers) entertained, comforted, and brought laughter to over 150 children. Exhausting? Yes! Satisfied at having provided a memorable experience for those kids? PRICELESS!

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.*

BARK FOR LIFE EVENT IN LEBANON

Three KPETS teams attended the Lebanon County Relay for Life – Bark for Life – event Saturday, June 13, 2009. The event was held at the Lebanon Expo Center. KPETS set up an information booth for participants as well as encouraged attendees to visit with and enjoy petting and interacting with the three teams.

KPETS walked with the 33 dogs – all part of the Bark for Life event. Money was raised for the American Cancer Society. Thanks to all the volunteers that attended and supported his event.

KUDOS TO IN THE NET

In The Net, located in Palmyra, has donated space for KPETS to use on a monthly basis for pre-assessments. KPETS thanks them for their generous support! You can learn more about the facility at www.inthenet.com.

AVOID SAGO PALM

This information was confirmed on Snopes. For complete information go to: <http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/sagopalm.asp>

The Burnt Hills Veterinary Hospital has a goal to help educate pet owners. This tip received recently from them concerns the plant *Sago Palm*. Recently home improvement stores have stocked their shelves with this plant. Please note that if your pets ingest any part of this plant, it will cause liver failure. Even with aggressive veterinary treatment, 70% of pets ingesting *Sago Palm* will die! To view the plant, and get more information go to www.burnthillsvethosp.com. We hope this notice will keep your pets safe.



Krazy KPETS ladies in the Palmyra Memorial Day Parade! :)
We luv ya!

KPETS Joins HIGHMARK 's PALS program

On June 16 Highmark PALS representatives including KPETS own Lori Covey presented the opportunities for KPETS volunteers to be involved with their PALS (People Able To Lend Support) program.

Their newest adventure is to sponsor pet therapy and take pets into nursing homes for visits. KPETS volunteers only need a brief orientation, that will then enable you to receive credits for your visit hours, that can be redeemed for services or food certificates.

If you do ANY visiting with senior citizens, your hours can be applied to earn these credits. Credits can be given to loved ones or donated to a community bank to be used for those in need. The credits will supply others in need with services that other Highmark volunteers provide - except personal care. So the credits can get their yard mowed, trips to doctors, etc. Or you can even save them up for a coupon for certain food certificates.

We invite you to learn more about this wonderful volunteer program.

For information please call us: 1-800-988-0706 or contact Lori at gasa_gasa_girl@verizon.net . She can help you get started.

What a great way to increase the impact of your therapy visits.

Saturday, June 27 - Another Busy Day for KPETS!

Mennonite Home, Lancaster invited KPETS to it's June Fest! KPETS teams came to mingle with the residents and their families, as well as enjoy the festivities (such as the Alpacas) and BBQ! Marilyn Hapke said her favorite part of this event was getting a chance to visit with the residents and their families!

That same day was the Lebanon VA Hospital Family Picnic! KPETS teams were invited to join the hospital's residents and their families for a delicious lunch! This was a great time to share our furry friends with the Vets who have done so much for us! God Bless America!

Canine Freestyle Happening

Bonnie Hess, owner of **Faithful Companion Dog Training, LLC**, certified dog trainer, clicker trainer, mentor and trainer for **Animal Behavior College**, survived the Canine Freestyle Session on a very rainy Saturday on June 20.

Thank goodness for Karen Sage's new barn to host the fun event.

It was a little hard to hear in the beginning when it was raining "Kats and Dogs on the roof, but we got by.

We learned new moves, fun ways to train our dogs, etc. I must admit I tuckered out before the event was completely over. Sammy and I actually left around 2pm and went home and slept for two hours!

We hope to do this again in the future. Possibly divide into different classes, one for beginners and the other for those with some previous experience.

Thanks Bonnie and Karen S. We had a blast!

