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HEALING PET THERAPY SERVICES!

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PAWSPrints

Getting From ZERO to Ten Creatively!

We have reached the ripe old age of 10 and we have a lot to celebrate. But rather than recount our milestones (you'll hear about those at our Anniversary Party on the 26th – please come), I want you to hear how we got here – how we - staff, teams, programs, reputation - got from ZERO to TEN.

CREATIVITY - that's how we make things happen!

ZERO: PAWS started out with one human, one dog, a desk in half a bedroom, and a computer. Twenty other teams joined us and with a little creativity and a lot of faith, we stepped into the world with the plan of providing the best pet therapy visits to 2 Easter Seals and 8 elder care sites.

When early team member Gail Rys wanted to provide reading sessions, we aligned ourselves with an established group in Utah. But after a while we realized we had tons of expertise in our membership, so we created our own program and now serve 45 schools and libraries with PAWS for Reading.

When Rick and Chip Altemus were visiting at Child Advocacy Center and a mom and daughter came in to report in a sexual abuse case, Rick got pretty creative by using Chip to calm the child so she could report – so creative in fact that Chip became the reason the child could get herself together enough to tell her troubling story. Voila! Pet therapy in action and the birth of our Courthouse Canine program.

When PAWS member Johanna Jackson wanted to take her dog and her PAWS for Reading skills to her daughter's preschool (most 3 and 4 year olds aren't reading!), we acknowledged the validity of the need and our Stephanie created PreK PAWS for pre-readers. (It's now in several Head Start sites, by the way.)

And what about the pets that served through PAWS and have passed? What about acknowledging their service and the value of their lives? Alan Burkhard was the creative one in this case, and working with Diane Mayer and me, he created our pet bereavement program PAWS at Peace.

Where there is a need, there is likely to be a PAWS solution – sometimes we get VERY creative. What about the Easter Bone Hunt? Originally designed for PAWS teams as a way to get together for fun, the Hunt has blossomed into a full-fledged community event that brings us new members, sponsors, and \$\$!

PAWS therapy teams use their creativity every time they visit – to create community, to get your pets up close, to help folks relax and benefit from your visits. And our staff must use good old ingenuity to find new ways to raise money, to give teams community events to enjoy, and find the best ways to reach our incoming teams, and teach our old teams new tricks, so to speak.

Got an idea? – we'd love to hear it. If it falls within our mission, we will be quick to find a way to make it happen. THAT'S how we got from zero to TEN, and we're still going strong 

Lynne Robinson, Executive Director



NOTE: Date and place change

PAWS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH – HOCKESSIN MEMORIAL HALL

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We're a successful 10 because of **YOU!**

Please help us celebrate with  
Luncheon at 1:00  
Program at 2:00



More info on our website or in your invitation.

RSVP by April 14<sup>th</sup> please

\$30 per person/\$25 for PAWS members

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Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

(also) Sunday, April 26th – Hockessin Memorial Hall

11:30-12:30 – Awards Ceremony

(there is NO fee to attend this ceremony)

All PAWS teams welcome

PAWS Awards Winners will receive a Special Invitation – Please RSVP

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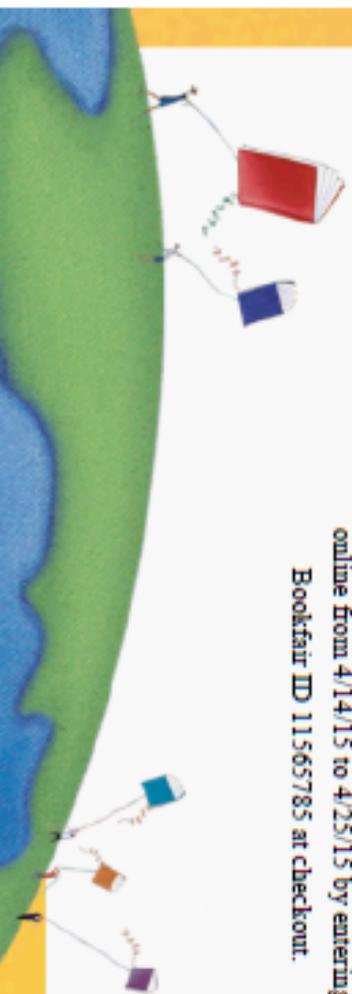
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New Therapy Teams

