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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!

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KPETS at Messiah College with Kids from Camp Star

Camp Star was a great time! First we introduced our dogs to the kids, followed by the games we all love – Peanut Butter Schleck and the Treat Toss. But then we did something different and the kids really loved it. We dressed our dogs in costumes. Lilly was pouting after having to wear a wig, hat and boa that her mommy made her wear. Hallie kept trying to shake her hat off but she didn't mind the dress. Emma tolerated her hat for awhile but preferred her pink boa around her neck. Poor Trey could hardly walk with his big life preserver (sorry Trey).



Trey getting belly rubs



Lilly brings a smile!

After the costume event, we just hung out for the kids to pet our dogs. Some tried to teach Lilly some tricks. There were lots of happy faces in the crowd that night. That is what KPETS therapy dogs are all about!

- Gini Swartzell

Attending were:
 James and Jamie Fein with Emma,
 Lisa Deyo with Lilly,
 Stacey Chubb with Hallie,
 Gini Swartzell with Trey.



Camp Lady Bug

Friday morning June 22 was a great day to go buggy. Teams Karen/Pod, Katie/Tobie, Jen/Molly, Barb/Kennedy, Nancy/Holly and my dog Daisy got to hang out with some special kids and have a fun time. We headed to "camp" which was located at the Elizabethtown Community Park at 9:30 am. The two legged and four legged campers were anxious for the activities to commence. We started with our usual greeting and meet the breeds. We then tried Peanut Butter Schleck which Kennedy (I think) won by a landslide. We won't talk about Podley jump-starting the contest and finishing before it even started. Next it was Treat Toss Game, which I do think Pod one fair and square. Daisy even caught one out of the air (surprised the heck out of me!) The grand finale was the agility race that pitted the kids against the dogs. I do believe the kids won that one, but it was hard to tell. All the winners got doggie stickers for their hands. Last but not least we spent a good bit of time just getting petted (the dogs that is). One caregiver of a camper in a wheelchair said "this was the BEST day at camp ever!" - Laura Whitman

Gone to the Dogs . . .

On June 17 the New Holland Mennonite Church went to the dogs! They were celebrating their annual community days and invited KPETS to come give their sermon that morning! KPETS volunteer Mimi Sigworth and Harmon led the sermon with the back-up assistance from Karen and Sammy! The sermon presented was called "Walk in Obedience" which shows the parallels of our relationship with our dogs to the relationship we have with the Lord. Unconditional love from G-O-D and D-O-G was covered along with various Bible verses that paralleles our obedience commands to our pooches. Everyone seemed to enjoy the presentation - Young and old! The different personalities of Sammy and Harmon were perfect to show them how each one of us is different but God loves us all the same. Some times the pups didn't do exactly as we would have liked but it also showed the God forgives us even when we don't do exactly what He has in mind. I'm sure they never had a sermon quite like it, but it had to be something they will remember for quite sometime.—Karen Gerth

Mennonite Homes Bar-B-Q

On Saturday, June 16, KPETS teams were invited to come out and mingle with residents and family members at Mennonite Homes Bar-B-Q day. Several teams sporting their KPETS attire meandered through the crowds while enjoying the festivities. The doggies enjoyed all the love and attention. Some of our buddies came face to face with a crocodile and a group of baby alpacas! That was the biggest "dog" my dog has ever met. It was a fun day for all. —Karen Gerth

NEW - Annual Bow Wow Bingo

On Sunday, September 2nd at 8 pm KPETS will be running Bow Wow Bingo at Outdoor World Circle M Campground, which is located in close proximity to Millersville University. Chairperson, Adella Houck is looking for volunteers to assist with solicitation of local merchants for prizes as well as set-up, decorating and working the event on the 2nd. Last year this event brought in \$1417 for a different non profit organization, so I've set the goal at \$2,000. With your assistance we can make this goal a reality. If you have a small amount of free time and would like to be part of this event contact Adella @ adellahouck@earthlink.net or (717)572-8579.—Adella Houck

Visit to Phil Haven

Phil Haven in Lebanon invited KPETS to visit the inpatient unit on Tuesday, July 10. Nancy Campbell/Holly, Jenny Rule/Maddy, Bobbie Sayer/Syreeta and Karen Gerth/Sammy enjoyed a fun hour with the kids. There were approximately 15 children attending, ranging from ages 8 - 18.

