



Promoting the Healing and Rehabilitating Benefits of the Human / Animal Bond

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*"Sammy has been fantastic for Wyatt. Wyatt was struggling to follow a simple two-step verbal instruction; we must have been working on that for weeks, or maybe even months. As soon as Wyatt started working with Sam, it was like he never even had a problem with following a verbal sequence! He went from not being able to follow a two-step sequence, to being able to follow a five-step sequence with ease! I would never have believed it if I hadn't seen it. What a difference!"*

*Kristen Schreiber, Occupational Therapist, Schreiber Pediatric*



*"When Maggie, the dog, and Carol are with us, the group feels more cohesive. The clients are willing to work together and it feels more like a family environment. Since these clients live in our residential program and not with their families, working together does not happen easily... Maggie and Carol provide a wonderful and therapeutic gift every week!"*

*Maggie Hackman, Cognitive Therapist, Acadia*



The official registration and financial information of "KPETS - Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services" may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, 1-800-732-0999 (within PA). Registration does not imply endorsement.

**KPETS – Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services** provides a network of dependable registered pet therapy teams whose passion is *Touching Lives ♥ Warming Hearts* by providing comfort, encouragement and rehabilitation through human/animal interaction.

KPETS therapy teams serve our communities in health-related facilities, social agencies, special-needs programs, schools, libraries, hospices, or wherever the human/animal connection may be beneficial.

By recruiting, educating, motivating, registering and coordinating volunteers with these agencies, KPETS provides our communities with thousands of pet therapy hours a year.

Young and old, healthy or sick, experience a brighter day with that little extra love. That's what KPETS brings with every visit - a wagging tail and bright eyes that are delighted to interact with everyone.

The benefits go on and on, and without insurance or prescriptions, pets can be part of the health care solution. No matter who or where a KPETS team visits, they bring with them boundless love and joy for all to share.



## Touching Lives ♥ Warming Hearts

### Did you know . . .

**KPETS** is a network of specially trained and registered teams – people and their own pets – committed to sharing the therapeutic benefits pets instinctively provide.

**KPETS** has over 350 volunteer teams serving over 200 facilities in ten counties in South Central PA and Northern MD.

**KPETS** volunteer teams provide over 9000 hours of pet therapy annually. Someone is receiving a KPETS visit somewhere every day of the year.

**KPETS** provides the services FREE of charge!

**KPETS** staff is the coordination and connection point between all KPETS registered teams and the facilities and persons requesting KPETS therapy services.

**KPETS** does all this with very minimal staffing and administration.

### Who benefits from KPETS therapy visits?

- ♥ Seniors in long term care facilities
- ♥ Hospice patients, family members and staff
- ♥ Hospital patients in different settings
- ♥ Children struggling to read in schools and libraries
- ♥ At-risk teens—in various programs or in juvenile detention centers
- ♥ Adults and children with special needs (autism, dementia ...)
- ♥ Patients - young and old - during physical, occupational, speech or cognitive therapy sessions.
- ♥ Wherever human/animal interaction may be beneficial



## HELP US TO CONTINUE

### TOUCHING LIVES · WARMING HEARTS

## FOR ANOTHER 10 YEARS!

2013 is KPETS' 10-year anniversary of providing pet therapy services to our communities. KPETS has grown from a handful of volunteer teams to over 350 registered therapy teams who are working their magic and bringing comfort, fun, joy, laughter, and smiles to children, adults, and family members in need in our communities.

While these services are provided completely **free**, they do not come without a cost to KPETS. KPETS relies entirely on fundraising efforts and donations from our local communities and wonderful supporters like you.

To support KPETS' mission, here are a few ways to

### LEND A HAND

- ♥ Become a Paw Sponsor (various levels available)
- ♥ Become a Resource Sponsor (rent, internet, phone, printer . . .)
- ♥ Donate online
- ♥ "Paws" to plan a gift - remember KPETS in your will or trust

Visit our website at [www.kpets.org](http://www.kpets.org) to donate online, or send your tax-deductible contribution



## How can my pet and I become a KPETS Therapy Team?

Do you enjoy helping people? Is your pet calm, comfortable and well-behaved in unfamiliar settings and around other animals? Does he/she like strangers? If so, contact us to find out more about the registration process. It consists of an orientation for the human half of the team, a therapy dog workshop assessment, and two on-site training/evaluations for the handler and pet as a team.

By becoming a KPETS team, you share the therapeutic effects of your pet's joy for life. With every visit, your pet will be rewarded with hugs and belly-rubs while you marvel at seeing hearts filled with hope and happiness. It's a win-win-win situation - for you, your pet and those you serve!

Whether you visit with a group, on your own, work along with a professional therapist or help do fun/educational/informational presentations, the result is always the same. You'll be. . .

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