Landis Homes Presentation

On the morning of May 19th KPETS was invited to give a presentation at Landis Homes to introduce the residents to our program. We had six KPETS teams there. As the staff at Landis Homes gathered the residents, our teams got to meet each other. This is always helpful as many of the teams had never met before. On this day three of our teams had never participated in a presentation before, so we were able to go over how we would present the program.

We were seated on a stage area in the chapel for this event. As we were getting set up, the teachers from the day care center located at Landis Homes brought the children in to see the program as well. At first a couple of the dogs were a little excited to see the kids, but soon everyone settled in to watch the DVD. After we



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

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

Get Connected 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 keynotes@kpets.org.

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

Volunteer Roundtable Planner: Volunteer Round Tables are held every month. Times and locations listed with "What's Coming Up."

Carol Johnston 717-672-0166 or max1024@verizon.net.

Margie Smith margiesracking@earthlink.net. York Volunteer Round Tables

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 - bichon10@verizon.net 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: Now being done in KPETS office. Thanks **Michele Emenheiser** for all your hard work. * Membership@kpets.org is still the address for inquiries *

Facility/Events/Volunteer Coordinator:

Jenny Rule 888.685.7387 ext 2 or events@kpets.org along with many other volunteers who assist her!

Pre-assessment Testers: Wendy McKelvy, Karen Sage, Laura Whitman, Bill Townsend, Margie Smith

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 or Jenny at events@kpets.org

* More Changes

Once again, due to our rapid growth and high volume, member files will be maintained in the KPETS main office. The delays and costs associated with mailing files to another location are no longer practical. Our sincere thanks go to Michele Emenheiser for her hard work and organizational skills with this task over the past year. She made an overwhelming task more manageable. Thanks a million, Michele!

IMPORTANT:

Change in location of KPETS STORAGE

The storage has moved! It's now down the hall to the right in 281.

Everything else regarding access remains the same. Contact Jenny at events@kpets.org if you need equipment to staff a booth.

ALL registered KPETS Teams are now registered on the forum.

You should have gotten an email with your user name and pw. Thanks to Sue Schreffler!!

We're trying to make it as easy as possible for you to stay Konnected!

***** EVALUATORS Will ALWAYS Be 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 Karen at kareng@kpets.org to discuss.

***** EVALUATORS Always Needed!**

KPETS Team Evaluators for On-Site Supervised Visits

Ephrata	Karen Sage	717-859-3044	or	ssdrsr@ptd.net
Ephrata	Jolene newcomer	- in the works		
Etown	Laura Whitman	717-368-9993	or	lauraw@kpets.org
Etown	Mary Gottfried	717-361-2507	or	weidmama@etown.edu
Hbg	Cindy Wilson	717-589-3734	or	beaglemomma5@embarqmail.com
Hbg	Denise Prociuous	717-834-5694	or	dprociuous@sutliff.net
Lanc	Wendy McKelvy	717-285-9719	or	training@kpets.org
Lanc	Jody Rosser	717-725-4522	or	jrrosser@lnpnews.com
Lanc	Leanne Spurlin	717-898-6418	or	lspurlin28@yahoo.com
Lancaster	Nicole Byers	717-314-2662	or	njlbyers@yahoo.com
Oxford	Bill Townsend	610-932-4401	or	wptownsendoxford@yahoo.com
Palmyra	Tammy Sickles	717-228-7731	or	dogtrainingisfun@aol.com
Palmyra	Sue Schreffler	- in the works		
York	Mary Merrell	717-259-8759	or	marym@kpets.org
York	Margie Smith	717- 624-4742	or	margiesracking@earthlink.net
Westminster	Donna Gomer	(717) 630-2362	or	littledogs@juno.com
Westminster	Bev Hirt	(410) 803-9294	or	bdhirt@comcast.net

What's Coming Up?

