

# KPETS Keynotes

*Keeping Pet Therapy Volunteers Konnected!*

## KPETS Dog Becomes a STAR AND Raises Funds for KPETS!

On Friday, June 21, some of the cast from "ANNIE" did a cabaret show at Molly's Pub in Lancaster to benefit KPETS - thanks to Kris Frey and Triton. Triton has become a very popular star since his role playing Sandy in "ANNIE" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Lancaster.

Kris and Triton were requested to attend the cabaret. As with many therapy team special events, came back with a warm and fuzzy story to share:

*"It was so much fun and Triton had the best time! He walked right in with the owner of Molly's [he never minds leaving me] and greeted everyone with a tail wag or a nose push.*

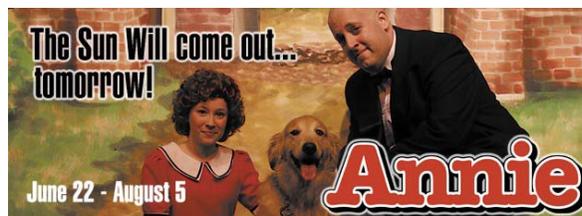
*The cast performed a lot of Broadway numbers and it was well received. They "passed the hat" around for donations and \$156 was collected! Molly's then matched that amount so the total for KPETS is \$312.*

*I gave out a lot of brochures and they mentioned KPETS throughout the program. The actors and actresses from Dutch Apple donated their time to do this. Two of the songs performed were about dogs and Triton went up to the performer at the end of the song each time and that got a lot of applause."*

*After one of the shows, a woman came up to me during the autograph/photo session and said that her daughter is petrified of dogs. I asked where her daughter was and she replied "She is the one petting your dog now, she has never touched a dog!" That made my day!*

*This whole thing has been such a God-send; He constantly amazes me beyond my wildest imagination! God is so good!"*

I don't know about you, but I'm all choked up and VERY proud of this special KPETS team! Thanks Kris and Triton!



Triton, KPETS Therapy dog with Annie

## KPETS Karing Prayers Web Page

Don't forget to check the Karing webpage and to keep us updated on any prayer requests or changes you may have.

We hope this page will offer komfort for those we are praying for.

## KPETS Keynotes Articles

If you or someone you visit has a story you'd like published in the Keynotes, please submit to [keynotes@kpets.org](mailto:keynotes@kpets.org). We need it by the first of the month, for our goal of distribution by the 15th of the month.



**Keystone Pet Enhanced  
Therapy Services**

*July - 2006*

### **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.

### **KPETS Board**

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## Kanine Karnival ReKwest for Help!

The KPETS Kanine Karnival Kommittee has been working hard at making plans for the big event to be held Sunday, September 10 at Brethren Village Pavilion area. This is our biggest annual fundraiser of the year and is what basically keeps us out of the red.

We have several folks already signed up to help out with staffing some of the activities and we really appreciate their prompt responses. But many more hands are still needed. Please, we cannot stress enough the help we need for the Karnival to be a success.

Our goal is not just monetary. The event is also to promote awareness of the benefits of pet therapy and also to help recruit volunteers to join us in serving even more facilities and 'clients'. We will also be supplying some unique entertainment for the residents of Brethren Village between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

We have lots of activities planned to fill the hours of 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. So ask your family, friends, and co-workers to come pitch in on some of the fun.

The Midway Mutt March is a great way for KPETS to earn dollars to cover our growing expenses. Be sure to take your pledge sheet with

you everywhere and explain what KPETS is and does. Try to get as many pledges as you can (to be turned in the day of the event). Top three collectors will win prizes and those turning in over \$100 will receive a gift to express our appreciation.

The pledge sheet and flyer are enclosed again so be sure to mark this event on your calendar!

So tell your doggie friends with friendly well-socialized dogs to join us for the fun and games. But don't leave your doggie-less friends out. They can come help out behind some tables and see what pet therapy is all about. Please contact [kareng@kpets.org](mailto:kareng@kpets.org) to sign up for one of the many staffing positions needed! Thanks!