(January - February training classes)

- Bob Cooper & Chloe** - Dachshund/Lab Mix
- Elizabeth Danforth & Emma** - Beagle/Basset
- Elisha Davis & D. Wade** - Yorkie
- Brad Duncel & Luna** - Black Lab
- Emma Duncel & Luna** - Black Lab
- Christine Friday & Luke** - Shih Tzu-Poodle
- Donna Garraway & Marley** - Bichon
- Christine Harmon & Cocoa** - English Springer Spaniel
- Terry Krinsky & Coney** - Shiba Inu
- Laury Kusner & Daisy** - Golden Retriever
- Carole Lacey & Nala** - Labradoodle
- Katelyn Lacey & Nala** - Labradoodle
- Savanah Lacey & Nala** - Labradoodle
- Tina Maclary & Peanut** - Mixed Breed
- Jen McConnell & Sydney** - French Bulldog
- Cindy Miller & Radley** - Goldendoodle
- Taryn Nole & Brody** - Australian Shepard
- Denise Plowman & Beto** - Yorkie/Bichon
- Sarah Plowman & Beto** - Yorkie/Bichon
- Jackie Pszwaro & Buster** - French Bulldog
- Bridget Quint & Grayson** - Weimaraner
- Cassie Rein & Rocky** - Boxer/Pointer
- Heide Rowan & Redzi Rose** - Mini Long-haired Dachshund
- Jen Schray & Sulley** - Chow/Lab Mix
- Bruce Sherman & Buster** - French Bulldog
- Stacy Sherman & Buster** - French Bulldog
- Rick Shriver & Hank** - Bloodhound
- Stacie Shriver & Hank** - Bloodhound
- Robin Thomas & Ted** - Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
- Emily Torman & Gizmo** - Black Labrador
- Amy Zeigler & Ginger** - Cockapoo

RETIRING

Thank you for your service!

- Shari Chase & Pongo**
- Nicole Davis & Bella**
- Kathleen Kamen & Cami**
- Ann Miller & Lady**
- Susan Mulford & Newton**
- Penny Taylor & Trinity**
- Lillie Western**

NEW DOG - CURRENT MEMBER

- Lucy - Aileen Murray**
- Luka - Janice Baldwin-Hench**

In loving memory of...



Molly Ellis, a sweet, caring Golden-doodle, and her human Art, brought smiles to veterans at the VA Hospital and to many children through the PAWS for Reading program. Molly smiled with her whole heart.



Taylor Minnick welcomed everyone and loved working with children as they shared books with her or whispered secrets in her soft fur. She was a personal blessing to Richard and Joanne and will be greatly missed.



Missy Parnell, a regal standard poodle and PAWS of Fame dog, visited for almost 7 years with Bev at ECC, Nemours, libraries, and more. One could not help but smile when sharing time with this sweet girl with the long, long eyelashes.



Dr. Gotti Rodriguez, a "Pit Bull Ambassador," with his human Amanda, was with PAWS for a very short time. He was strong in character, had a gentle soul and temperament, and gave sweet hugs.

The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.

~ Helen Keller

Master's Certification



Congratulations to our teams who have completed their Master's Certification. Master's is the highest level of certification PAWS offers. Bravo!

Mary Ellen Dunn and Silly Billy
Wanda Kelly and Mumford
Kathryn Meloni and Frangelica
Tara Rowe and Puck

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Keri's Corner

Wow - we sure have been busy in the PAWS office lately! Did you know that we will have trained over 45 new teams by March 31st?



Also, it's that time of year: de-Stress sessions are being requested at new schools and old favorites – Widener School of Law, U of D, Rowan, UPenn, and more! Look for those and get involved—the students love it and your therapy companion will too.

