



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!

You Never Know What to Expect on a Supervised Visit

It was a nice summer evening in York. Mary Merrell and Margie Smith were meeting at Country Meadows Retirement Village on Trolley Rd. We were expecting to pre-assess two dogs and a cat, and hopefully do some supervised visits.

Pre-assessments were held outside, slight change of plans. Oh well, no problem. All teams were a success!! Alright, now let's do some supervised visits. We were heading off to the Alzheimer's unit. As we were signing in a nurse stopped us. "Oh Great!!!! Are you coming to visit with the dogs?" That was what we were planning. The nurse shared with us that she had a large group of residents assembled for a music program, but the music people had not arrived. Could we come and entertain the residents? Well, sure we could.

Entering the room, most of the residents smiled at the change of entertainment. I have noticed that the residents in the nursing homes really like the cats. We have added three more recently, and they are greeted warmly when they come. Back to the story, sorry, I get side tracked easily. I, well, our teams started to work the room. Next thing I know, Margie is talking about singing as a group on our own. Gees, Margie, what have you gotten us into now!!!! So we start some songs. Then I see some song books on the piano. So we pick some more songs, and I can play the first note on the piano to get us started. Look out Mozart!!!! Well, we had the best time. We even had one couple smooching after our rendition of *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*. After about 30 minutes we were all tired including the dogs. So we said our goodbyes. As we were walking out of the room, everyone started waving and singing *Goodnight Ladies*. How sweet!

This was an evening of surprises and fun. I think when I lay down to go to sleep, I will hear them singing *Goodnight Ladies* for many a night as I drift off to sleep.

- Mary Merrell

And Now a Word from Beamer

Dear KPETS Teams,

It's me again – Beamer, the therapy, eduCATed (I've attended two years of school), titled, solid blue Maine Coon cat. I'm not as stuck-up as I seem, but I've worked hard for those adjectives, so I write them in whenever I have the chance. I have to admit, working with dogs hasn't been all that bad. Since my last newsletter (June, I believe), any events that Mom has offered to help or has participated in, you doggie people have remembered that there is a cat out there who can also do the job. Actually, I can do the job of two dogs, but we'll leave that alone for now. So, Mom made me say a "thank you" to those of you who have remembered me, so consider yourself thanked. (I sure hope this goes to Lori, the editor before Mom gets to read it!)

I think last month, Mom forgot to mention that we have been in a partnership with Country Meadows in West York. Thanks to the hard work of Karen Benn, we had ten teams of people come to the York Area Orientation. Of those ten people, nine will or have become

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KPETS Recap

Country Meadows of Hershey

KPETS was invited for the first time to do our "show" on Tuesday evening July 29. We had a great turn-out of therapy teams. Danna/Jazz, Gini/Tucker, Kate/Chloe, Nancy/Spice, Tammy/Mindy, Cindy/Jack, Deb/Sammy, Laura/Reni all got to participate. We had a chance to talk about our dogs history and show them off, even if it was just on the cuteness factor. Peanut butter schleck and popcorn toss were popular activities. Reni and Mindy even attempted their first dueling piano recital. We may even be invited back for a return engagement at a different building!
- *Laura Whitman*

Oswego to another Camp

Three camps in three weeks, whew! We had a new opportunity to do a presentation at Camp Oswego in Columbia on Monday July 28. This is a day camp for the kids that live in the Oswego Village that teaches them respect, confidence building and to be better people.. Bobbie Sayer/Syreeta and Laura Whitman/Reni gave a presentation on proper behavior around animals, showed off our tricks and had a few contests to see which dog had the quickest licker or the best eye/mouth coordination. They pretty much came out even. We ended the 1 1/2 hrs with questions, petting and the kids trying to get the dog to do their tricks. - *Laura Whitman*

Summer Time Means Kids

Hildebrant Learning Center invited us to their classroom on Monday July 21. Denise/Sophie, Karen/Sally and Laura/Reni got to participate. Originally we were to entertain one classroom, but wound up with two for a total of about 24 3-5 year olds. We were able to let each child participate in one of our activities. Since there were three of us, we repeated some things, like peanut butter schleck and cheerio toss. I believe this was Sally's first time performing, she was VERY pleased to find out there was food involved. She even beat out Sophie's big tongue in the peanut butter schleck. And after many many times (I'm talking years) doing cheerio catch Reni actually caught two, twice! The kids were interested in learning about each of the dogs, asked questions and especially enjoyed the petting..and I think the dogs did too.
- *Laura Whitman*

Gone Buggy

When are bugs good?? When we go to Camp Ladybug! This is a 6-week program for special needs kids held at the Elizabethtown Borough Park.