### “The Big Promise”

The Humane League of Lancaster County asked KPETS to participate in their “The Big Promise” program this summer. It is a program that has been held throughout the county at various libraries for children in grades 2-4. It is an interactive presentation which teaches children how to be responsible pet owners.

On July 13, two KPETS teams, Mary Gottfried & Murray, and Barb Kennedy & Kennedy, presented the program at the Elizabethtown Library. Each

child is asked to close their eyes and pull a dog care item out of a large sack. The item is held up for everyone to see. Then everyone is asked what they think the item is used for, and why it is important in caring for a dog.

The highlight of the demonstration was when a child held up a pair of nail-clippers. Kennedy chose that moment to moan and collapse to the ground as if seeing the dreaded object was too much for him to handle. Everyone in the room was howling with laughter!

The event had been well-publicized by the Elizabethtown Library, which requested that participants bring a

small pet care item as a donation to the Lancaster Humane League. We had 47 participants, both parents and children. Donated items included a small crate, some litter boxes, and various dog toys.

From the enthusiastic response and many questions from the audience, it was evident that the event was a rousing success. It was a great day for everyone involved!

Several other teams have participated in the program at other libraries with similar positive responses. If any of you want to share your experience, please email it to [keynotes@kpets.org](mailto:keynotes@kpets.org) and we'll publish in the issue of the *Keynotes*.

### KPETS Wish List

As you know, KPETS is an all-volunteer organization. With many volunteer organizations 90% of the work is done by 10% of the people.

We are growing tremendously! Keeping up with daily tasks has become more and more difficult. We just don't want service to suffer to those we visit OR our own volunteers.

We are looking for some really dedicated folks to step up to the plate and take over some areas of administration.

We do have many devoted volunteers helping out and we are truly grateful. But more 'jobs' are becoming available. Here are just a few:

- KPETS 2007 Kalendar Production Lead
- Events coordinator help

- Pre-assessment assistant
- Design help for presentation board
- PA System
- Space for storage of KPETS presentation and events materials with easy access and availability
- Professional Development advisor to help us handle our rapid growth

## What's Coming Up?

- ✓ **® 4th Tuesdays - \*\* August 29 \*\* Dog Obedience Workshops, Mennonite Home, Meadow View Activities Room 6:30 p.m. \*\* Not 8/22 due to Barnstormers Dog Daze\*\*** Donation per session appreciated. It's like a free obedience class! Pre-assessments can be scheduled for the evenings. Contact Karen at [kareng@kpets.org](mailto:kareng@kpets.org) or 717-333-5738 to schedule pre-assessment.
- ✓ **Tuesday, August 22 - Dog Daze Barnstormer Game**, 7 p.m. Help staff our booth or just come have some fun on doggie night at the game. Several tickets available - first requested, first served.
- ✓ **Sunday, August 27** - Orientation, 3 p.m. Church of God Home, Carlisle
- ✓ **®Saturday, September 9 - United Way Day of Caring** 10 a.m. visits. "Thank you" luncheon at noon
- ✓ **Sunday, September 10 - KPETS Kanine Karnival**, 11 a.m. til 3 p.m. Watch for more details! (Pledge sheet enclosed)
- ✓ **Saturday, September 16** - Puppy Mill Awareness. KPETS will have an info booth.
- ✓ **Sunday, September 17** - A Herr Community Days. KPETS will have an info booth.
- ✓ **Sunday, September 17** - WoofStock, Harrisburg. KPETS will have an info booth.
- ✓ **®Wednesday, October 11** - 6 p.m. Manheim Farm Show Parade. KPETS will participate.

**Contact [events@kpets.org](mailto:events@kpets.org) to sign up to help with any of these events or if you have any questions. Thanks!**  
**Be sure to check [www.kpets.org](http://www.kpets.org) on the KPETS Kalendar page for 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.

# Important Information

## Change In Evaluator Availability

Leanne Spurlin, the evaluator who evaluates teams for KPETS at Brethren Village, is recovering from surgery and will be out of commission for August and possibly September.

Please do not contact her for any evaluations until further notice. The other evaluators will try to fill in but please be patient.

Brethren Village visits will continue as usual on the first and third Tuesdays with Darlene Creighton at team leader. Let's be sure to keep Leanne in our prayers during this trying time.

