



April 2013 KPETS Keynotes



KPETS - Keynotes Newsletter April 2013

Touching Lives * Warming Hearts in Our Communities



Upcoming Events

Edge of Autism Day

April 13, 2013
9:00 am - 2:15 pm
Schreiber Pediatric
Lancaster, PA

Autism Expo and Walk

April 13, 2013
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Central York
High School,
601 Mundis Mill Rd
York, PA

Shop for a Cause

April 27, 2013
10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Park City Center

THANK YOU to **KAREN SAGE**, for pulling this newsletter together for us.

Without her volunteer assistance, there would not have been the time again this month to pull all this information together to share with you!

There are so many of you, behind the scenes, that help keep KPETS going from day to day! **THANK YOU** to all of you!

Wendi Mitzel - answering info@kpets.org and posting all Konnections Page listings!

Suzanne Solodky - coordinating all workshop/orientation scheduling and posting to our Kalendar.

Jane Johnson - Updating all Tickspot and facility data as well as sending our Thank You letters and cards for various needs.

Peggy Maberry - Committee Chair for the Tails of Comfort Dinner Gala, Patriotic Pet Expo, and Lexi's Bow Wow Bingo! These events would not happen without her efforts!

Terri Wilner - Coordinating new evaluator training efforts in the

Lancaster,PA
17601

[Patriotic Pet Expo](#)

May 19, 2013
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Ephrata Grater Park
Ephrata,PA 17522

Important Links

[Open Visit Requests](#)

[Log your volunteer hours here!](#)

[KPETS Tails Blog](#)

[KPETS Kalendar](#)

[Visit us on Facebook](#)

To visit our website
www.kpets.org

Volunteers' Blogs

[Chester Rima](#)

[Noche](#)

[River](#)

[Karen and the kids](#)

[Toby](#)

[Molly Miracle](#)

[Chloe \(Waple\)](#)

[Echo \(Waple\)](#)

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

We NEED YOU to report your Volunteer hours

Lancaster/York areas.

Donna Gomer and Wendi Mitzel - Researching, compiling, and producing the training manual and criteria for future KPETS evaluators so we may expand safely into new areas.

Lori Napoli and Andrew Schlosser - Producing our Orientation video and tech support for office as needed. Watch for new cool tools to help us all stay connected and in touch!

And of course all our Workshop Leaders, Assistants, On-site Evaluators, various activity coordinators! More on them next month!

I could do a whole newsletter on Thank you's. Please do not be offended if you have not been listed here. YOU are greatly appreciated as well, and we will be acknowledging folks on an on-going basis. Because without all of you,....well, I don't even want to think about it.

God love you all - and THANK YOU!

Meet our Sponsors for April:

Oh, no we don't have any!?!

Phone Sponsor: Open
Rent Sponsor: Open
Internet Sponsor: Open
Printer Sponsor: Open

Please consider filling one of these open spots for April. For information click on the link below! Thank you!

<http://www.kpets.org/support/resource-sponsors/>

Do you have...

- * a story about a recent or memorable KPETS visit
- * a fabulous treat or toy that your KPETS partner loves
- * a great pet related book you'd like to recommend
- * a memorial to a beloved KPETS partner who has recently passed

If you have something you'd like to share with our Newsletter readers, please send details and any photos to us at karens@kpets.org

Did you know that:

* only 51% of volunteers are now logging their hours

* 418 hours logged for January

* 950 hours YTD

[CLICK HERE](#) for a link to a video on how to log your hours!

To get to Tickspot, you can [click here](#) or go to the "I'm a Registered Volunteer" section on the KPETS website under the "Volunteer" tab.

If you have problems, please let us know. We'll do all we can to help you!
Thanks!

The [KPETS Konnections Page](#) is where you need to check for open visit requests.

ONLY 154 of our 374+ volunteers are following the KPETS Konnections Page.

PLEASE, help us fill these open requests! There are S0000000000 many needs!

Here's how...

- **Look across the top of our webpage**
- **Scroll over Konnect w/KPETS**
- **Click on the [Konnecting Page](#) and**
- **Type in your email address and click "FOLLOW"**

This is our only way to communicate to you the many visit requests and opportunities available!

