



Touching Lives
Warming Hearts

Our Mission:

KPETS is a non-profit organization established to promote animal assisted therapy/animal assisted activities (AAT/AAA). The healing and rehabilitating benefits of the animal/human bond are provided by registered KPETS volunteers to the community in health-related facilities, social agencies, special-needs programs, schools, libraries, hospices, or wherever the human/animal connection is beneficial.

By recruiting, educating, uniting, coordinating and motivating volunteers with these agencies, KPETS provides our community with thousands of pet therapy hours a year.

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KPETS Keynotes

Keeping Pet Therapy Volunteers Konnected!

Record Fund Raiser - EVER! For KPETS

BOW WOW BROWN BAG BINGO - 09

AMAZING! I'm speechless. The fourth annual Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo was our record fundraiser to date! Adella Houck and her contagious energy pulled off this record breaking fundraiser for KPETS this year.

Sunday, of Labor Day weekend, September 6 was far from a relaxing day for Adella and her worker bees. Set up started at Outdoor World around 11 am to decorate the room, displaying all the raffle baskets, silent auction items and the bingo prize brown bags, etc. Then second shift came in at 5 pm to get their assignments for the different stations, from greeters to food service, to those selling raffle tickets, bingo cards, T-shirts and merchandise. Adella had it all planned out and what a success.

But the weeks and months of preparation prior to the actual night is so very appreciated and has not gone un-noticed. Adella got SOO MANY quality prizes for the brown bags, raffle items and auction items. I'm still mad at Margie for out bidding me on the pet portrait!:) But my husband was thrilled with the BBQ basket I got for him. From doggie themed items to beautiful jewelry, to sports items and food items. Just an awesome event.

A special thanks to Donna Gomer, Tami Snyder and Linda Scerca for assisting with soliciting businesses and individuals for donations.



The KPETS pups who attended were schmoozing the crowd all evening. What great ambassadors for KPETS. Give the pups some extra hugs and treats for me!

Everyone had a wonderful time and many went home with arms full of goodies.

Thank you Adella and all your worker bees.

You are truly a blessing to KPETS.

There were 40 + individuals who donated money and 30 + people who donated items for prizes! Listed below are some of the folks who pitched in and made this event the success it was. On page 3, are our Large Breed, Medium Breed, Toy Breed and Puppy Sponsors.

We do apologize if we missed recognizing anyone's efforts.

Wendy McKelvy
Margot Schwag
Marilyn Hapke
Laura Whitman
Karen Gerth
Margie & Lynn Smith
Fran & Tank Holt

Eddie Merrill
Bob & Carla Fair
David & Colleen Miller
Wilma Krepps
Jacquie Astemboski
Laura Miller
Jan & Walt Williams

Deb Frailey
Gini Swartzell
Jenny Rule & her mom
Patti Chamberlain
Trish/Amos Hess
Harriet Hombach

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 Kanines and Kids

As a KPETS volunteer, you may have many opportunities to work with children. Whether you're working with an individual child in a tutoring program or participating in a group presentation for a Brownie troop, the games suggested below could be a fun addition to your interaction with children.

The following are a few items copied from 'Activities For Canines and Kids'. The entire document can be downloaded from the KPETS forum: Go to the forum, click on 'Presentations and Resources', then click on 'Activities For Canines and Kids' to read and download the entire program.

Doggiewood Squares'

Children are on two teams and dogs are associated with each team. Children pick a square and answer the question corresponding with that square. If answered correctly, one of that team's dogs (Scarf to designate team) gets to go to that corresponding square.. Get three in a row to win.

'Relay activity'

Two teams. Create a relay race where team work is needed. Child must put on vest, return, then next child must put on scarf, next child then take off each item. One child can handle leash and the other dress/undress the item.

GAME: Walk the Dog

This game is similar to "HangMan". Answer questions, each correct answer allows that child to put an article of clothing on the dog. First fully dressed dogs goes for a walk. Collar, leash, scarf, tags, vest.)

Appoint a team captains. Alternate asking each team the questions. Teammates huddle to answer questions with a specified time limit. Captain answers for the team.

If question answered, team captain appoints someone to dress the dog with one article of clothing. (example: Gentle Leader, leash, scarf, vest, etc) First fully dressed dog goes for a walk. Team captain can take dog for a walk around the room with handler or appoint someone else.

Additional Pre-assessments Up-date

by Sue Schreffler

Monday, July 27th the KPETS pre-assessment process took a new direction - We ventured into Lebanon County and surrounding areas! *In The Net* of Palmyra, graciously donated space to organize a group session.