We're rolling out some new PAWSWear too—blue hoodies and grey vests – add to your wardrobe by ordering online (pawsforpeople.org/PAWSWear).

Finally, feel free to call or email me if you have questions about anything ranging from Volunteer Impact to PAWSWear to de-stress sessions.

~ Keri Collins-Mooney, Office Manager

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Better Safe Than Sorry!

Home Fire Preparedness



If “being prepared” is top on your list of musts, then our “Better Safe...” nuggets of info throughout this newsletter may be of help to you.

1. Alert firefighters to indoor pets - Place a pet rescue fire safety sticker in a window on each side of your home. These stickers, free from most pet stores and humane organizations, inform firefighters to “Please rescue my pets!” They let fire crews know you have pets inside, how many, and what kind.

Unleashing PAWS Magic



The first few months of 2015 has proven to be an overwhelming success with our newly-formed PAWS University – an offering of specialized trainings for our pet therapy teams. In the first quarter, we offered 4 different courses to PAWS teams: PAWS for

Reading, Nemours Prep, 1st Visit Assistant, and PS (Psychiatric Support) PAWS. These trainings offer helpful information and support for teams wanting to ensure they provide the best visit possible, as well as guidance to those teams looking to add program specialization to their visiting agenda! Please consider attending a training – or 2 – see the schedule later in this newsletter.

Our Nemours/AI duPont Hospital for Children program continues to grow. This quarter we have added dedicated team visits to the PT/OT Rehab Gym, MRI and medical imaging, and pre-and post-surgical areas! If you have been a PAWS team close to 9 months and are interested in pursuing your Master's and Nemours visits, let me know; our Nemours Prep training will be offered again in April.

Community interest in our psychiatric support program has been very high recently. Organizations throughout DE, as well as individual therapists, have been requesting us to work with their patients in a variety of settings. We are currently working closely with Rockford to strengthen our program there, as well as hoping to fill newer requests such as Connections (Wilm.) and Upper Bay (MD). Working with this population is incredibly rewarding and perhaps one of the most impactful visits we offer.

As we move toward spring and summer, PAWS will be offering PAWS for Reading training to fill library and school placement for summer and fall. Combine your love of reading and dogs and kids with this innovative and fun program. We are particularly interested in teams wanting to work with preschoolers and English language learners!

Thanks to each and every one of you for all the heart and soul you put into PAWS; we would be nowhere without you and I'm looking forward to celebrating our 10th anniversary with you!

~ Stephanie Barry, Associate Director

WE DO THAT, TOO!

Ohio U. students now have the comfort of a 4-legged companion named Buddy when attending counseling sessions with senior counselor, Rinda Gould.

Buddy is Gould's therapy poodle, who will now be a part of Ohio University's Counseling and Psychology Services once a week. According to Gould, "There has been a lot of research done about the benefits of having dogs specifically as an emotional support dog ... When clients are petting him and talking to him, they are able to let things out that can be scary. It just helps them relax."

Gould says that Buddy is also benefiting from this new program, adding that "He wants to be with people. He seems to know if students are upset. He'll want to get really close to them. It's intuitive." The Post-Athens, 2015

(PAWS offers visits like this – you can, too!)



Better Safe Than Sorry! Home Fire Preparedness

2. Keep outdoor pets away from danger - If you have a doghouse or a pen for a rabbit, pot-bellied pig or other outdoor pet, make sure it's at least 20 feet away from any brush that could possibly become fuel in a fire. That way, you'll have time to go out and rescue your pet if such a fire does threaten your property.

I Hear Ya!

A recent study published in Current Biology supports the growing research showing just how tuned-in to us our dogs really are. By analyzing the way they move their heads, researchers found evidence that dogs may show similar patterns of processing speech as we do. When presented with a monotone, robotic voice speaking the "come" command, the dogs turned to the right, suggesting their left hemispheres were at work. Upon hearing unintelligible speech infused with human emotion, they turned to the left, indicating the use of the right hemispheres. In humans the left hemisphere is linked with speech processing and the right with recognizing emotional cues. It seems that dogs are able to differentiate between meaningful and meaningless sound sequences.

