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KPETS - Keynotes Newsletter

October, 2012



Touching Lives * Warming Hearts in Our Communities

IMPORTANT EVENTS

KPETS Day at Three Scoops of Vanilla

25 % of all sales on
10/19 will be donated
to KPETS. [Click here
for more!](#)

Iron Hill Brewery

Print and bring [this
coupon](#) with you
Thursday, 10/25
from 5 - 10 pm.

Bon Ton Community Days Booklet Sales

Purchase book for \$5 (to KPETS) and Get \$10 at Bon Ton!

Help sell books at the
stores in Lancaster or
York OR
spread the word to
your friends.

Just send out [this
link](#) so they can
purchase their
coupon books on

Changes coming to KPETS Keynotes

Necessary Changes

As I'm sure you are tired of hearing, KPETS staffing is minimal, funds are scarce, and the demand for more volunteers and coordination of teams is ever growing.

With so many areas needing my attention, the KPETS Keynotes will be shortened and may even be sent out less frequently. My goal has always been to have it out by the tenth of each month. That is no longer possible.

To stay connected, we need your help. Notices will not be guaranteed to be sent out so we need to rely more on you to check the following for updates, etc.:

- [KPETS website](#) which has links to all of the following . .
- [Konnections blog](#) for visit requests
- [KPETS Tails Blog](#) for stories of our ventures in pet therapy
- [KPETS Kalendar](#) for events (this will be upgraded in the near future for ease of use...

Thank you understanding as we work thru these 'growing pains'.

Karen Gerth, Executive Director

behalf of KPETS
directly on line!

The books are \$5 and
KPETS receives the
entire \$5. The
coupon book
contains a coupon for
\$10 off anything over
\$10 in the store on
Nov 9 & 10!

It's a win-win for all!

Important Links

[KPETS Konnectons
Blog \(Open Visit
Requests\)](#)

[Log your volunteer
hours here!](#)

[Previous Newsletters](#)

[KPETS Tails Blog](#)

[KPETS Kalendar](#)

[Visit us on Facebook](#)

If you have trouble
or want to review
previous
KEYNOTES, they
are available on the
website
at www.kpets.org
under the ABOUT
tab.

Volunteers' Blogs

[Chester Rima](#)

[Noche](#)

[River](#)

[Karen and the kids](#)

[Toby](#)

[Molly Miracle](#)

[Chloe \(Waple\)](#)

[Esko \(Waple\)](#)

Meet our Sponsors for October:

Rent Sponsor: [Carol Carlson and Bob](#)

Internet Sponsor: **Carol Hopwood and Spenser**

Printer Sponsor: Available

Phone Sponsor: **Jerrienne Zinn**

One-year anniversary of Resource

Sponsorship initiation!

Monthly Resource Sponsorship has been a wonderful addition to KPETS funding needs. Those in our community and volunteers (like Carol Carlson and her Wheaten Terrier, Bob - our October **Rent** Sponsor) have eased the strain on our very tight budget.

Carol and Bill Hopwood have sponsored SEVERAL months for the Internet resource!



JUST IN: Michelle Tice is sponsoring a month of Internet Support in honor of Donna Gomer and Wendi Mitzel!. This is all WONDERFUL!

With additional help from our communities, pledging to cover one resource just ONE MONTH A YEAR would allow KPETS to focus more on our mission - **Touching Lives * Warming Hearts** for years to come! KPETS' future depends on this critical support.

Won't you consider or ask your friends to consider pledging a one-month resource commitment? Contact KarenG@kpets.org or visit our [website's Support](#) area to find out more.

Did you get your 2013 Insurance Letter?

All renewals were due 9/15/12 and those who renewed should have received their 2013 KPETS Insurance letters.

If you have not received yours, please contact dianek@kpets.org. If you do not have this 2013 letter, your insurance is not up-to-date. Please submit your renewal paperwork asap or contact us.

If you are retiring or discontinuing membership, please do let us know so we can update our records. Thank you!

Send us your pup's page and we'll add it to our list!

United Way Campaign is Underway!

As many of you know, the United Way Campaign is underway. We want to make sure you are aware that you can designate KPETS on your donation card, by writing us in! We are not listed on the form but just enter "KPETS" and your donation will be ear-marked for our organization. Thank you!



Committee persons needed

The three major fundraisers KPETS holds are:

- Patriotic Pet Expo in June
- Bingo on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend (changes coming)
- Dinner in March

All of the above should already be in the planning stages for next year, but.....let's just start with the dinner for now.

Last year's dinner was pretty much put together by Jenny and myself. We maxed out the venue there so we're considering doing something bigger! If you would like to help with the planning of this new dinner idea, please contact KarenG@kpets.org. Your help is so much appreciated!

KPETS Volunteers
Touching Lives * Warming Hearts
in our communities

KPETS Komforts Kollege Kids!