[Click here](#) for just ONE of the many that are open and need filled desperately.

Can anyone help out on this one in Lancaster? She just contacted me and they only have one team so far. Her timing was perfect because I could squeeze in here today!
Please contact her directly for additional details!

**KPETS Volunteers
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in our communities**



Laughter can be the best medicine

a thank you from Kathy Holtzman RN, BSN

Nurse Manager - 4Main/4North, Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA

Virginia "Ginny" Swartzell and her KPETS Therapy Dogs have become a part of the 4Main family at

Holy Spirit. Each week Ginny and one of her pups bring joy and laughter to the many patients on 4Main as well as the staff. Tessa, one of Ginny's therapy dogs, has become an honorary 4Main "RN" with her beautiful, frilly nursing outfit that she wears when she visits with our patients.

Holy Spirit Hospital recently participated in their Magnet Appraisal Visit to achieve Magnet Designation through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Ginny and Tessa were gracious enough to come in and be here for the 4Main unit tour with the Magnet Appraiser. As part of our 4Main family, Ginny and Tessa were very helpful in demonstrating the mission and vision of 4Main and the commitment to our patients and their families.

4Main thanks Ginny and Tessa and K-Pets for their dedication to the patients and staff on our unit.



Tales for two dogs at the Glen Rock Library



One Saturday a month, at the Glen Rock, PA Public Library, beginning young readers are invited to spend time sharing their favorite books with KPETS pups Ziva Marie (staffordshire bull terrier) and Shep (Great Pyrenees) and their human partners Jenn Irwin and Madalyn Bull.

Pictured are Madalyn and Shep doing a demonstration at the Hereford Jr. Farm Fair. Madalyn is also

a member of her local 4H group "Horsin' Around" and put together the demo in hopes of getting the word out about KPETS! She talked about the process of becoming a KPETS handler, the classes, supervised visits and how she prepares Shep and herself for visitations. Madalyn is an awesome ambassador for KPETS!



K-Pooch Pick of the Month

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 microbes in the poop! Leftover long
 chain molecules degrade naturally,
 faster.

P.O.O.P bags become tacky when in
 contact with the poop - so poop doesn't
 slip when picking it up!

1. A big thanks to Team P.O.O.P for supplying us with samples to hand out at our recent Gala. To help the planet and KPETS, you can order these great bags from **Protect Our Only Planet**.



BonTon and KPETS Teams Rock!

A big thanks goes out to BonTon and the many KPETS teams who sold coupon books during BonTon's "Community Days" in York and Lancaster. The total donation amount from the sales of coupon books in addition to the amount added by BonTon came to a whopping \$2400.00 for KPETS!

Teams who helped were*:

Marjan van Schaik and Amber
Karen Gerth and Max
Amber, Jason & Mackenzie Corey
Peggy Mayberry and Calvin
Jan Faust and Nellie
Rosemarie and Missy
Robin Thompson and River
Elaine Dise and Allie
Bonnie Daisy and Ailli
Missy Krall and Chance
Nancy Boudier and Buckley
Dave Farmer and Diesel
Christine Scott & JoJo
MaryAnn Beaverson & Imari
Susan Hamberger & Max
Jean Gresick-Shugsta & Freddie
Pat Leonard & Cameo
Nancy Dixon & Jill
Michelle Heffner Macera & Thunder
Chris Blubaugh & TJ
Linda Rohmberg & Zachary
Rose Morley & Katie
Fran Holt & Okra

* apologies if you helped and we missed thanking you, everyone's help is greatly appreciated!



KPETS Needs YOU!!!

Help KPETS raise money so that we may continue to offer pet therapy visits within our community!



Celebrate our US Veterans, Military Dogs, Service Dogs and Family Pets!

Hear Legislator Mindy Fee speak at 1:00! Other presentations too!



KPETS Patriotic Pet Expo

Sunday, May 19th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Ephrata Grater Park and Eicher Center, Ephrata, PA

Acadia, Inc. of Lancaster is our Exclusive \$1000
Sponsor!

Many thanks for their support of this event!