We were asked back again for a second year. Teams Nancy Campbell/Holly, Carol Croft/ Foo, Bobbie Sayer/Syreeta, Gini Swartzell/Tucker and Laura Whitman/Reni got to strut our stuff. Due to the inclement weather the day before, we were moved indoors. That meant we got to do our presentation for not only the Lady Bug group, but also the kids and adult daycare that are in the same building. We were able to do our introductions, peanut butter schleck (since Sammy wasn't there someone else got to win!), cheerio toss and agility race before our time ran out. We also got to spend some one-on-one time with the campers. It was a great time for everyone.

- *Laura Whitman*

KPETS was invited to Relay for Life

This event is to celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer and to fight back against this disease. This event is held overnight to represent the fact that cancer never sleeps. Through the survivor's lap and the luminary ceremony, they honor the people who have faced cancer first hand and remember those lost to this disease.

KPETS joined Relay for Life June 21, 2008 at Hershey High School Track where we first met under the tent and the people could come pet our dogs and ask questions. Tammy Sickles talked about KPETS and explained what our therapy dogs do. We then we took our dogs a lap around the track. Some dogs were running the track, some were taking their time checking out the other stands along the way. One was pushed in a stroller because he doesn't like to walk much, and a couple had to be coaxed to keep going. (They were wishing they had a stroller to ride in). Water was provided half-way around the track for our dogs. We all made it around the track once! GO KPETS!

Next year we would like to take turns staying all night to support the fight against this very devastating disease.

Thanks to all below who attended this great event!

Tammy Sickles with Mindy
Cindy and Bruce Wilson with Casey and Maggie
Nan Hanshaw-Roberts with Smidgeon
Cathy Farr with Sophie
Joellen Meyer with Edgar
Cindy Stewart with Jack
Gini Swartzell with Tucker

Picnic at Manor Church Pavilion

On Saturday evening, July 26 at 5 pm Respite had a picnic at the Manor Church pavilion.

Gabe and I were both excited and anxious to meet the folks. So we loaded ourselves up in the van with chairs - yes, even Gabe's chair. Gabe and I attended the church

picnic in Mountville. We had a great time. Got to meet many of the parents and talk in great length about their lives. They all enjoyed Gabe as many of the kids walked him around and catered to his every wish, such as drinks and even treats. Lots of petting and kisses also happened that day.



Yes, he truly has his own chair. The kids got a kick out of the fact that he had his own chair and many, throughout the day, sat in the chair with Gabe. Gabe was very quick to move over and willing to share his chair with all his buddy's.

We stayed till approximately 9:10 pm. When we finally retired to the car, Gabe was truly tired but enjoyed the day and visiting with the families. He has a better connection with the children and families after the day was completed. Gabe went home and retired to the couch where he took a long nap which he also enjoyed. But I am sure his dreams were of all the kids and loving touches he received that day earlier at the picnic where a little dog made a big difference in people's lives.

- LuAnn Rittenhouse and Gabe

More READING Fun

Jeannine Forsyth has informed us that her gorgeous golden, Chloe is loving her new job at the Pequea Valley Public Library. She goes every other Wednesday for about an hour or sometimes more depending how many kids want to read to her.

There is one boy there who wrote a story about her FOR her. He is about 10-years old and stutters quite a bit. BUT when he reads to Chloe, he barley stutters. He makes sure he is there whenever she is, and each visit he reads better and better. All the kids LOVE her and they wait patiently to read to her.

Wheeeerrrrreeee's Choe!



FDA Requests Seizure of Animal Food Products at PETCO Distribution Center

At the request of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Marshals seized various animal food products stored under unsanitary conditions at the PETCO Animal Supplies Distribution Center located in Joliet, Ill

U.S. Marshals seized all FDA-regulated animal food susceptible to rodent and pest contamination. The seized products violate the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act because it was alleged in a case filed by the United States Attorney that they were being held under unsanitary conditions. (The Act uses the term "insanitary" to describe such conditions). During an FDA inspection of a PETCO distribution center in April, widespread and active rodent and bird infestation was found. The FDA inspected the facility again in May and found continuing and widespread infestation.