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

Every Mon		4:00p -5:00p Mountville Library's Reading Program	Contact Jenny at events@kpets.org if you'd like to become a reading team. The kids read to our dogs, it's a very rewarding program. If you are already a reading team, contact Kate at coxfamily04@comcast.net.
Every Tues	Except 5th	7:00p Pre-assessment - Lancaster	Mennonite Home, Lancaster. Contact events@kpets.org to reserve your spot.
<u>Jul 17</u>	Fri	5:00p -8:00p Ephrata Family Fun Night	KPETS will have an info booth. If you'd like to help staff it, contact Jenny
<u>Jul 18</u>	Sat	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 as therapy dog teams. Contact Jenny - events@kpets.org.
<u>Jul 27</u>	Mon	7:00p Pre-assessment - Palmyra	In The Net Sports Complex 798 Airport Road Palmyra
<u>Aug 4</u>	Tue	6:00p - 9:00p National Night Out-Campbelltown, Palmyra, Hummelstown	Campbelltown - at the Fire Dept. Set up is to be between 5-5:30, they will provide a table and 2 chairs. We'd just have to bring a banner and stuff. Hummelstown - at Shaffner Park. Contact Cindy Stewart at mdstew22@aol.com to sign up. (Danna Diemler, Sylvia Miller, Cindy Stewart, Cindy Wilson) Palmyra : - Sue Schreffler, Nan Hanshaw Roberts, PattiJo Hibshman, Patty Sarago
<u>Aug 8</u>	Sat	9:00a Orientation - Lancaster 10:00a -5:00p KPETS' Paw Ball Knights of Columbus/Four Seasons Lancaster, Pa	Blair Room, 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster See enclosed flyer. Contact Jenny at events@kpets.org asap! Knights of Columbus in Lancaster golf tournament at Four Seasons w/all proceeds going to KPETS. See enclosed flyer.
<u>Aug 9</u>	Sun	9:00a -10:00a Manheim Brethren in Christ Church Presentation!	KPETS will be putting on a fun presentation for about 50 kids ranging from pre-school to 4th grade. We will be showing our DVD, talking about what our pets do, and playing games and doing tricks! If you would like to join us, contact Jenny at events@kpets.org.
<u>Aug 15</u>	Sat	10:00a Volunteer Round Table - New Oxford	Even months - the 3rd Saturday of the month Rosie's Restaurant in New Oxford, PA. RSVP Margie at margiesracking@earthlink.net
<u>Aug 18</u>	Tue	10:30a -11:30a Lancaster Generations Adult Day Services Presentation	KPETS will be putting on a fun presentation for the clients at Lancaster Generations Adult Day Services in Lancaster off of New Holland Pike. Contact Jenny at events@kpets.org to sign up!
<u>Aug 24</u>	Mon	7:00p Pre-assessment - Palmyra	In The Net Sports Complex, 798 Airport Road, Palmyra Contact events@kpets.org to reserve your spot.

Landis Home Presentation (cont)

showed the DVD Marilyn Mackey gave a bit more information about KPETS and asked if anyone had questions. Then Jolene had a few questions for the children about being safe around dogs, giving the children a chance to participate too. Each of our teams gave introductions of themselves and their dogs along with what types of visits they do. Some of us also had our dogs do a few "tricks for treats". The audience loved it! (I think the dogs did too!). After the presentation we had time to mingle with the residents and the kids from the day care. It is interesting to note that some of the dogs were most comfortable with the older residents and some wanted to visit with the children, a nice reminder to know where your dog is most comfortable to fit in. Everyone had a great time, and the staff at Landis Homes hopes some of us will have time to come back for some regular visits. Thanks to our dedicate teams: Bobbie Sayer/Lily, Bobbie Garber/Kayla, Lois Gerlach/Moses, Andrea Harnish/Leo, Marilyn Mackey/Buddy Bear. Jolene Newcomer/Gio!



KNIGHTS of Columbus

5th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Four Seasons Golf Course

Registration 11 - 11:45 - Tee Time 12 noon!