Great news! We just heard from Susquehanna Bank.
They are our first \$500 Five Star Sponsor!!!

We need your help with this "Paw-some" fundraiser!
HOW??

- Form a team with friends or co-workers
- Gather sponsors
- Walk with us at 11:15

[Sponsor/Vendor Opportunities](#)
[Pet Platoon Pledge Sheet](#)
[Visit our website for more info](#)

Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital has formed their own team to support us, our Veterans, and our furry friends, so get out there and form your own teams!!!

One of our handlers is gaining support by placing her own flyers and collection boxes in local businesses that she frequents. What a great idea!



Honoring those who made sacrifices for our freedom



KRAMER loves being a therapy dog!!! Please consider sponsoring him for the Patriotic Pet Expo Walk on May 19th, 2013 supporting his local therapy organization, KPETS! Any support would be greatly appreciated and will allow KPETS to continue to provide services to our local communities, all free of charge!! All donations are tax-deductible.



Two Great Events for Autism

When: Saturday, April 13, 2013

Lancaster: Schreiber Pediatrics Rehabilitation Center - will feature a One Mile Walk, a 5K Run, and a Festival that includes a clown, music therapy, resource provider fair (KPETS will be there), bounce house, sensory activities, crafts and much more.

[Click here for more info.](#)

York: Central York High School - will have similar activities and KPETS will have a booth to talk with people and give out brochures.

[Click here for more info:](#)

Please pitch in for a great cause!

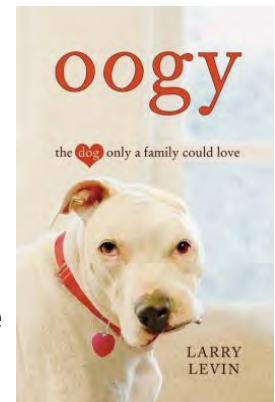


A Dog Gone Good Read!

Great books for the dog lovers in your life

Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love

by Larry Levin



In 2002, Larry Levin and his twin sons, Dan and Noah, took their terminally ill cat to the Ardmore Animal Hospital outside Philadelphia to have the beloved pet put to sleep. What would begin as a terrible day suddenly got brighter as the ugliest dog they had ever seen--one who was missing an ear and had half his face covered in scar tissue--ran up to them and captured their hearts. The dog had been used as bait for fighting dogs when he was just a few months old. He had been thrown in a cage and left to die until the police rescued him and the staff at Ardmore Animal Hospital saved his life. The Levins, whose sons are themselves adopted, were unable to resist Oogy's charms, and decided to take him home.

Heartwarming and redemptive, OOGY is the story of the people who were determined to rescue this dog against all odds, and of the family who took him home, named him "Oogy" (an affectionate derivative of ugly), and made him one of their own.



KPETS Celebrating TEN YEARS!

KPETS has been in the news lately - along with several PR efforts to celebrate KPETS' Ten Years of Service. Just in case you missed them, here are a few. Be sure to check them out!

[Dogs Hear Stories in New Oxford](#)

[Main-Street-Mentors](#)

[Women in Business - Success Stories](#) - page 13

The following ad was in the Senior News Special "Leave a Legacy".



Lend a hand

Your financial support will...

Help us continue to provide comfort, encouragement and rehabilitation through human animal interactions



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

*** Space may be limited. Registration Required / Dates subject to change!**

Upcoming Orientations: [Click here](#) to register.

- * York - Saturday May 4 @ 9 am (7/20 & 11/16/2013)
- * Westminster - Monday, April 8 @ 7 pm and (8/26/2013)
- * Lancaster - Saturday, April 13 (2nd Sat of even months) @ 9 am

Workshops: [Click here](#) to register.

- * Lancaster - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
- * Lebanon - Monday April 15 @ 6:30 pm
- * York - Monday April 8 @ 6:00 pm (July 29 and November 25)
- * Westminster, MD - Monday, April 15 @ 7 pm (Sept 4)

*** 5-Week Therapy Dog Training Class: [Click here](#) to register.**
(optional class offered for those who would like additional guidance) Cost is \$75

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! ! !

Karen Gerth
KPETS - Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services