The distribution center in Joliet, Ill., provides pet food products and supplies to PETCO retail stores in 16 states including Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

FDA has no reports of pet illness or death associated with consumption of animal food distributed by PETCO, and does not have evidence that the food is unsafe for animals. However, the seized products were in permeable packages and held under conditions that could affect the food's integrity and quality.

As a precaution, consumers who have handled products originating from the PETCO distribution center should thoroughly wash their hands with hot water and soap. Any surfaces that came in contact with the packages should be washed as well. Consumers are further advised as a precaution to thoroughly wash products sold in cans and glass containers from PETCO in the 16 affected states.

If a pet has become ill after eating these food products, pet owners should contact their veterinarian and report illnesses to FDA state consumer complaint coordinators.

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registered therapy teams – and believe it or not – two of those “teams” are cat and person teams. Yipppee – we’re gaining on you doggie people!! Well, don’t get your paws in a jam yet, there are only a few of us cat and people teams still, but nonetheless, there are getting to be more of us. This is good, because the residents of Country Meadows really like when cats come visit. They also like dogs, but many of the residents had cats and really miss them. Karen Benn did some advertising in the York area as well as advertising on the Country Meadows website about KPETS doing an orientation in their Building #3. As a result, Mary Merrell, Fran Holt and Mom really had their hands full! Karen Benn served some wonderful refreshments (I wasn’t allowed to go, can you believe it, so I didn’t get to taste any of the goodies!), while Mary did the presentation and Mom and Fran did the paperwork. The good news? There are now nine new teams coming aboard KPETS! Country Meadows will continue to be in partnership with KPETS for doing orientations, pre-assessments and supervised visits. Thanks to Country Meadows West (York), KPETS has a wonderful room with some great participants (the residents) to help with the pre-assessments and supervised visits. There was another orientation July 5th with the pre-assessment on July 15th. If you know anyone in the York or Gettysburg areas who is looking to come aboard, have them contact Mary Merrell (marym@kpets.org or 717 870-1593).

Another partnership Mom and Mary and Fran have is the Abraxas Youth Center. This wonderful group has allowed us to go visit with the kids twice a month. Mom works out a lesson for the day, with real goals – like when I went to school! It is exciting to see the kids in distress or trouble, really changing their attitudes when we are visiting. Mom brings me, Rosie or Bailey – depending on whether we are outside or inside. Mary brings Abbi, her golden retriever, and Fran brings Jackson her black lab. When we are inside, Mom sets a goal for eduCATing the kids about body language as well as where do they intend to go after they leave AYC. Mary and Fran support these “goals” with stories or discussions about how the kids need to make a difference in their own lives before they leave. That way, when they are back to the loCAtion that put them in AYC, they can make better choices. There is a survey that the kids fill out at the end of the session. These surveys help Mom, Fran and Mary know what they need to cover for the next session. Mom CATalogs these surveys to help with communiCAtion between the AYC staff and KPETS volunteers. The responses the kids make on the surveys also indiCATE to us what we need to do to better serve them next session. The kids range in age from 13 to 18 with all having been in trouble with the law in some way or another. Since Rosie and I have worked with kids in an eduCA-Tional setting before, we don’t get scared. Also the kids are so happy to see us that they are really well behaved. The AYC staff claims that the day we come, the kids are at their best. The evening that we are there, the kids are at their calmest. That is a good feeling.

When the weather permits, the KPETS teams go outside. I stay home, since I only do “indoor activities”. Rosie, my housemate who happens to be a rough collie, or Bailey, her daughter then go to AYC with Mom for that session. The kids at AYC learn to teach the dogs skills such as coming and sitting, going through a tunnel, jumping over jumps and weaving through poles. The kids get excited when they see that their work pays off - that they really can teach others using good verbal language, praise often and use good body language.

Well that is all for now. Mom will soon be home and I probably wasn’t very nice about the “thank you” thing, so I’ve got to get this to Lori NOW! Anyway, next time, I’ll tell you about a wonderful experience we had at the New Oxford Area Library writing a story! It was really exciting and Rosie, Pippa and I were the real heroes. I can’t wait to tell you all about it! Til the next time, keep your tongues in, your paws on the floor and your doggie breath out of the cats’ faces!! CATch you all later....

Sincerely,

Beamer, KPETS therapy CAT



Registration Renewal Time!

KPETS registration renewal time coming up FAST! So watch your mail for the reminder and paperwork.