We did our usual little bit of introductions and tricks. Karen read a short story about how a scared, timid rescued dog from the pound eventually learned to love and trust men again. We talked a little bit about the story before moving on to the Peanut Butter Schleck and Treat Toss games.

We had free time for questions and just mingling. Each dog was gifted in their own special way at reaching these kids. I WISH we'd had a camera.

Syreeta was the ham this time with all her tricks and retrieving. Several of the younger boys even got to take her out into the hall to play fetch. Syreeta fetched and fetched and finally decided she was tired and came running back into our room for a drink. The others in the group didn't work quite as hard as she did.

Holly was enjoying lying on the floor with Nancy with some of the boys all huddled around them. Holly made a great pillow for one boy. The kids were all full of questions and it seemed that everyone was really enjoying their time together.

Poor little Maddy was exhausted after the hour-long trip to get there. Between detours and trucks, she was ready to chill. Jenny and Maddy got comfy and visited with the older teen girls in the program. At first I think they would have been fine just sitting there on the couch, but how could they resist that little face? One girl got down on the floor and tickled Maddy's ears and rubbed her belly. Ahhh, tough job!!

Pod made himself at home on the couch with three of the older boys (after making sure no one else had any treats hidden anywhere). Lori Weaver from Phil Haven ok'ed the dog on the furniture. They boys were just relaxing and enjoying the quiet time, when Pod just looked back up behind him and give the one young man a big old kiss.

It was quite an enjoyable visit for all! - Karen Gerth

New KPETS Konnections!

KPETS was invited to visit with the children of the 2007 National Juvenile Arthritis Conference held at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center from July 1 through 4. We had a few teams who took the time to visit with the children and we were well received.

Cindy Wilson and Maggie visited on Sunday evening from 7:30 to 9:30. At any given time, Maggie was swarmed with about 25 kids. We were visiting in a room where a movie and snacks was going on. Maggie got to share a cookie and glass of water with a little girl. Actually, I think she stole the cookie!

Laura Whitman and Reni visited on Monday. Reni was decked out in her yellow duckie bathrobe and matching slippers. She enjoyed the attention, but got tired of being dressed up so she stripped down and did some of her tricks for the kids.

Cindy Wilson and Casey also visited on Monday. Casey, wearing his sunglasses, was a hit.

Deb Haleman and Rebel visited on Tuesday with Denise Precious and Phred. Deb said Rebel greeted all the kids coming back from lunch and thrilled the kids.

Unfortunately, Nan Hanshaw-Roberts was not able to visit with Smidgen, as planned, as Smidgen was down struggling with her arthritis. Sympathy for the children, I suppose! And they call them dumb dogs!!!!

The Arthritis Foundation was very happy with our participation and would like to involve our teams in future projects. Thank you to all who gave your time over the holiday. -Cindy Wilson

Study: Dogs mimic behavior selectively, depending on situation

By Rob Stein, The Washington Post

Published June 5, 2007

Dog owners have long maintained that their pooches have a lot more going on between their furry ears than scientists acknowledge. Now, new research is adding to the growing evidence that man's best friend thinks a lot more than many humans have believed.

The experiment indicated that dogs can do something that previously only humans, including infants, have been shown capable of doing: decide how to imitate a behavior based on the specific circumstances in which the action takes place. "The fact that the dogs imitate selectively, depending on the situation -- that has not been shown before," said Friederike Range, of the University of Vienna, who led the study. "That's something completely new."

The findings come amid a flurry of research that is revealing surprisingly complex abilities among dogs, chimps, birds and many other animals. "Every day, we're discovering surprises about animals and finding out animals are far more intelligent and far more emotional than we previously thought," said Marc Bekoff, an animal behaviorist who recently retired from the University of Colorado.