## Important Reminder

Don't forget to complete your renewal info for KPETS registration due September 15!  
(in your mailbox soon)

## Practice Obedience Workshop Changes - August 29

The August Practice Obedience Workshop will be held August 29 - due to the Barnstormers Dog Daze event on the 22nd (our regularly scheduled 4th Tuesday). Practice Obedience Sessions are now being held at Mennonite Home, Lancaster, in their Meadow View Activity Center.

If you would like to have a pre-assessment done, please contact [Training@kpets.org](mailto:Training@kpets.org). We will post those registered on the KPETS Kalendar so we know how many to expect. Thanks!

### AseraCare recognizes KPETS Teams

Volunteer recognition is something many facilities do for their volunteers.

Pat Henry, of AseraCare recognized KPETS teams twice this past month.

KPETS has been working together with AseraCare for several years connecting registered therapy teams to visit their patients. Pat, in return, will

send volunteers interested in pet therapy to KPETS. It has been a win-win situation for both organizations.

At two separate local AseraCare Annual Volunteer Recognition Picnics, Pat recognized active teams: Sylvia Flinchbaugh and Tippy of Lebanon area and Laura Whitman and Reni for the Lancaster.

Sylvia Flinchbaugh was recognized as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Lebanon. Sylvia and Tippy have logged fifty hours (and counting). In

addition to seeing Hospice folks, Sylvia and Tippy visit at Palmyra Nursing Home, Lebanon Valley Nursing Home, Twin Oaks, Cedar Haven, Manor Care, Hearthstone Manor.

They would LOVE to have other teams to join them on these visits. If anyone is interested please contact her at sylvia\_flinchbaugh@yahoo.com or 717-865-2385.

Thanks teams for your dedication in serving those in Hospice Care and their families.

### AAT work at Acadia

Maggie and Carol Hopwood have been working wonders with our clients with brain injury for an hour a week for almost two years. Many of our clients have severe memory impairments.

One in particular stands out as making remarkable progress with this formidable team. For the first year that Maggie and Carol visited us, he could not say who Maggie and Carol were when asked, although he made some interesting guesses! After a year, his guesses improved and now he can name them before they arrive. More impressive, he is using their names in conversation, something he doesn't do with anyone else within Acadia that he sees everyday. He even makes up nicknames for his best friend.

Since my name is Maggie, I've been hoping he'll learn my name, which I'm associating with the dog. It'll be tough, as I will never be as interesting as his good friend, the pretty golden retriever!

Maggie Hackman, MS  
Cognitive Therapist  
ACADIA Neuro Rehabilitation



Carol Hopwood and Maggie with all their friends at Acadia, Lancaster



### CGC Practice

Bill Townsend has agreed to have practice for CGC testing prior to our Practice Obedience Session at Mennonite Home on **August 29**. The CGC practice will be at 6 p.m. with the regular session starting at 6:30 as usual..

This will be a great way to practice for the CGC testing that will be done at the KPETS Kanine

Karnival on September 10 at 11 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.

Please contact Training@kpets.org if you plan on attending for this practice session.

Space is limited for these Tuesday night sessions so try to let him know if you plan to attend. .

Best of luck and see you on the 10th at the Karnival!



## KPETS Key Konnectors

### Volunteer Roundtable Planner:

Carl Speros 717-397-7882 or GrayGhostYankee@webtv.net

Park Plaza - 6:30 p.m. - first Thurs of even numbered months - Next on **August 3, 2006**

**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

**New Recruit Contact:** guiding and helping potential volunteers get lined up with orientation by responding to questions via emails and phone calls

Bev Smith 717-350-6175 or info@kpets.org

*\*for Hbg and west - Chris Bordner 717-567-3852 or ChrisfromPa@gmail.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

*\*for Hbg and west - Gini Swartzell (717) 732-5772 or vpompoo@aol.com*

### Volunteer Hours Tracking:

Please be sure to report your volunteer hours and info (via the new form enclosed with your renewal packet) each month to Lin Roussel at 717-627-1733 or *glinda@ptd.net*