If you are coming up on your third year with KPETS, please take note if you are required to have your 3-year re-assessment done.

If your three years was up last year, and you have not already done your re-assessment, be sure to have it done as soon as possible. If you have not been re-assessed we will not be able to renew your registration until you complete the re-assessment.

To schedule a re-assessment, contact Wendy at training@kpets.org or 888-57-kpets option 3. Re-assessments can be done the 2nd and 4th Tues at 7 pm at Mennonite Home. But, please call or email to schedule, as they can only handle so many re-assessments in one evening. Thank you! Looking forward to another fun year with you and KPETS!

TWO Doggie Swim Times!!



**2nd Annual
Therapy
Pet Swim**
FOR ALL CERTIFIED THERAPY TEAMS
at SunHill Kennels

360 S. Erisman Rd • Manheim, PA 17545 • 717-653-6060

SEPTEMBER 7th • from 1:00 - 4:00

Cost will be \$10.00 per dog for the entire time
(this will also include 1 raffle ticket)

Raffle Items:

- Dog Items
- People Items

(All Donated) if you would like to donate an item contact LuAnn 717-951-0154

1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 - you must be present to win

Bring Light Snack to share (chips, crackers, fruit, cookies etc.)
you are responsible for your own drinks

Rain or Shine (canceled for thunderstorms)

Please RSVP
by September 1
jnippag@aol.com
OR 951-0154

ALL MONEY COLLECTED
will go towards the
cost of renting the pool for 3 hours.
Any money over the rental
will go towards a local non-profit
animal organization.
DETERMINED
BY THOSE PRESENT



REQUIREMENTS OF
SUNHILL KENNELS
• Rabies Certificate Paper
• Must be 18 years of age
to enter the pool area

See you there...

This Just In!

To our surprise and delight, Suzanne Solodky, KPETS volunteer and member of Manheim Township Dog Park, is pulling together a dog swim that will be open to the general public at:

**Overlook Swimming Pool
Saturday, September 6.**

(Rain date: Sunday, September 7)

Pre-registration is required for time frames of Noon-2 or 2-4 pm

One adult for each dog attending.

Pre-register on line at

www.overlookdogpark.org

or pick up a registration form at:

- Neffsville Veterinary Clinic
- Manheim Township Veterinary

Hospital

• Manheim Township Municipal

Building

This is a zero-entrance pool, meaning: no ramps, no steps, no ladder. Dogs can enter just as they would at the beach! Cool!

There is a possibility funds raised COULD benefit KPETS. (decision not available at time of press)

Alternative Gift Fair

KPETS will be participating in Lancaster's First Alternative Gift Fair! This is a great opportunity to purchase charitable gifts for folks on your holiday list as well as support your favorite non-profit organization!

The fair will be on November 22nd from 10-4 at the Lancaster Farm and Home show (off of Manheim Pike across from the Lyndon Diner).

KPETS gifts begin at 10 dollars. The Alternative Gift Fair gives folks a chance to put less emphasis on material gift giving and spending and gives shoppers the chance to visit a fun and festive holiday market where they can make donations in honor of family and friends in the true spirit of the season to a diverse collection of local, national, and international organizations with established track records of helping people, pets, and the environment.

Mark your calendars We hope to see you there!

Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo !

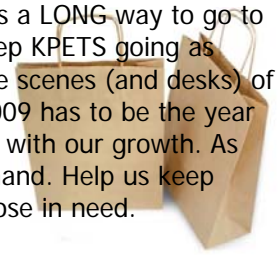
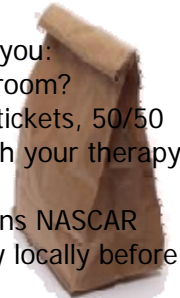
Our biggest annual fund-raiser, the Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo will be held **Sunday, August 31st**. Event starts at **7 pm doors, open at 6 pm**.

We need **you** to help make this event successful! Could you:

- Volunteer from around noon t 2 pm to help set up the room?
- Assist during the event. Selling the bingo cards, raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, working the bake sale/food venue, mingling with your therapy dog, clean up and where-ever necessary?
- Pre-sell raffle chances for two tickets to the Dover Downs NASCAR event including two tickets, bus trip, and two-night stay locally before and after the race? They are \$5 a chance or 5 for \$20.
- Donate items to sell at the bake sale?
- Solicit businesses in the Lancaster, York area for donations or sponsorship? Adealla has produced request letters to assist with this process. Please help out!