-Jan/Feb 2015, AKC FamilyDog

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~ Herman Melville

ADVANCED TRAINING



Wednesday, June 3rd
12:30 - 4:30 pm

Thursday, November 5th
5:30-9:30pm

Room 1100 Christiana Care
Newark Campus

Required for PAWS therapy teams who have been members for at least 6 months.

RSVP with Keri - PAWS office



The Racine Report

It is with deep gratitude that I transition into the role of PAWS' Volunteer Coordinator Throughout my progression from intern to Support Staff to Volunteer Coordinator, I've met so many incredible volunteers.

Hearing stories from seasoned teams and learning why new teams join PAWS has been very humbling. Accompanying teams on their 1st visits has given me the chance to see the unique impact of PAWS in our community. To meet all of the special people that share their pets with those in need is a real honor.

Whether you are visiting the elderly, children, or those with disabilities, I am continuously impressed with the time and energy you are taking to visit those in need. All of these people benefit greatly from spending time with a furry friend who will never judge. Thank you for all that you do!

Just a few reminders:

- **Please remember to log your visits and hours** either after each visit or at the end of the month
- If you are a new team and have not completed your 1st visit yet - or - if you have not visited that month for some reason, log in ZERO.

Please call me at the office or email me with any questions you have! RBoyle@PAWSforPeople.org

~ Racine Boyle, Volunteer Coordinator

The Power of a Pet Visit

I was recovering from knee replacement surgery; it had been a rough and painful road and Zeke had to remind me that I don't have to be alone while I do the relentless home therapy. I was lying on the sofa, sniffing in pain one day when, all of a sudden, Zeke was at my side, leaning his warm body against mine. I wrapped my arm around his neck and he snuggled into my shoulder and stared into my eyes as I did my leg lifts. He has been there every exercise session since! I can't believe I didn't remember I had a therapy dog - but he knew exactly what I needed!

It is totally awesome to be on the receiving end of pet therapy. I appreciate him more now than ever.

Tish Gallagher and Zeke

A Round of APPLAWS



We have many people & groups to thank for helping us:

- Thank you to our Board of Directors which continues to grow in strength and support of PAWS.
- all conference attendees and the planning committee. It was the best attended conference yet.
- Easter Bone hunters and those who stuffed and hid eggs and tied ribbons to branches so our biggest crowd ever could enjoy an afternoon of fun.

A BIG THANK YOU...to all our Partners and Sponsors. You made our 2014 events so successful and helped us impact so many lives with pet therapy magic!

Hillside Heating & Cooling ~ continuing its strong support as our Top Partner since 2013

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Why are Dogs Sloppy Drinkers?

Because canines have floppy jowls instead of complete cheeks, they can't generate suction with their mouths, so they've evolved a sloshy, lapping strategy. Using an array of high-speed cameras and mathematical models, physicists have teased out the fluid dynamics behind how dogs drink.

A dog curls its tongue posteriorly and plunges it through the water's surface. When the tongue returns, it drags a column of water up into the dog's mouth. The process isn't as precise as it sounds, as evidenced by the slippery floors of dog owners the world over. Cats actually use a similar lapping strategy, but their tongues never break the water's surface, which makes for much tidier drinking.

Science Magazine/Science Shot – Nov. 2014





“With a Little Help from our Friends”

PAWS is celebrating 10 YEARS of life-changing pet therapy ~ thanks to a lot of help from our many friends, both humans and pets! PAWS could not have accomplished this milestone without you: we hope you will join us in celebration and continue to be part of PAWS’ next decade of pet therapy magic!

Here’s what’s blooming this Spring at PAWS...

PAWS’ Annual Spring Appeal ~ In response to inquiries about making donations in celebration of PAWS’ 10th Anniversary, we’re offering the opportunity to easily make donations online www.PAWSforpeople.org, or by mail, or by calling our office (302-351-5622). As with any donation, you may choose to make this a Tribute Gift, remembering or recognizing a special person or occasion. To learn more visit our website or call.

