



## KPETS Keynotes June 2012

Newsletter by Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services

Thank you to our June Resource Sponsors:

Kate Galinus - In Memory of Lexi & Bill and Carol Hopwood with Spenser

### Mark Your Kalendar!

#### So Much is Happening!!

Be sure to check out the [KPETS Kalendar!](#)

#### Round Table Breakfast

Due to summer vacation time we will skip July and host our next Round Table in Sept. Date TBD  
9 am - 12:30 ish  
But coming soon:  
Rehabilitation Therapies  
Video by Intermountain  
Therapy Animals

#### Pet Grief Support Group:

Every third Thursday at Fred  
F. Groff,  
234 W Orange Street,  
Lancaster 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Light refreshments. No  
charge. Just rsvp to  
lizkhoff@gmail.com or call  
717-397-8255

#### Save the Date!

**KPETS Patriotic Pet Expo:**  
**Sunday, June 10!**

### EXTREMELY Important Links

Please check out the [Open  
Visit Requests](#)

[Log your volunteer hours  
here!](#)

[KPETS Forum](#)

The Expo Committee is busy busy busy finalizing the details for the Expo and Pet Platoon Walk.

HONORING THOSE WE MADE SACRIFICES FOR OUR FREEDOM

**KPETS**  
Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services

**Patriotic  
Pet Expo**

**June 10th 11AM - 3PM**

Hope you can join us!

**Meet our generous Expo event sponsors!**  
**Opportunities still available!**

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If you have trouble or want to review previous KEYNOTES, they are available on the website at [www.kpets.org](http://www.kpets.org) under the ABOUT tab.

**Blogs of Interest**

[Chester Rima](#)

[Noche](#)

[River](#)

[Karen and the kids](#)

[Toby](#)

[Molly Miracle](#)

[Chloe \(Waple\)](#)

[Echo \(Waple\)](#)

Send us your pup's blog link and we'll be sure to add it to our list.

**Hours Logging**

**STATUS: Tickspot Volunteer Hours Tracking**

300+ Registered KPETS Volunteers

111 - Volunteers logging hours - that's 5 more from last month. Thank you!

153 - Hours logged for May but I pulled them on the 26 so I'm sure there are a lot more.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
To get accurate numbers we need **EVERYONE** to log their hours. and the

- \* [Nancy Boudier, KPETS Volunteer!](#)
- \* [Carol Carlson - KPETS Volunteer!](#)

**Patriotic Sponsors**

[Conestoga Animal Hospital](#)

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**Next Sunday! Pray for great weather!**

Sunday, June 10, 11 am -3 pm  
Ephrata Grater Park and Eicher Center

Join the **Patriotic Pet Platoon Walk** ([click for pledge sheet...](#))

Invite and/or **Recognize a Veteran** ([click to submit form...](#))

**Food, Fun and Vendors!**

Blessing of the Animals

Patriotic Pet Contest-Dress your pet in his/her best Patriotic attire

Tribute to Our Veterans

Service Dog Demo

Search & Rescue Demo

Raffles and Prizes!

**Meet our June Resource Sponsors!**

**Printer:** Kate Galinus- In Memory of Lexi

**Internet:** Bill & Carol Hopwood & Spenser

Resource sponsors are key in helping KPETS meet budget each month. . Please [visit our sponsor page](#) to meet our sponsors and see the needs still open. KPETS future needs your support. **Thank you!**

- Internet Sponsor: 11 months needed at \$120
- Rent Sponsor: 12 months needed at \$420
- Phone Sponsor: 11 months needed at \$55
- Printer Sponsor: ONLY 4 more needed for \$100

**Important Changes that will effect all KPETS**

**Staffing Changes**

As most of you already know Jenny is pursuing her career in real estate, which has left a huge void in KPETS day to day activities. She is still volunteering as time is available with various events, etc. We do want to thank her for her three years of employment, her prior volunteer work and her continued support. She will still be around, but we will miss her.