Contact Adella at ahouck@embarqmail.com or call me at 717 572-8579.

This fund raiser is our biggest for the year! KPETS has a LONG way to go to get to our necessary budget to hire admin staff to keep KPETS going as strongly as it is. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes (and desks) of our key volunteers to keep KPETS up and running. 2009 has to be the year for this big step! Or the brakes will need to be put on with our growth. As you can see by our request list, our teams are in demand. Help us keep training, recruiting and connecting our teams with those in need.



Health Warning

Sago Palm Plant Is Toxic to Pets

Though palm *trees* evoke relaxation of the highest order, Sago palm (*Cycas revolute*)—a stocky member of the Cycad family of *plants*—is downright dangerous to our furry companions.

According to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) in Urbana, IL, pet poisonings from the increasingly popular plant are on the rise. Since 2003, the Center has seen an increase in cases of Sago palm and Cycad poisonings by more than 200 percent. APCC data also reveals that 50 percent to 75 percent of those cases resulted in fatalities.

A native of Southern Japan, Sago palm has been a common addition to outdoor landscaping in sunny climes, but in recent years, has also emerged as a trendy houseplant in northern states. Though attractive with its dark green leaves and hairy trunk, the plant is highly toxic to cats and dogs. Common signs of Sago palm poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, depression, seizures and liver failure.

Education Corner - Know Your Pet!

Doggy Dictionary

GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards. The person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.



What's Coming Up?

Join the fun!

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

® **August 13 and 14:** from 6-9pm. **York Revolution Mascot Olympics.** The York Revolution has invited KIP to represent KPETS in the Mascot Olympics/games. We would need someone to wear the KIP costume and compete in the games.

August 13: Reinholds' Lions Club Presentation - Karen will do.

August 17: from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm KPETS will have a booth at the Enola Sportmans Club in Enola. We will be selling items at our table and letting people meet and pet our dogs. If you are interested, please Gini Swartzell .

® **August 31:** Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo at Circle M Campground at Outdoor World on 741 between Millersville and Lancaster. (see story on page 3 for more details.)

September 6: United Way Day of Caring

September 13: Maple Farms Fall Fest - Mingle with residents and family members during this fun outside activity.

September 13: KPETS booth at Overlook Dog Park for Humane League Dog Wedding and Reception

® **September 20:** from 11-4 The 4th **Annual Whoopie Pie Festival** at Hershey Farm Restaurant and Inn in Strasburg. Come enjoy some whoopie pies dressed in your KPETS attire with your KPETS pet and promote KPETS.

September 21: from 10-6- **The Amos Herr Community Fair** in Landisville. KPETS will be putting on a fun presentation for the community as well as having an info booth. We need teams to help with the presentation and staff the booth.

September 22-26:- Dog Suitcase Program. Mary Gottfried is coordinating (weidmama@etown.edu 361-2507) Could use a person to be KIP! !!

September 28: Woofstock, Harrisburg. Contact Gini at GiniS@kpets.org or (717) 732-5772

October 4: Friend of Canine Meadows, York

October 8: Manheim Parade.

October 9: - Masonic Home Senior Expo. Contact Gini at GiniS@kpets.org or (717) 732-5772

October 18: Furry Friends Mutt Mixer.

® **October 24 and 31:** Costume Show at Outdoor World.

® **October 25** from 12:45-1:15: **Muddy Creed Lutheran Church** in Denver is having a birthday party for 80+ members. KPETS will be putting on a fun/interactive presentation.

November 1: Millersville Parade

® **November 22:** from 10-4- **Alternative Gift Fair.** KPETS will be participating in an Alternative Gift Fair! This is a great opportunity to purchase charitable gifts for folks on your holiday list as well as support your favorite non-profit organization! The fair will be on November 22nd from 10-4 at the Lancaster Farm and Home show (off of Manheim Pike across from the Lyndon Diner). KPETS gifts begin at 10 dollars. The Alternative Gift Fair gives folks a chance to put less emphasis on material gift giving and spending. It gives shoppers the chance to visit a fun and festive holiday market where they can make donations in honor of family and friends in the true spirit of the season to a diverse collection of local, national, and international organizations with established track records of helping people, pets, and the environment.

Orientations:

August 9 - 9 am till noon. Brethren Village

September 6 - York

October 11 - Lancaster

November 9 - Palmyra

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

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

Visit Requests - Teams needed!

