



KPETS Keynotes - February 2012

Newsletter by Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services

CMark Your Kalendar!

So Much Happening!!

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

Round Table Breakfast TRUE PET FIRST AID CLASS !

Additional info in full story or [click here](#). Saturday, March 10

RSVP for Lunch to Jenny at konnections@kpets.org

Reserve your tickets now!

**KPETS Italian Feast
Dinner** @ Union Barrel Works, Reamstown March 4. Raffles, Chinese Auction, games and dinner! You don't want to miss the fun. Get your tickets now. Limited seating. More info right and below and [click here!](#)

Pet Grief Support Group:

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

Save the Date!

KPETS Pet Expo:

Sunday, June 10, 11am
Ephrata Grater Park and Fisher Center

Annual Spring Dinner - Italian Feast

YOU ARE INVITED ! ! ! !

The Annual Spring Dinner is one of our bigger fundraisers to keep KPETS in the (\$)black held each year. Please tell your friends and join us for a great meal and comradrie with others who appreciate what KPETS volunteers do! This year's dinner is an Italian Feast!

Sponsorship oportunitites available and very much appreciated!

We want to recognize and thank our sponsors to date and they are:

[Creekside Dental](#) . [Christine Flomerfelt State Farm Insurance](#)

[Pet Headquarters](#) . [Manheim Pike Veterinary Hospital](#)

We'll have a great time with door prizes, raffles, trivia games and great food and friends. Each of the courses of this five course dinner is paced perfectly and paired with a complementary beer (or three wines may be substituted).

Invite your friends and make this event even bigger and better than last years! Price break (45 each) for reservations paid before Feb 10. Hope to see you there!

www.kpets.org/events/12dinner/12dinnerwebpage.htm

Need help pulling this together, so if you can pitch in, please email or call!

EXTREMELY Important Links

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

[Log your volunteer hours here!](#)

[KPETS Forum](#)

[Previous Newsletters](#)

[KPETS 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.

Orientation/Workshops

Orientations:

Sat, Feb 11 @ 9 am, Lancaster

Tues, Feb 28 @ 6:30 pm, Westminster, MD

Sat, Mar 24 @ 9 am, York

April 18 @ 7 am, Hanover

May 27, @ 1 pm Palmyra

Workshops:

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

4th Mon, 6:30 pm Palmyra

5 wk Training and Workshop:

Next one starts Feb 19

KPETS' Italian Feast Spring Dinner



March 4, 2012
3:00—6:00 PM
Union Barrel Works
Reamstown, PA



Join us for 5 delicious Italian Feast courses, each paired perfectly with the appropriate beer. ONLY \$50 a ticket Purchase a table of 8 for only \$375!

Door Prizes **Chinese Auctions** **Great Raffles**

To purchase tickets, become a course / beer sponsor - contact konnections@kpets.org  1-888-685-7387

Three Wines may be substituted for beers upon advanced request with RSVP

More details and Menu coming soon at this link:
www.kpets.org/events/12dinner/dinnerWebPage.htm

PCAD Design-a-thon helps KPETS

KPETS is pleased to be working with the students from [Pennsylvania College of Art & Design](#), as they create a new web site for us. [Click here](#) for more information about PCA&D!

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design



-What KPETS is all about !

[Visit our blog](#)

If you look at our Kalendar, there is so much going on, I can't keep up with writing about the events AND posting them. I need your help. If you attend an event or have a heart-warming pet therapy story, please send them to blogger@kpets.org. We'll post them on the [KPETSTails blog](#) and add a link to them in the newsletter too.

KPETS Volunteers a hit at Scout Meetings

KPETS volunteer Terri Willner posted some great info about doing presentations for Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, ect. in River's Blog. Be sure to check it out. She has some great ideas and tips for other volunteers who would enjoy doing this type of presentation. [Click here.](#)

Comforting Words

One of the hardest things about being in the office at KPETS is learning of our volunteers precious pets passing all too often. Suzanne Soldkv lost

from 3-4pm
in Lancaster

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

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

Tickspot Volunteer Hours Tracking Up and Running

Thank you to all all who
have been being so
understanding and
willing to log your
hours on Tickspot.com.

This is so very
important as we
continue to grow so
rapidly. This
accountability gives us
data to apply for
important grants and
the information
needed for our
insurance coverage.
If you have any
questions, please email
me kareng@kpets.org.
Just remember the
notes field is for those
served and milage.
Example of visiting 7
people and traveling 15
miles is entered in
"Notes" as 7, 15,

We appreciate your
patience and
understanding as we

her precious Maggie recently and a friend forwarded her a great quote in hopes of being some comfort to her. Is is from an essay called "A Woman's Best Friend" By Erica Jong

"I could tell you the story of my life through the dogs I have loved. I could tell you the story of the losses in my life through their deaths. Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love and loyalty. They depart to teach us about loss. We try to replace them, but never quite succeed. A new dog never replaces an old dog; it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs, your heart is very big."

Even Just a Pic of a Dog . . .

Puppy got a call to visit an individual at Lancaster General on Friday. I didn't get the message until Sat, and the volunteer coordinator and I played phone tag for the next couple of days.

Seems there was a male patient on the seventh floor who was unresponsive and did not talk for the two weeks he was there. The chaplain was visiting, and said to the man and his wife in frustration something to the effect that they should have a dog there.

The nurse took it upon herself to get a photo of Puppy (there are lots of them floating around LG) and brought it to them. The man then engaged in a conversation about how much he wanted that dog to visit. By the time the head nurse and I spoke the man was moved to a higher level of care, and Puppy could not visit. (I mentioned that Puppy has been in places in that hospital with the doctors and nurses that may have been graced for the first time by a canine.) It was so unfortunate that Puppy couldn't visit, but the nurses will call me if he returns to that floor.