**Pre-assessment and Practice Obedience Sessions** - Training@kpets.org

**KPETS Karing Webpage** - Prayer requests and updates - prayers@kpets.org

<b>KPETS Team</b>	Laura Whitman	717-368-9993	or	lauraw@kpets.org
<b>Evaluators for On-Site</b>	Wendy McKelvy	717-285-9719	or	tig143ger@aol.com
<b>Supervised Visits</b>	Jody Rosser	717-725-4522	or	jrosser@lnpnews.com
	Bill Townsend	610-932-4401	or	wptownsendoxford@yahoo.com

### Facility Team Leaders

Brethren Village:On Leave - Pray for her speedy recovery	Leanne Spurlin	(717) 898-6418	lspurlin28@yahoo.com
Ephrata Manor	Kim Michener	(717) 738-1970	michener@dejazzd.com
Hearthstone	Connie McCarthy	(717) 653-8319	clmac@paonline.com
Lititz Library	Anita Wolf	(717)-627-0478	gyanwolfe@dejazzd.com
Luther Acres, Audubon Villa, United Zion, & Moravian Manor	Frank & Ginny Fossa	(717) 627-1918	ginnyfossa@hotmail.com
Mennonite Home	Joe & Crystal Hess	(717) 519-0869	joecrystal@hotmail.com
Manor Care, Elizabethtown	Barb Kennedy	(717) 367-5637	BarbnBobK@comcast.net
Reidenbaugh School, Lititz	June Wise	(717) 581-7861	jwise5@comcast.net
Rheems Rehab & Nursing	Wendy McKelvy	(717) 575-1278	tig123ger@aol.com
Country Meadows	Luann Rittenhouse	(717) 951-0154	lrittenhouse@lnpnews.com
Masonic Homes	Joyce Grix	(717) 367-6137	jdgrix@comcast.net
Magnolias	Pat Silvers	(717) 393-5335	gardengrey@comcast.net
Conestoga View	Pat Wood	(717) 653-2431	fwood57@comcast.net
KPETS West	Roslyn Rhodes	(717) 243-6972	rorhodes@state.pa.us

## KPETS Schedule of Visits - (Please contact events@kpets.org if you are interested in any "\*" visits.

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Facility Team Leader</b>
*Acadia	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Lancaster	*Carol Hopwood
Adult Day Care	Tuesday 2nd & 4th	10:00 a.m.	Lancaster	BJ Shollenberger
Audubon Villa	Wednesday 1st	6:30 p.m.	Lititz	Frank & Ginni Fossa
*Barnes Hall	Thursdays 1st & 3rd	7:00 p.m.	Lancaster	Mark Stoner
Brethren Village	Tuesday 1st & 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Neffsville	Darlene Creighton (Leanne Spurlin)
Cambridge Colonial Hall	Misc times	Misc times	Lancaster	BJ Shollenberger
Colonial Lodge	Monday	2:45 p.m.	Denver	Bobbie Sayer
Conestoga View	Misc times	Misc times	Lancaster	Pat Wood
Country Meadows;	Sunday Twice monthly	3:00 p.m.	Lancaster	Luann Rittenhouse (see website for dates)
Ephrata Manor	Wednesday 1st & 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Ephrata	Kim Michener
Evergreen Estates Village	Tuesday 1st & 3rd	10:00 a.m.	Lancaster	Anita Wolfe
Garden Spot Village	Wednesday 3rd	day	New Holland	Ned Taylor
Hamilton Arms	Wednesday 2nd & 4th	6:30 p.m.	Lancaster	BJ Shollenberger & Carl Speros
Harrison House	Friday 3rd	2:00 p.m.	Christiana	Serve Us Canines
Hearthstone,	Monday 2nd & 4th	10:00 a.m.	Mount Joy	Connie McCarthy
*Lancaster Regional Medical Center	Wednesday- every other	4:00 p.m.	Lancaster	*Nancy Houston /Karen Gerth
*Lititz Library - Paws to Read	Saturdays	Morning	Lititz	*Anita Wolfe
Luther Acres	Wednesday 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Lititz	Frank & Ginni Fossa
ManorCare	Wednesday (every other)	6:30 p.m.	Elizabethtown	Barb Kennedy
ManorCare	Thursdays 1st & 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Elizabethtown	Mary Gottfried
Masonic Village	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Elizabethtown	Joyce Grix
Masonic Village	Friday	12:30 p.m.	Elizabethtown	Bobbie Sayer
Mennonite Home	Monday	6:30 p.m.	Lancaster	Joe & Crystal Hess
Moravian Manor	Wednesday 2nd	6:30 p.m.	Lititz	Frank & Ginni Fossa
Oak Leaf Manor	Monday 1st & 3rd	3:00 p.m.	Millersville	Tiffany Zook
Perry Village,	Thursdays	10:00 a.m.	Bloomfield	Chris Bordner
Reidenbaugh Elementary	TBD		Lititz	June Wise
Rheems Nursing & Rehab Center	Wednesday 1st & 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Rheems	Wendy McKelvy
Susquehanna Rehab and Nursing	Sunday every other		Columbia	Becki Lieberknecht
The Glen, Willow Valley	Friday 2nd & 4th	6:30 p.m.	Willow Street	Jody Rosser & Carl Speros
Twin Oaks	Thursdays 1st	6:30 p.m.	Campbelltown	Lisa Hetzel
Twin Oaks	Sunday		Campbelltown	Nan Roberts
United Zion	Wednesday 4th	6:30 p.m.	Lititz	Frank & Ginni Fossa
*Upper Bay Counseling	Tuesday		Elkton, MD	*Linda Bunch / Karen Gerth
Village Vista	Wednesday 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Lancaster	Nancy Thomas
Ware Presbyterian Village	Wednesday 1st & 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Oxford	Bill Townsend
Willow Lakes	Friday 2nd	1:30 p.m.	Willow Street	Serve Us Canines