Proceeds benefit KPETS -
Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services

So many ways to participate: You can play golf, sponsor a hole or just come for great dinner!



Corporate Sponsor: \$620 - a \$670 Value!

- Ft Banner at registration desk
- 1 hole sponsorship w/sign
- 1 foursome

Hole in One Sponsor: \$250 - a \$400 value!

- Name on signs at four holes

Hole in One Sponsor w/foursome: \$520 - a \$570 Value!

Gold Sponsor: \$375 - a Value \$420

- 1 hole sponsor w/sign
- 1 foursome

Hole Sponsor: \$100 **Single Golfer:** \$80

Foursome: \$320 **Dinner Only:** \$30

Contests include:

- Hole-in-One...Win a CAR!
- Longest Drive
- Closest to Pin
- Straightest Drive
- Longest Putt
- Raffles!

For more information:
Contact Alan Hohman
459.3242.



Please detach and return w/check payable to Knights of Columbus 6810 Council by July 31.
c/o Alan Hohman, 1363 Sylvan Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Knights of Columbus Council 6810 Golf Tournament

- Corporate Sponsor - \$620
- Hole in One Sponsor - \$250
- Hole in One Sponsor w/Golfers \$520
- Gold Sponsor - \$375
- Hole Sponsor - \$100
- Foursome - \$320
- Golfer - \$80
- Dinner - \$30

Sponsor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name & Phone of Players

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

2009 KPETS PAW BALL

Family Fest



Face Painting

What: Fun charity Softball tournament to benefit KPETS-Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services

When: August 8th 2009 starting @ 10 A.M.

Where: Froelich Park, Mountville.

Details:

10 person teams, consisting of at least 3 women.

Must be over 18 to play.

\$40 a person or \$400 a team

T-Shirt, food, and beverages for the players and prizes for the winning teams!

Contact Jenny at events@kpets.org or

888-68-kpets (57387) x2 to register your team today.

arts and craft stands

TOOSES FUN

FLY BARB BOD

For a \$50 tax deductible donation you can be a registered sponsor of the PAW BALL!

Contact us at the above email or phone to find out details!

Vendor spots are also available - \$25 each.

If your organization or business would like to reserve a vendor spot please contact Jenny at events@kpets.org by 7/29/09

KPETS-Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services. Serving Lancaster County and 10 surrounding PA and MD counties!

Check us out on the web at www.kpets.org!

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LAST MINUTE INFO TOO IMPORTANT TO LEAVE OUT!

What to do in case of Heat Stroke.

Nate Baxter, DVM has authored a very informative piece on what to do if your dog suffers heat stroke. The article includes signs to look for and more importantly treatments you can implement that could save a dog's life. For complete details go to: http://www.yolo.com/~pamgreen/heat_stroke.html.

Remember that dogs and people are very different when it comes to understanding the effects of heat stroke. Highlights of the article include the following:

Electrolyte replacement: Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need IV and lots of it.

Cooling: The point of evaporative cooling being the most efficient is correct. However, in a muggy environment, that will not help as much, so **cool with the coldest water available and use ice depending on the situation**. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Mist-ing the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan.

Just getting the dog wet is NOT the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate. For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e., shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient).

Watch the dog's temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up.

This is VERY IMPORTANT:

Once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.8, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop on down to 99 or even lower. I cannot emphasize that point enough.

Limit water: When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air and mixed in a large amount of water, they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting, then allow water. The dog will rehydrate itself after temp is normal.

If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

Share this life-saving information with your friends - human and animal!

Pet Safety for Car/RV Travel From <http://www.4pawskingdom.com/> newsletter.

1. Preparation: Don't wait for the last minute! When you put it all together at the last minute that creates more anxiety and tension for your dog as well as you!