With KPETS rapid growth, we wanted to offer additional pre-assessment times and locations to help new teams complete the registration process as easily as possible. Thus, have more teams ready to help fulfill the many requests that keep coming in!

The first session, we were able to pre-assess all three teams thoroughly in less than one hour. It also provided an opportunity for volunteers who might, under other circumstances, never get to meet each other.

And yet another benefit of the "group class" model is the exchange of information about available services and activities that not all may be aware of.



The sessions are also used to train and prepare additional evaluators to be available to conduct additional pre-assessments and do supervised on-visit evaluations.

We have many more requests than teams able to answer the call. Hopefully, this will be one more step to fulfilling KPETS' mission.

Another update to the pre-assessments schedule is: the additional Lancaster orientations on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's at Mennonite Home have had little turn-out so we will be returning to offering sessions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays only. Should the need arise, we may add them on an as-needed basis.

To schedule your pre or re-assessment, contact Konnections@kpets.org.

Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo Sponsors!

All of these businesses gave donations that help make Bow Wow Bingo a success. If you are in their area, please stop by, say "thanks" and buy a little something for yourself!

Large Breed Sponsorship

Action Jackson Sports Tours
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Puppy Donations

Agility Friends of KPETS
B & J Automotive
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Cactus Willie's
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Fun Time Cinemas
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Harrisburg Senators
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Hershey Farm
Hershey Creamery
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Lancaster Barnstormers
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Planet Fitness
Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club
Shady Maple
Spirit Hawk Gallery
Stauffer's Biscuit Company
Subway - Centerville, Ephrata & Willow Street
Tasty-kakes
The UPS Store Centerville
Turkey Hill
Visage Day Spa
Weis Markets
Westminster Ridge
XPEX
Yoder's Country Market & Restaurant

A special thanks to all the businesses and individuals who supported this event.

Opportunity

With the success of the Bingo events being held all summer long at Outdoor World, the Friday night games and the Brown Bag Bingo have raised \$10,000 for KPETS.

That seems like an extraordinary amount and it is. But as KPETS continues to grow with volunteers and visits, so does the reality that KPETS is now not just a bunch of friends with their dogs. We are a serious non-profit serving our community. I like to use the analogy of us functioning much like Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Their volunteers are out there working with their 'Littles' but there is the responsibility back in the office to keep the organization running.

That is what some of the funding goes to for KPETS. We now have monthly rent, utilities, business internet costs, insurances, taxes, phone expenses, not to mention wages and all the taxes and insurance related to that. Even with Jenny employed there is still a need for more help. But I am confident to say that KPETS probably gets the most hours served per admin hours/expenses than the larger organizations. In other words 'more bang for the fund-raised buck'.

With Adella's heavy work travel schedule, a need has arisen to find help to step in and take over

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Another Door Opened

by Sue Schreffer

A HUGE 'thank you' to Cindy Wilson for being the main speaker for our meeting with Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon. She did an AWESOME job!!! Tracey Johnson from Good Samaritan Hospice invited us to do this presentation and she is such a sweetheart!! She made us feel very welcome and valuable.

Kudos also to April Clark, Troy Connor and Joellen Myer for attending with their divine dogs. We had quite a group!!!

We were very well received and the Executive Director Home Services said: "On behalf of management, you are more than welcome to come into the hospital". "I am impressed with your organization and will set things in motion so that we here at GSH can benefit from the healing of your wonderful animals!"

WE DID IT!!!!!!!

The dogs were on their best behavior and everyone enjoyed meeting them. All in all, it was a rewarding and fun evening!

If any KPETS teams are interested in visiting at Good Samaritan, please contact Cindy (CindyW@kpets.org) and she will make arrangements once we have a program up and running. She will be working with Good Samaritan's administration to get this under way quickly. This will be a very rewarding experience for all involved.

KPETS teams make lasting impressions

Maggie Hackman at Acadia in Lancaster had been a dog-hog for KPETS teams for years now. And that is a good thing. Maggie has been using KPETS dogs for AAT in a cognitive therapy setting.

But after years of dedicated service, Carol Hopwood and her dog Maggie, Mimi Sigworth with Meara or Oliver will not be able to commit to regular visits. So Acadia is in need of daytime visits. See below for some feedback from Maggie regarding their experiences:

"Mimi basically can't do it at all. She'll do an occasional back-up. And if she finds out she's free, she might ask Nancy Houston if she can take over for her some week, just so she can get in her Acadia-fix (I think she likes it here)."

"We gave her homemade goodbye cards her last official day and she said she would be going home to have a glass of wine to read them while she cried. I knew reading them during the group would send her over the edge. Poor woman. We all adore her and the setters."