The study was inspired by research with human infants. Fourteen-month-olds will imitate an adult turning on a light with her forehead only if they see her doing it with her hands free. If the adult is clutching a blanket, infants will use their hands, presumably because they can reason that the adult resorted to using her forehead because she had no choice.

To determine whether an animal could respond similarly, Range and her colleagues trained Guinness, a female border collie, to push a wooden rod with her paw to get a treat. A dog generally does not use its paws to do tasks, preferring to use its mouth whenever possible. So the key question was whether dogs that watched Guinness would decide how to get the treat depending on the circumstances.

After making sure the owners could not influence their pets' behavior, researchers tested three groups of dogs. The first 14, representing a variety of breeds, did not watch Guinness. When taught how to use the rod, about 85 percent pushed it with their mouth, confirming that is how dogs naturally like to do things.

The second group of 21 dogs watched Guinness repeatedly push the rod with her paw while holding a ball in her mouth. In that group, most of the dogs -- about 80 percent -- used their mouth, imitating the action but not the method Guinness had used. That suggested the dogs -- like the children -- decided Guinness was only using her paw because she had no choice.

The third group of 19 dogs watched Guinness repeatedly use a paw on the rod with her mouth free. Most of those dogs -- 83 percent -- imitated her behavior, using their paws and not their mouth. That suggested they concluded there must be some good reason to act against their instincts.

"The behavior was very similar to the children who were tested in the original experiment," said Zsafia Viranyi, of Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest, who helped conduct the experiment, published in the May 15 issue of the journal *Current Biology*. Viranyi and her colleagues said more research is needed to confirm the results.

The findings stunned many researchers. "What's surprising and shocking about this is that we thought this sort of imitation was very sophisticated, something seen only in humans," said Brian Hare, who studies dogs at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Germany. "Once again, it ends up dogs are smarter than scientists thought."

Kiwanis Club

On Thursday, June 14, The Kiwanis Club in Lancaster invited KPETS to come give an informational talk on pet therapy and KPETS. Teams Jenny Rule w/Maddy and Karen Gerth w/Sammy enjoyed a nice lunch with the group. After lunch, we showed our DVD and the talked in more detail about KPETS and our services. There were lots of questions to answer and they all seemed to enjoy the visit with the 'kids'. Two private donations from members came to KPETS as a result of the presentation. Cool! —Karen Gerth

ATTN: KPETS is invited by the law firm of Rhoads & Sinon, to participate in the 2007 Heart Walk on Sunday, October 14, 2007, beginning at 1:00 at the Harrisburg Area Community College Campus. Details to follow - mark your calendars. Tee Shirts for walkers and scarves for dogs will be provided!

Kanine Karnival - Sept 8 - Mark you Kalendar!

Things are finally coming together for the KPETS Kanine Karnival. It will be held at Overlook Dog Park on Saturday, Sept 8 from 10—2. We'll be inviting friends from many retirement communities rather than just folks from Brethren Village along with others from organizations we serve. Watch for the *Roll & Stroll* Pledge sheet. It's been a great way to raise funds for us. We'll have doggie vendors, a presentation, CGC testing, microchipping, and free dog park time! Watch for more details!

Visiting Opportunities

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. YORK area teams needed.

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

Evergreen Estates - Lancaster, PA: 1st Saturday each month at 10:00 a.m. Contact Anita at gyanwolfe@dejazzd.com or 717-627-0478.

Lebanon VA - kathy.trostle@med.va.gov

AseraCare Hospice - Contact Pat Henry at 800-551-4466 or HAP12@aol.com Need teams for the Columbia and Lititz areas. Requires 4 hour hospice training

Wickersham Elementary - Contact Jenny at events@kpets.org Elementary School Reading to the dogs program during day time hours. This will be starting again in the fall and teams will be needed.