When you are prepared your dog will have a more normal experience. If you planning to make hotel reservations there many pet-friendly hotels to choose from. (and of course there is always Four Paws Kingdom)

2. Car Safety: Items to consider having depending on your pet's size and ability to ride in the car staying safe for both them, passengers and you: Pet Carriers, Car Barriers, Car Seats, Car Seat Belts. If you need to order any item on line, make sure you do it in plenty of time. If you are planning on going to a local pet store, again do it in plenty of time...for if they don't have it and your pressing the clock, the anxiety is already high and you haven't even left for your trip!

3. Take a long walk before driving off! A recently exercised dog will be in a more relaxed state during any long trip.

4. If your pet needs extra calming, instead of drugs from your pet's vet, you may want to consider Lavender Scent. Any health food store has that and will not make him/her disoriented or feel uncertain during the trip.

5. Make sure your dog has access to water enough to keep hydrated but not full. Bottled water is perfect. If you need feeders there are many to choose from that are effective and very low cost.
6. Don't forget to bring your dog's food, favorite toy and blanket to keep them happy and balanced.
7. Make sure your dog has clear and effective identification. Be sure that the identification has your contact information while you are still away from home.
8. Put together a doggy first aid kit for the trip. If you are not sure what that may include it's best to call your vet for he or she knows your dog!
9. Always use a leash and stay with your pet at all times. Dogs are very curious and in new places may try to run off and explore.
10. Never ever leave your dog or any other pet or child in a hot car even if you roll the windows down. A car in the sun can reach temperatures of near 200 degrees causing heat stroke and even death to pets & humans left in them.
11. Never leave your dog alone and unattended in his or her carrier. Unfortunately kidnapping of your dog is a very real possibility. You may want to consider a GPS system to ensure your pet's safety.
12. Ensure your dog has the chance to potty every few hours. We have noticed when the owner is calm and relaxed throughout the trip (and that includes the preparation!) the dog will also maintain a calmness. It is common in unfamiliar places like this your dog's regular potty schedule will be interrupted and you don't want any embarrassing issues. If traveling to a theme park check with employees about places setup for your dog to potty in. Most will have areas around the park for you to use.
13. Take a break every hour. This will allow them to not only relieve themselves but keep the circulation on all vital organs. Plus, they will learn by smell that they are going to a different environment. It is important for a dog to experience the different temperatures, smells, and feelings that come with a new environment.

This will help make them feel that they are part of the process of moving to a new area. Once the sun goes down, you can go eight hours non-stop!

14. Once you arrive at your campground, hotel, or family/friends home, take your dog for a walk!

If you are driving to the beach:

1. Know the local laws. Not all beaches allow dogs! If they do, make sure you know if you have to keep them on a leash at all times or not.
2. Sunscreen: it's not just for people. Pups need protection too! Talk with your veterinarian about protective goggles and canine sunblock.
3. Protect your dog from fleas. Sand fleas are abundant!
4. Get a Condition Check on the weather and ocean tides, undercurrents and Sea lice, jellyfish. All of these factors can pose just as much of a threat to dogs as they do to humans. Before you let your dog roam, verify with a lifeguard that the environment is safe.
5. Never let your dog drink the ocean Salt /bay / or lake water! Keep your dog hydrated with fresh water. Salt water can make them sick. Please watch for signs of dehydration. You may be use to being out in the sun and water, but your dog may not. Watch for signs. Sand and heat can make a normal exercise routine more strenuous. Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, call your dog back to rest in a shady spot.
6. Watch them at all times, for you don't want them to eat things that wash ashore, like dead fish, fishing lines, plant life.
7. Be prepared to pick up after your dog! Keep the water and beach area clean for others. Respect goes both ways and it is noticed.
8. When you and your dog are done for the day give him/her a bath with fresh water. Find out if the beach has an area to do exactly that before going back to the car or hotel. If not, find out from the hotel where the best place is. The chemicals and sea water can be harmful to your dogs coat and general well being.

These pet safety tips will help you and your best friend in having a safer, happy and balanced trip. Just remember to stay calm and positive with your dog and everyone will benefit. Stay safe and have an awesome trip!

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