Jenny and I were barely keeping our heads above water and there was no extra money to hire any additional help. Things needed to change. We've relied on our wonderful volunteers all over the place to try to keep up. Diane Rima has taken

**number of folks served!**  
**We are doing A LOT better, but we still have some who are entering data in a format we can not access!**

**THE NOTES area is IMPERATIVE.**

**DO NOT ADD TEXT!**  
unless . . .

**The first digits need to include or be commas!**  
**Example if you serve 10 people and drive 15 miles,**  
**enter: 10, 15,**  
Only enter numbers. **If you want to add any text, do so ONLY after a SECOND COMMA.**

Example:  
"10, 15, took Sammy"

Also, please be sure to let us know if you do not see a facility you visit regularly in the 'task' list in Tickspot. We will need to add it for you.  
Thank You VERY Much!

## Registration Dates

### **Orientations:**

**Sat, June 9 @ 9 am**  
Lancaster (2nd Sat of even months)

**Sat, July 21 @ 9 am,**  
York (and Nov 17)

**Sun, Sept 16 @ 1 pm,**  
Palmyra

**Wed, Sept 19 @ 7 pm,**  
Hanover

**Tues, Oct 16 @ 7 pm,**  
Westminster, MD

**As needed in:** Oxford,  
Mohnton and Maricopa

### **Workshops: RSVP!**

2nd and 4th Tues,  
Lancaster 6-30 pm

over [info@kpets.org](mailto:info@kpets.org), Diane Klos handles membership management, Jane Johnson works on TickSpot, and Suzanne Solodky pitches in with workshop scheduling. It's been crazy, and we are only getting busier.

After meetings with the board, KPETS has several new and potential hires. That said, KPETS would like to welcome Diane Klos to assist me in the office with membership management, accounting and various other duties. Thankfully, her schedule is perfect for both of us! She will be working part-time.

We also hired Samantha Shewmaker, a Millersville grad student, to assist me and help implement some of the more techy changes coming to KPETS, like our website, blog, and the integration of Giftworks, our donor software, with Constant Contact, our email marketing tool. These are all great things and her help in these areas will allow me to be more involved with you and KPETS Services. Samantha is also part-time.

Then, our plan for the August/September time frame is to hire a gentleman who has a lot of experience running the administrative areas of a non-profit, project management, years of experience in PR for various programs, etc. He too, will be part-time.

This is a very exciting time for KPETS. We are doing our best to keep our budget in line. It's a labor of love for most of us - minimal pay and no benefits - just dedication to KPETS and those who desire our services, a desire that grows every day!

### **Website Changes**

To help KPETS meet the ever-growing need for visit request coordination, we have decided to make some much needed changes. And one of those is our website.

We are working on a clean, and more stream-lined site that will be easier for all to find what they are looking for. Our website started out beautiful, until I kept making changes to it with no skill or talent. I have it so busy and messed up you can't find anything. I apologize to all.

But as we are working on this, we need some pics to show what we do - Touching Lives & Warming Hearts! We need high resolution, great looking shots, no busy backgrounds, etc. If you have some and can get permission from anyone in the shot, we'd love to see them.

Another cool thing is - Sabina Hower is willing to take photos of teams in action. If you are interested, please contact her via email at: [serveuscanines@aol.com](mailto:serveuscanines@aol.com). Don't forget permission so we can use your pictures on the web!

### **Requests for KPETS Visits**

The requests for KPETS visits, speaking engagements, presentations, vendor displays, etc. have been steadily increasing since KPETS' inception almost nine years ago. But like most non-profits struggling to keep programs going, it has become so overwhelming we have had to look at a new way to connect volunteers with these requests. Surely we want to continue to offer this service. This is what make KPETS different from the

4th Mon, 6:30 pm  
Palmyra or Lebanon  
(alternating months)

### 5 wk Training Workshop

Next one starts Sun,  
June 17 from 3-4pm

For any of the above  
please RSVP  
to: Kareng@kpets.org

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Have your home or office  
cleaned by **Cleaning From  
the Heart** and ten percent  
of the service fee will be  
donated to the charity of  
your choice - hopefully  
KPETS!  
Contact them at  
[cleaningfromtheheart.com](http://cleaningfromtheheart.com)

national organizations. But the process will need to be more "Self Serve". We just don't have the funds for staffing to coordinate all the requests coming in. There are just too many of them. Your inbox would be inundated with requests constantly!