Reminders:

Your assistance and feedback is appreciated! Contribute your KPETS Keynotes stories, articles, corrections, comments and suggestions to keynotes@kpets.org, to be published in our monthly KPETS Keynotes Newsletter.

Please submit all your KPETS volunteer hours and details to Linda at volhours@kpets.org or call 717-355-5232. Forms available online or contact Linda.

Therapy teams from other organizations whose registration is expiring are welcome to join KPETS. Read & sign the KPETS manual packet and one supervised visit are all that are necessary. For the \$25 registration fee you will have KPETS insurance and receive the KPETS manual and newsletter. Your registration also helps cover ongoing expenses for KPETS.

What's Coming Up?

To sign up to help with any of these events or if you have any questions contact one of the following unless otherwise indicated. Jenny Rule at events@kpets.org or (717) 808-0143 or Ros at RoslynR@kpets.org or 717-418-1003

July 21: Carlisle Wal-Mart Hot Dog & Bake Sale®: Contact Ros.

August 4: Hogs for Dogs!®: Contact Ros for more info.

August 5: Dog Daze w/Barnstormers: Come staff the booth or just mingle and watch the game. Contact Jenny.

August 11: MAYBE a COOL surprise event. (in the works)

September 2—2nd Annual Bow Wow Brown Bag Bingo®: Outdoor World Circle M Campground. Along 741 near Millersville. Help needed. Contact Adella Houck at adellahouck@earthlink.net or (717)572-8579. This will be a BIG fundraiser for KPETS!! Let's pitch in and help Adella. She will be running smaller Bingo game all through the camping season for KPETS!

September 8: KPETS KANINE KARNIVAL - Overlook Dog Park —details to follow!

September 16 - Amos Herr Park Country Fair®: , 12:00p-6:00p, Help staff our info booth and enjoy the fun, food and craft while promoting pet therapy at the same time. Contact Jenny to sign up to cover a time slot. events@kpets.org (Rain date 9/23)

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.

KPETS Key Konnectors

Volunteer Roundtable Planner:

Carl Speros 717-397-7882 or misskatiestdad@webtv.net- 6:30 p.m. - CANCELED FOR JULY! Enjoy the break! Third Saturday of odd numbered months - Next on Sept 15—Place TBD

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 or *Chris Bordner 717-567-3852 or team.mytherapypets@bluetie.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

Volunteer Hours Tracking & Membership Files:

Please be sure to report your volunteer hours and travel time (as a separate amount) each month to Linda Euclide at 717-355-5232 or volhours@kpets.org.

Events Coordinators:

Coordinating and staffing KPETS events - Jenny Rule 717 808-0143 or events@kpets.org.

For the Carlisle and East/West Shore - Roslyn Rhodes 717-418-1003 or roslynr@kpets.org

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. Laura Whitman, by appointment - Pet HQ in Palmyra. 717-378-9993 or lauraw@kpets.org

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Harrisburg / Carlisle Area Visits

Facility	Day of Week	Time	City	Team Leader
Bosler Library	Varies	6:30pm	Carlisle	Roslyn Rhodes
Bridges at Bent Creek	Alt Tuesdays* Saturday 2nd	10:00am 10:00am	Mechanisburg	Roslyn Rhodes
Church of God Home	Alt Tuesdays*	6:30pm	Carlisle	Roslyn Rhodes
Colonial Pines Golden Home	Alt Weekend	noon	Harrisburg	Roslyn Rhodes
Country Meadows	Tuesday 1 st & 3 rd Saturday 4 th	6:30pm 11:00am	Mechanicsburg	Roslyn Rhodes
Frederickson Library	Mondays*	6:30pm	Camp Hill	Roslyn Rhodes
Messiah Village Special Care/ Asst Living	Sunday 2 nd Tuesdays 1 st & 3 rd / 2 nd	3:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mechanicsburg	Roslyn Rhodes
Perry Village	every Thursday	9:00 am	New Bloomfield	Roslyn Rhodes
Stonebridge Health & Rehab Cntr	Thursday 3 rd	6:15 pm	Duncannon	Roslyn Rhodes

KPETS Schedule of Visits

Please contact events@kpets.org if you are interested in any "*" visits or if your visits are not listed or are incorrect. Thanks!