Just wanted to share a story about how much of a difference our canine partners mean to those who really need a friend! Once I (AND PUPPY) had to don gowns to visit a terminal patient. Puppy looked hysterical, and brought a smile and laughter to the patient that had a very short period of time to live, her family...and the doctor, who took a picture of him in that getup. Still have a lump in my throat about that one...

To learn more about Karen, Puppy, Kazi and Whitey, read the article by Karen Cox on page 3 of the PT Life Newsletter. [Click here for more](#)

No Words Needed

So I will say not more . . . You don't want to miss Chester's 'adventures' [Click here](#) to see a real pro at 'work'!

Multi-Tasking KPETS Dog

KPETS team Copper Candy and Nan Hanshaw volunteered in several educational booths during the Farm Show January



work through these growing pains.

Wish List

Printer Sponsors:
\$75 - need 9
Internet Services
Sponsors: \$110 - need 12
Rent Sponsors: \$417 -
need 12

All annual sponsors will be featured on KPETS [Sponsor Page](#)
Ask business owners you know. Spread the word. You or they can contact me with any questions!
kareng@kpets.org

Links too good not to share!

[Special bond of a rescue dog and dying boy](#)

[Pet Food in China: More Cause for Concern?](#)

[Exercise your pooch in Winter](#)

[Is My Dog Happy](#)

Touched by Our Angels

Many of us visit each month without really hearing the effects and benefits of our visits. We know when we leave, that we made a difference, but feedback beyond that is so precious and treasured.

One such occasion I have to share with everyone is a phone call I got at the office. It was from a woman whose nephew was in Hershey Medical Center for quite some time. She was not a local person, but she had heard about these therapy teams and how he really bonded and appreciated their visits. She was calling for our address - to make a donation!

We chatted for quite

7th through 14th. Copper drew the crowds for the Pennsylvania Animal Response Team (PASART) and the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association (PVMA).

He worked several-hour shifts* for several days and greeted hundreds of children and grown ups. When Copper wasn't working, other volunteers reported slow attendance at the booths, but as soon as he arrived, people swarmed the booths to pet him and ask questions about therapy dogs.

Many people took KPETS brochures along with information that was available in the booths for them. One woman stood in line and waited her turn to pet him and said a heartfelt thank you for all KPETS teams and especially the Hershey Heelers. Her son had been in the neuro unit at HMC and visits from the dogs helped his depression and she is sure helped speed his recovery. Her thank you made all the hours standing in the booths worthwhile that week.

*Copper was very tired each day but he never showed signs of stress or asked to leave. It was great to watch him work and realize how awesome our therapy dogs are - they tolerate things most animals never would and they do it willingly for us. It's great to be part of KPETS.

Another Library gone to the Dogs

Hanover Evening Sun Featured a story on our KPETS volunteers this summer. Somehow I missed adding it to the newsletter. I'm so sorry. But you can [Click here](#) to see the story . . .

Round Table Pet First Aid Class - sponsored by PSART - Saturday, March 10



For Every Pet Owner

Do you know what to do when your pets are in trouble?

Your pets are your best friends and they depend on you for daily love and care. They also depend on you to take care of them in an emergency. If your pets become ill or are injured, you must know what to do for them. The Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team (PSART), a non-profit organization which helps animals in disasters, is offering a course in pet first aid.

This half-day course will teach you:

- * How to recognize and respond to an emergency involving your pets
- * How to administer first aid
- * How to apply bandages and perform CPR using pet manikins
- * How to recognize and handle common illnesses which can quickly become life-threatening emergencies
- * What to keep on hand for emergencies
- * How to prepare for a disaster so your pets don't get left behind

Other topics of interest covered are:

some time and she explained that the family felt those visits had everything to do with his positive attitude and speedy recovery - surprising even his doctors.

The teams the young man fell in love with were:
Darcy / Cindy Wilson
Sophie / Cathy Farr.

Please forgive me if there were others that I am not aware of. Each and everyone of you makes a difference every time you greet a new friend in need.

God bless you all and
THANK YOU!

PA ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY

PLEASE take time to look at [PA Bill HB354](#).

This is the animal abuse registry bill that has been sitting since Feb 2011. This bill would require anyone who is caught and convicted of animal abuse to register with the state, similar to those who abuse children.

We can make a difference, by contacting our representatives supporting this bill - hopefully to prevent another "Heidi" or possibly an even worse situation - a child!

One can not be too careful when protecting the innocent, human or our pets.

- * Vaccinations
- * Parasites
- * Tips on animal behavior

The course instructor is veterinarian, Nan Hanshaw, who is also a volunteer for PSART - PA State Animal Rescue Team and KPETS - Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services.

The course will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 9 AM at the 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster, PA. Cost is \$10 to cover costs, light snacks and any proceeds to benefit KPETS. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Register before Monday, March 5 email by emailing konnections@kpets.org or calling 888.685.7387.

Tragedy in Maryland - Puppy shot on owner's farm

Many of you may recall last month's article about Heidi, the seven-month old golden puppy who was shot at close range four time in her own fenced-in farm in Middletown, MD.



This is not something that has gone unnoticed, locally or even nationally, but has even gotten noticed internationally. See post here [\(International Business Times\)](#).

There is awareness in several states to start an animal abuse registry. But now, MD may be the first to follow through. "Heidi's Law" is gaining recognition and support from many and motivating others to pursue an animal abuse registry in their own states, as well.

[Click here for more on Heidi's Law!](#)