To find out what requests we have, all you need to do is visit our KPETS Konnections Blog. This blog will eventually be integrated with our new website, as well. There is no login process, and you can go and find what interests you. To see the various requests, go to the [KPETS Konnections Blog](#). Then just contact the requester directly. You, the requester, or anyone can post a comment under the request. Who knows, we may get great testimonials that way. This is a work in progress, so please bear with us.

More news will be coming as we work on these over-due changes.

## Visits Are What KPETS Is All About!

[Visit our blog](#)

Your heart-warming stories and/or testimonials are welcome. Please send them to [blogger@kpets.org](mailto:blogger@kpets.org) so we can share them!

### KPETS Visits with Veterans - by Samantha Shewmaker

KPETS volunteers recently attended a Vietnam Veterans Meet-and-Greet hosted by The Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates Chapter 1008 of Lancaster! Volunteers visited with the veterans for a few hours on Wednesday, May 16 at the Park City Mall in Lancaster. KPETS is proud to support our troops and share the companionship of our beloved canine friends. The group was encouraged to join us at our Patriotic Pet Expo on June 10. Golden Retrievers Toby and Zeke, Doberman Tucker, Collie Belle, mixed pooch Ozzy and Labrador Retriever Hunter were accompanied by their handlers Katie Daubert, Karen Gerth, Sid Erb, Joe McDonald, Terry McGarry, and Fred Horchler, respectively.

### [Check Out The Whole Dog Journal!](#)

The [Whole Dog Journal](#) provides a wealth of information on natural pet care, including dog food, care and training. Treating your dog well keeps your buddy happy and healthy.

### Best Rotation of the Year Award

Recently KPETS gave a presentation to Pennsylvania Youth Apprenticeship Students from Hershey and Lower Dauphin High Schools. The students are part of a two year program investigating and shadowing careers in health care. KPETS' presentation focused on the therapeutic benefits of pet therapy as part of a series on topics related to the health care field.

Read this lovely review about the visit:

*Today was by far my favorite seminar! It was the therapy dogs seminar. I think that it is a brilliant idea to use animals, especially dogs, in therapy. Who doesn't love to see an animal to make their day?? I know I would love it if I was sitting in the hospital and worrying about myself and someone brought a dog in to see me to get my mind off of a tragedy. I mean I know if I had a bad day and I am home alone and can't talk to my mom about it. I talk to my dog and it makes me feel better. I loved how I*

*connected with the one dog that was there. I can't remember the name of the dog that I was holding but it was so adorable with its tongue hanging out because it had no teeth on that side to keep her tongue in. The owner told me about her dog's story and how she was in a breeding shelter for nine years and how they rescued her. I wanted to cry! I hate hearing about animal abuse! It makes me so angry!!! When I gave the dog back to the lady, my arm hurt so bad but I didn't care because I obviously love animals!! Like I said, BEST ROTATION OF THE YEAR!.*

**BINGO SEASON will soon be upon us!**

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Looking for some fun on a Friday nights this summer in July & August?



Why not join us at Outdoor World, Circle M Ranch, 2111 Millersville Road, Lancaster for BINGO!

KPETS Veteran Bingo Callers, Barb & Chad Noll, Rob & Deb Reidenbach, Amos & Trish Hess and Adella have the summer covered for the hard part. So, now we just need someone to come out and assist by running the money to the winners, or flick the numbered lights on, and even mingle with your pooch a bit. (Hint - the snack bar has GREAT fries and other yummy summer foods)

Just email me and I can give you more details: [Kareng@kpets.org](mailto:Kareng@kpets.org)  
THANKS!