- from Baltimore Sun / Westminster MD KPETS teams

Dizzy, Sara and Remi don't know whether or not the new freshmen at McDaniel College are feeling a little homesick, or experiencing their first time on a campus away from family or friends.

But regardless, on Tuesday they were only too happy to [more . . .](#)

KPETS in the Courtroom

from Wendi Mitzel

Lorain Land with Elu and I had our first visit at the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office this afternoon with four children who were introduced to the courtroom and the process of a trial. Below is the email we received after arriving home. . . . we will be

going back to work with the same kids 1:1 next week at the courthouse!
Wendi

Dear Lorain and Wendy,

I would like to thank both of you and Elu for attending our court orientation today. As you probably noticed; children that are victims of crime can find an unpleasant experience - like visiting a courthouse much more pleasant, when a therapy dog is added to the equation. I greatly appreciate the time that you spent with us and the families to help make the judicial process a positive experience.

You services and commitment are truly a valuable asset to our office and all the community.

Thank you again,

Thank you Wendi and Lorain for taking KPETS to a new level of service!

More Positive Feedback!

This is from the manager of GSH Volunteer Services . . .

I know that we have gained some teams here at the Good Samaritan, but we are looking to expand our Pet Therapy services within the hospital and our Rehab Units. We are looking for teams to visit evenings, weekends, and possibly on-call. We are also in the process of gaining permission to allow Pet Therapy to visit patients in our ER.

I LOVE KPETS!! I cannot say enough good things about your organization. Thank You for sharing your furry friends with us!!

From Volunteer Sue Schreffler in response to the comment above:

I never leave Good Sam without feeling I have touched at least one person. I have never left without having one person say "You have made my day!" It's a great program and Tracy is a dream to work with. Get it out there !!!! No one will be disappointed for this one.

So here's a visit request right from the Konnections Blog. If you want more info, [click here](#).

ANOTHER ONE!

Dear KPets Friends;

We are nearing the end of our "wrap up" of Summer Camp 2012 and I wouldn't be able to end the season without sending you our heartfelt gratitude. The children loved the dogs and the visits you provided for our camp! Your cute and lovable dogs were able to reach some of our children like no other activity could, and for that we thank you!!

For this summer, we had over 220 children attend one of our camps (either in Berks, Dauphin or Lancaster County) over a 11 week period. To see the campers as they played with your pets, rode a horse, swam in the pool, played with their friends on the playground, participated in yoga and created music in music therapy are all memories that will remain with us throughout the year! It was a wonderful summer for everyone involved with our organization!

Thank you for being a part of our success!

Sincerely,

Aaron's Acres Staff

Other KPETS Stories are located on our [KPETSTAILS Blog](#). You can always find a link to it on kpets.org home page (bottom).

PLEASE, We want to share your stories too. Send them to us and we will post them. Pics too (with permissions of course:)

Tickspot - Still some not logging your hours???

[Click here for a video to show you how!](#)

- 143 or 41% of volunteers are now logging their hours
- Seven more than last month - THANK YOU
- 359 hours logged for September
- 4030 hours YTD

Watch [this video clip](#) if you still have questions on how to log your hours!

Peanut Allergies and Pet therapy????

From - Helene Skopek, Wilkes Barre, PA

These days we find more and more children who have peanut allergies. They may not be the children we are reading with, but can be a child that stops to pet the dog as you come or leave the school or during a school pet safety program. Until I found myself at a camp with a child with peanut allergies, I really only looked for peanut in the name of the treat. After this camp, I started reading labels. I found many of the treats I previously used, as charcoal or pumpkin flavored treats, contained peanuts in them. I now read the ingredients before purchasing treats for my pups. My theory is better safe now, than sorry later.

Useful or just Interesting Articles

[Dog Helps Save Brother After Being Lost For Two Weeks](#)

[Dog Collar Safety](#)

[Do Dogs Have Souls](#)

[Parents: Is Your Child Really Safe Around Your Dog?](#)

[Getting a Foot-hold in Itchy Feet](#)

[Dog Tracks Down Ailing Owner at Hospital](#)

Info for New Volunteers and VIP's (Volunteers in Process)

Upcoming Orientations:

- * Lancaster - December 8 (2nd Sat of even months) @ 9 am
- * Palmyra - Sunday, January - Date & time TBD
- * York - Saturday, Nov 17 @ 9 am
- * Hanover, Oxford and Westminster, MD returning 2013

Workshops

- * Lancaster - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
- * Palmyra - 4th Monday of odd months, 6:30 pm
- * Lebanon - 4th Monday of even months 6:30 pm
- * Hanover, York, and Westminster, MD - several days after their orientation or as needed

Please register with Workshops@kpets.org. Space is limited.

5-Week Therapy Dog Training Class - (optional class offered for those who would like additional guidance)

Cost is \$75

*Lancaster - Starts Sunday, October 25 @ 3 pm / RSVP: workshops@kpets.org

Thank you all for making KPETS what it is and taking us to where we are today!
Let's continue Touching Lives * Warming Hearts in our local communities! !!

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