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Day of Week</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Facility Team Leader</i>
*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
Berkshire Commons	Thursdays	11:00 a.m.	Wyomissing	Ann Palmer
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	2:30 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	Saturday 1st	10:00 a.m.	Lancaster	Anita Wolfe
Fairmont Homes	2nd & 4th Tuesdays Saturday 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Ephrata	Rick/Jen Cammauf Bruce/Marilyn Mackey
Garden Spot Village	Wednesday 3rd	day	New Holland	Ned Taylor
Hamilton Arms	Wednesday 2nd & 4th	6:30 p.m.	Lancaster	BJ Shollenberger and 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
LRMC Adult Day Care	Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	Lancaster	BJ Shollenberger
*Lititz Library - Paws to Read	Saturdays	Morning	Lititz	*Anita Wolfe
Luther Acres	Wednesday 3rd Thursday 1st	6:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Lititz	Frank & Ginni Fossa Mackey's and Jolene Newcomer
ManorCare	Wednesday (every other)	6:30 p.m.	Elizabethtown	Looking for team to fill this spot
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
*Phil Haven	1st Monday	6:30 p.m.	Mt Gretna	Andy/Linda Euclide
*Phil Haven Group Home	Saturdays		Mt Gretna	*Bev Smith
Reidenbaugh Elementary	TBD		Lititz	June Wise
Rheems Nursing & Rehab Cntr	Wednesday 1st & 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Rheems	Wendy McKelvy
*Schreiber Pediatric	Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Lancaster	*Karen Gerth
*Schreiber Pediatric	Thursdays	2:00 p.m.	Lancaster	*Jenny Rule
Susquehanna Rehab & Nursing	Sunday every other		Columbia	Becki Lieberknecht
The Glen, Willow Valley	Friday every other	6:30 p.m.	Willow Street	Jody Rosser
Twin Oaks	Sunday		Campbelltown	Nan Roberts
United Zion	Wednesday 4th	6:30 p.m.	Lititz	Frank & Ginni Fossa
*Upper Bay Counseling	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Elkton, MD	*Linda Bunch
Village Vista	Wednesday 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Lancaster	Nancy Thomas
Ware Presbyterian Village	Wednesday 1st & 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Oxford	Bill Townsend
Westminster Ridge	Tuesdays	2:00 p.m.	Westminster, MD	Mary Merrill

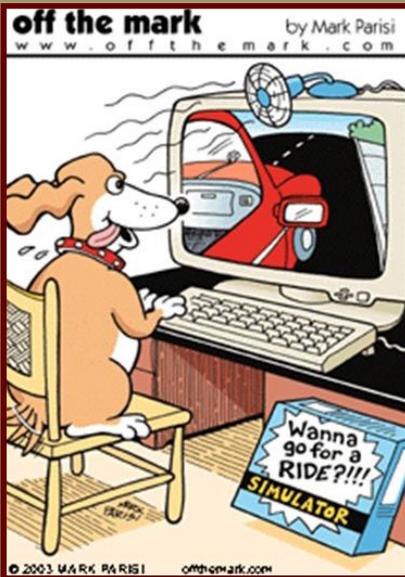


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Watch for more details
Coming soon!



Help Wanted!

Help !!! Event Participation

One of the things that sets KPETS apart is our community involvement. Whether it be to educate the public, recruit new volunteers or raise funds, we are out there bringing awareness to pet therapy and its benefits. We're showing the community how people with pets can so easily make a difference in others' lives just by sharing the way we do.

But to continue these efforts, we need all our volunteers to pitch in. If everyone helps a little bit here and there, it will make things so easy.

We have some MAJOR events coming up FAST, so check the calendar and our pleas for help! Jump in and get involved! We need ya! We hope to see you really soon! THANKS ALL!

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