And, sadly, going through the death of Harmon was good too. I suspect something like that is rare and if it does happen, the relationship with the handler ends. With her, it continued and we still talk about him. Besides, I think we were as good for Harmon as he was to us and I tell the clients that often. It's nice when it's a two-way street. So, you know when people with memory spans of five minutes to a day still talk about Harmon, it's a big deal. Oh, now I want a glass of wine and a nice cry!"

This is a fun place for the dog. If your dog is bored with the 'hi, please pet me' scenario, this may be the place for you. Maggie understands dogs and uses their antics as a learning experience for the clients she works with.

These dogs are making impressions on these people. I tell the story at every orientation, about how the clients at Acadia remember Carol Hopwood's golden's name - Maggie, but don't remember Maggie, their therapist's name, who they see everyday. And to think they still remember precious Harmon.

Contact Jenny at Konnnections@kpets.org if you think you could full-fill this request.



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Friday night Bingo during the summer. It would entail learning from Adella how to 'spin those balls' and handle the cash, etc. If we could train four volunteers (two pairs) to do this, we could have them cover every other week. It would be roughly 7 - 11 pm max.

Adella cannot insure she is available every Friday evening to cover this and we really hate to lose this opportunity to make substantial funds.

The other opportunity is for someone to chair the Brown Bag Bingo event. Adella is willing to guide and assist along the way, but with her work travel schedule is has become increasingly demanding.

If any of these opportunities sound of interest, please contact Karen at kareng@kpets.org or 717.333.5738 to discuss.

There are two more Bingo nights coming up in October. They would be a great way to find out how much fun they can be!

United Way

I don't think I'll get this out in time, but Saturday is United Way Day of Caring. KPETS has participated in this event for several years by visiting residents in various health care facilities. There are several teams signed up to do this visit (Round Table Breakfast was cancelled so we could participate in this event). After the visit, lunch is provided at McCaskey High School for all volunteers who helped in the morning during this HUGE community event. As I type, I am looking forward to this part as it is a great way to bring awareness to what KPETS does and how others can so easily make a difference by *Touching Lives* ♥ *Warming Hearts* with their own pets too.

That said: It is United Way Campaign time. So when you fill out your United Way Pledge Form, don't forget to designate KPETS as your specific agency to have your funds directed to!

And did you see on the pledge form? - if you donate \$208 or more you are eligible for all

Be sure to check our listing of requests. It is updated constantly. Go to KPETS.org -> click on **Konnections** tab -> **Choose Facilities Seeking Teams**. There may be something new that is perfect for you and your pet! Please notify Konnections@kpets.org if you fulfill any of the needs. Thank you!

kinds of incredible prizes too! Be sure to tell your co-workers and friends to write us in too.

Our Volunteers Never Cease to Amaze Me!

- by Jenny Rule

Last month, we had several new visit requests come in within a day or two of each other. Considering how long our list of requests is, I wasn't too confident if we'd be able to fulfill them. However, I was pleasantly wrong! Those requests were fulfilled in less than 24 hours! This is the kind of spirit that KPETS is made of.

We realize we all have very busy lives and know how hectic it can be to add another visit to our schedules. Therefore we would like to thank all of you for your dedication and time! It truly is amazing work that our volunteers (YOU) perform. I am inundated with calls of thanks and emails filled with praise towards our teams! Word is spreading fast about how different KPETS is from other pet therapy organizations.

You should give yourselves a pat on the back and a HUGE HUG to your teammate-you both deserve it! It makes me smile to think of all of the thousands of lives that are touched and enhanced because of YOU and your furry buddies. Keep up the amazing work.

RSVP's Are So Important

As you can tell by all the blast emails Jenny sends out that there are all kinds of ways to tell others about the joys of pet therapy.

But recently, we've had to turn down several events due to no RSVP's from our volunteers when our pleas initially go out.

Without volunteers signed up to staff these events, we cannot commit to doing them. We surely don't want to say we'll attend, and then not have the volunteers to do so. So we've had to turn some really good ones down lately.

Please, if you see an activity you are willing to attend, please RSVP ASAP so we let the event coordinators know we will be there sharing our pets and our enthusiasm. THX!

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 Konnections 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.

Special Notices -

PRE-ASSESSMENT DATES

In the Net, 798 Airport Road, Palmyra

7:00 pm, September 28

Mennonite Home, Lancaster

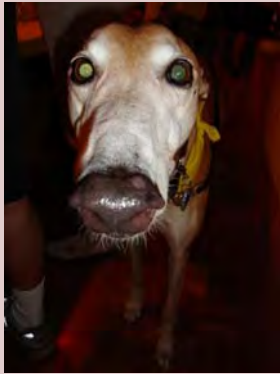
7 pm 2nd & 4th Tues nights

Please schedule your assessment with:

Konnections@KPETS.org

Be sure to
check us
out on
Facebook!