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

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

Legend: * - indicates new requests, or no visits as of yet

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

Choices Rehab and Adult Day Care in Lancaster United Methodist Church. Special needs Adult Day Care program is looking for team(s) to visit Monday, Tuesday or Thursday any hour between 9 and 3, weekly or bi-weekly.

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

Denver Nursing Home: Cats or dogs! Contact Nancy at 717- 336-2213.

Evergreen Estates and SouthernCare Hospice - Lancaster, PA: 1st Saturday each month at 10 a.m. Contact Anita at gyanwolfe@dejazzd.com or 717-627-0478. Or contact SouthernCare Hospice, Karen Getz at 717-285-0177.

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

***Greyson View Adult Day Care:** Derry Street Harrisburg. Afternoon visits preferred.

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

***Keystone Drop-In Center** - a place for adults with mental illness to gather in order to socialize and work on their recovery. Open Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm. A monthly or even bi-monthly visit would be great. Contact Genevieve Kelly at 717-397-9379 or gkelly@keystonehumanservices.org

Lancashire Hall - Lancaster: Contact Kelly McIntyre, activities director - KMclntyre10@comcast.net or 569-3211x 228

Lancaster General Hospital - additional hospital orientation required. Contact Phyllis Paules 717-544-5005 or ppaules2@LancasterGeneral.org

***Lancaster House South**— Looking for twice a month, evenings to their rec room for some fun! They hope to motivate some of the tenants to come out and mingle with others and just to brighten their day. If interested, contact Jenny at events@kpets.org.

***Lancaster Regional Medical Center:** Adult Day Care, Lanc. Flexible times available. Contact Crystal Reese 291-8055. (3rd floor rehab center every other week from 630-715; The behavioral health unit every other week from 6-7; and Adult day services program for 45 minutes once a month during a mutually agreed time. Adult Day Care 10-12 or 2-3, days may vary.

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

Lutheran Home, Gettysburg: Join Janis B. on visits here. So many people, so few dogs!

***Odyssey Health Care**—need teams to visit at Royalton in Mechanicsburg . Contact Gini Swartzell @ 717-732-5772 or GiniS@kpets.org

***PAI** - East Pete, day program for mentally/physically challenged. Would love to have pet visits on a regular basis (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)! between 8:30 am & 3:30 pm. Contact Joan Clawser @ jclawser@paipartners.org or 519-6740.

St Jo's, Reading In-patient Mental Health: Contact Debbie Moser at 610-208-4680

***United Zion Retirement Community, Lititz:** First Wed on the month. Contact Jessica, Kistler at 626-2071

Willow Valley, Cedar Brook and Arbor View: Contact pat Russell at 717-464-6811

***York Area** - Three young ladies group home in York area just off S. Queen. Late afternoon or evenings or weekends, Please email lucy.woldford@jandfcommunity.org

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. (Carl was having pc problems)

Phone Buddy Coordinator:

If you do not have email, contact Bobbie to get set up with a phone buddy to keep you informed between newsletters. Bobbie Sayer 717-733-0929 or jsayer@dejazzd.com

Orientation Follow-up Guide:

Guiding volunteers through the registration process once orientation has been completed. BJ Shollenberger 717-397-9384 or bjshollen@juno.com or Gini Swartzell 717-732-5772 or vpompoo@aol.com

Membership Files: Andy and Linda Euclide maintain new and existing registered KPETS volunteers. Contact them at: membership@kpets.org or 717-355-5232

Events Coordinators:

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

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

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

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

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

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

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

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

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

THANKS SO MUCH!

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

If you don't have email, and are not receiving calls from a phone buddy occasionally, be sure to contact Bobbie and let her know (717-733-0929). She'll hook you up with someone to keep you posted of opportunities that come out via email between newsletters.

OR—If you are willing to BE a phone buddy to one or two people to help keep them informed of emails that come out between newsletters, let Bobbie know this too. (jsayer@dejazzd.com). We just don't want anyone to miss out on anything. Help us keep KPETS teams connected! Thanks!

Reminders:

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

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

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

If you would like to be removed from this mailing, please contact us at info@kpets.org or 717.333.5738.

Hope to see you at the
Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo!
Sunday, August 31 at 7 pm.
Outdoor World - Circle M Ranch
2111 Millersville Road, Lancaster
(along Route 741 near Millersville)
See page 6 for details!
This is the biggy for the year!!



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