<b>Harrisburg / Carlisle Area Visits</b>				
Church of God Home	Tuesday	6:30pm	Carlisle	Roslyn Rhodes
The Manor at Perry Village	Thursday	9:00am	Duncannon	Roslyn Rhodes
Stonebridge Health & Rehab Center	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:30pm	Duncannon	Roslyn Rhodes
	Monday	10:30am		
Country Meadows	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:15pm		
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm	Mechanicsburg	Roslyn Rhodes
	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am		
Messiah Village	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00pm	Mechanicsburg	Roslyn Rhodes
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm		



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**Sept 10**  
**11a - 3p**

**Enclosed is the pledge sheet for the "Midway Mutt March"  
to be held at the KPETS Kanine Karnival. Start collecting now!  
Prizes for all walkers raising over \$100 and special awards for the top three \$ !**

### **Facilities and Teams Requesting New or Additional Teams**

**Frey Village** - Susan Crossley at 717-930-1225 crossleys@diakon.org

**AseraCare Hospice** - Contact Pat Henry at hap12@aol.com or 717-285-2039 for details

**Manor Care, Elizabethtown** – contact Deb Barry, Activity Director at 367-1377 or Barb Kennedy at 367-5637

**Twin Oaks - Palmyra** - 1st Thursday - contact Lisa Hetzel at 6dogwood@comcast.net or 717-838-3028

**Lebanon Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center**, to visit extended care inpatient veterans. An orientation is required by the VA. Contact Kathy Trostle at 717-228-6030 or [kathy.trostle@med.va.gov](mailto:kathy.trostle@med.va.gov)

**Facility Team Leaders needed:** If you would like to be the main contact for a facility's pet therapy visits, please contact Karen for details at 717-333-5738.

**Lebanon Teams** to join already visiting team for: Cedar Haven, Lebanon Valley Home, Manor Care, Hearthstone Nursing, and Stoneridge. Please contact Sylvia at [sylvia\\_flinchbaugh@yahoo.com](mailto:sylvia_flinchbaugh@yahoo.com) or 717-865-2385

**Fairmont Homes, Ephrata, PA** is looking for a team or two for evening visits. They have a resident dog there during the day but visits in the evenings would be greatly appreciated. Contact Deb Fitzwater at [debf@fairmounthomes.org](mailto:debf@fairmounthomes.org) or (717) 354-4111.

**Be sure to submit  
your hours each  
month to Lin at  
[glinda@ptd.net](mailto:glinda@ptd.net)  
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**Thank you!**