See you
there!



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.

Facility/Events/Volunteer Coordinator:

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

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 konnections@kpets.org

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 connected!

*** EVALUATORS Will ALWAYS Be Needed! ***

If you are interested in becoming an evaluator for us, please contact Laura at LauraW@kpets.org to discuss

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* Indicates Level II Evaluator (Assessment Evaluator)

What's Coming Up?

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

Sep 15 & 29 / Oct 13 & 27	Tues	7 p Pre-assessment	Mennonite Home, Lancaster 2nd and 4th Tues Due to limited space, contact konnections@kpets.org to reserve your spot.
Sep 28	Mon	7 p Pre-assessment	In The Net Sports Complex, 798 Airport Road, Palmyra Contact konnections@kpets.org to reserve your spot.
Sep 21	Mon	7 p Pre-assessment	Lutheran Retirement Village at Utz Terrace in Hanover
Sep 12	Sat	10 a United Way-Day of Caring	.We will be visiting Conestoga View. Please join us!
Sep 13	Sun	12-5 p Palmyra Dog Swim	Palmyra Community Swimming Pool Admission is \$5, proceeds are split between KPETS and the pool. The kiddie pool is available for the non- swimming dogs and people. The regular pool with cascading steps will be open for others. The slides and diving boards are off limits. There will be lifeguards on duty if you want to swim with your dog. Dogs must be up to date on shots, be dog friendly and on a 6 ft or shorter leash. NO flexis. Don't miss this fun event!!!!
Sep 16	Wed	Kookies & Kanines	Etown College
Sep 18	Fri	10:30 -11:30a Fun Presentation at Lancaster Generations Adult Day Services	KPETS will be putting on a fun presentation for about 20 clients at the Lancaster Generations Adult Day services off of New Holland Pk. If you would like to participate in this presentation,
Sep 19	Sat	1:30 - 3 p Maple Farms Family Fall Fest	KPETS teams needed to mingle with the community. contact konnections@kpets.org
Sep 20	Sun	WoofStock	KPETS teams need to help staff our booth at this fun event! contact Gini at GiniS@kpets.org
Sep 22	Tues	Dog Days	8a -12p Ashcombe Farm & Greenhouses 906 W Grantham Rd, Mechanicsburg
Oct 3	Sat	Bark in Park, Oxford	County Park. Responsible Dog Ownership Day. CGC testing will be offered!
Oct 6	Tue	Boscov's-Lebanon fundraiser	Lebanon Boscovs is doing a fundraiser. We are selling 25% off shopping passes for \$5. KPETS gets to keep all of the \$5. There are also door prizes. RSVP to Konnections@kpets.org if you'd be willing to be a mall rat for a couple hours to sell these booklets. Lots of fun!
Oct 7	Wed	Manheim Farm Show Parade	7 pm: to walk with KPETS in the parade contact Jenny at konnections@kpets.org
Oct 10	Sat	9 am Orientation - Lancaster 11 am -3 pm Furry Friends/ Mutt Mixer	Blair Room, United Way Building, Lanc. Blair Room parking is off Frances Avenue KPETS will have booth at Mutt mixer & Flea Market. Rain Date- Sunday, October 11th, 2009 (contact Jenny) (Furry Friends Network; non-profit, no-kill animal rescue) 563 Mountain Rd. Boiling Springs, Pa
			10am - Volunteer Round Table-New Oxford. Even months - the 2nd Saturday of the month at Rosie's Restaurant in New Oxford. RSVP Margie at margiesracking@earthlink.net



<- More Bingo pics on kpets facebook page ->

If you shop on the web, go to www.igive.com. Sign up, and choose KPETS as your cause. A percent of the cost of your order will be donated to KPETS. MANY stores to choose from!

EVERYTHING IS A CLICK AWAY

To find our Events Kalendar

Go to: www.KPETS.org - Go to the Kalendar Tab. Choose the *Events Kalendar*

For the Facility Requests

Go to www.kpets.org - Hover over the Konnections Tab choose Facilities Seeking Teams.

Please, please! If you fulfill a facility's request, let Jenny know at konnections@kpets.org.

KPETS is a growing business that supplies our services free of charge to thousands! With nearly 200 volunteers teams, we're doing our best to keep up with the behind-the-scenes responsibilities.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to find our way in the business world!



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