- Our Special Events are springing to life ~ Easter Bone Hunt, Guest Bartender, Wag-n-Walk, Jingle Bell Brunch, Annual Conference, and Volunteer Appreciation Events. Options are blooming!
- Please consider becoming a 2015 sponsor or partner. And please let us know your ideas for possible new sponsors whom we can contact!*

Being a sponsor or partner provides individuals and businesses wonderful ways to support and actively participate with PAWS, while receiving numerous benefits. We love to unleash creativity and work to build mutually beneficial relationships – making it affordable and rewarding to be part of PAWS!

- Sponsorships** for events and activities are available on a variety of levels ~ enabling you to get involved with PAWS in a way that matches your needs.
- Partnerships** are relationships with a higher level of commitment and involvement with multiple events and activities. We work in partnership to help each other, at levels that work for you.

To continue PAWS magic, we truly need “a little help from our friends.” – Thank you!

~Ro Lenoir, Development Director



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SECC contribution campaign # 71031

Better Safe Than Sorry! Home Fire Preparedness



3. Know your pet's usual hiding places - During a fire, your pets will be terrified and they’ll most likely run to in the places they feel most safe. If you don’t know their common hiding places, you could run out of time to save your friend. Find all the best cubbyholes and niches, map them out on a piece of paper, and include the map in your fire escape plan in case you need others not familiar with their hiding spots to help you find them.

The Power of a Pet Visit

Just wanted to share a story about Murphy's visit with a DE Elwyn client today. The attendance was smaller today as a number of the clients were attending a picnic outing today.

About 30 minutes after the 1st bus left for the picnic, it returned to bring back a woman who wanted to return. She was agitated and stated to the nurse that she didn't know why she had been instructed to attend the picnic anyway. The nurse comforted her and stated, "You can stay here with me anytime."

The client was less than happy and had quite a frown on her face. I waited a moment and then approached her slowly and asked if she wanted to pet Murphy. Her frown was already turned upside-down as we got closer and she reached to pet Murphy. He has the sweetest face and a calming demeanor. Murphy helped this woman change her mood. I was struck by how Murphy not only helped this woman improve her mood, but also helped the nurse by cheering up her patient

~ Ginny Farrell and Murphy

2016 Calendar

If you are interested in joining the 2016 Calendar Committee, please e-mail our webmaster Wendy (webmaster@PAWSforPeople.org).

Our first meeting will be in early May so that we can plan a magnificent wall calendar and day planner for next year. Entries to the 2016 calendar will be gathered as part of a photo shoot open only to PAWS members.

Pet/People CareCorner

Dog Bacteria May Benefit Human Health

Kisses from your dog and a nice belly rub just might be good for your health! Researchers in Arizona are studying the biological connection between humans and dogs that may be shared through saliva and skin.

The study, titled "Dogs as Probiotics," was inspired by recent research that showed married couples sharing more "microbiota" with their dog than with one another. Beneficial bacteria on the skin and in the gastrointestinal tract help prevent inflammation and other disease-causing bacteria. Many diseases are linked to the inflammatory processes, which link back to your immune system. Having a dog not only brings you tons of smiles but may actually tame your immune system, and it's these types of significant health links that researchers are looking for.

-Tucson Sentinel, October 2014

TRAINING, TRAINING, TRAINING!



DOG TRAINING – classes with Sean Theodore are open to PAWS members and nonmembers. If you or someone you know has a dog that needs a little "work," please check out our dog training classes online or call the office. We'd LOVE to help you get your pup better trained (Sean is REALLY good.)

PEOPLE TRAINING – we continue to offer basic orientation and training for prospective new teams 2 Saturdays and 2 Wednesday evenings a month.

Our advanced and specialized classes are available through PAWS University – see cover for details.

A pet is an island of sanity
in what appears to be an insane world.
One can rely upon the fact that one's pet
will always remain a faithful, intimate,
non-competitive friend, regardless of the
good or ill fortune life brings us.

~Dr. Boris Levinson

RESEARCH

A study published in Current Biology supports the growing research showing just how tuned-in to us our dogs really are. By analyzing the way they move their heads, researchers found evidence that dogs may show similar patterns of processing human speech as we do.

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Atila Antics, a neurobiologist in Budapest, told NPR that the "dogs are able to differentiate between meaningful and meaningless sound sequences." Are you surprised?

AKC Family Dog, Jan/Feb 2015

Better Safe Than Sorry! Home Fire Preparedness



4. Have an emergency kit - When preparing an emergency kit for your family, include pet-friendly items as well. In addition to the items included in these kits, you may want to consider adding some additional necessities including:

- Your pet's prescription medication
- Cards with the vet's phone number and the location of the nearest emergency animal hospital
- A copy of your pet's medical history
- Photos of your pet in case he is missing
- Towels or blankets
- Saline solution to flush debris from eyes

A pet is a medication without side effects that has so many benefits. I can't always explain it myself, but for years now I've seen how instances of having a pet is like an effective drug. It really does help people.
-Dr. Edward Creagan



ENGAGING EXPERIENCES

The snow has melted and Community Events are popping up everywhere. We would love for you to join us this Spring as we go out and about to share the magic of PAWS for People with others.

Participating in events is a great way to meet other therapy teams, interact with other pet lovers in the community and spend time with your pet. Check out the event section of the newsletter and watch your inbox for new and exciting opportunities.

Some of our community events come to us through therapy teams. If you become aware of an event or fundraising opportunity in your area that you think might be a good fit for PAWS, please let me know.

HELP WANTED: In order to expand our event capacity, we need additional help. Would you like to become a Team Leader for PAWS? A Team Leader assumes responsibility for a community event – picks up the supplies from the office, sets up at the events, serves as the point of contact for the day, and returns supplies after the event. Contact me if you're interested in serving in this essential role.

Barnes & Noble BookFair – April 14-20 (Christiana Location)

This is a great opportunity to buy a gift for Mom, Dad, Grad, or treat yourself while supporting the work of PAWS. Purchases may be made in-store or online at BN.COM/bookfairs using **BookFair ID 11565785 at checkout**. Since online purchases are included, please share through social media with everyone you know! We will have special reading sessions or "Meet the PAWS Therapy Teams" opportunities on Tuesday, April 14th and Saturday, April 19th. Watch your email to sign up.

~ Clarice Ritchie
Community Engagement Coordinator

5 Rules of Trick Training



1. First and foremost, **make sure that your dog is in good physical shape** and has no issues that would cause him to be injured before attempting to train any new tricks.

2. To get the most out of your sessions **make sure your dog is hungry and bored** before training. That way, he'll be more into you and the food. For non-food oriented dogs, use a toy that only shows up during your training sessions.

3. **BE fast!** Reward immediately when the dog does what you're looking for. If you're too slow, you'll miss the opportunity to mark the correct behavior.

4. **Wait to use a cue word** until your dog is doing the exact behavior you want. Otherwise you'll be labeling incomplete learning and confusing your dog as to what the command actually means. Until that point, use a marker such as "Yes" to mean "You did it right and food is coming."

5. **Reps Count.** When teaching my dogs a new trick, I do 5-10 reps before moving to the next progression.

-Jan/Feb 2015, AKC familydog

Better Safe Than Sorry!

Home Fire Preparedness

5. Secure your pet during danger

Always evacuate your pets on a leash or in a pet carrier. Just as with fireworks, pets will panic at the smell of smoke, and they may bolt when outside, making them impossible to find.



The Power of a Pet Visit

At a recent visit to Connections, a drop-in center for Wilmington's mentally challenged, something really neat happened. We visit in a large room where people come and go, distracted and disconnected.

Sunny and I sat down in the middle of the room with 1 young woman. Soon another woman joined us. We petted and brushed Sunny and rolled a ball to play. Before I knew it, more people joined us and by the time we had to leave, almost everyone in that big room had pulled up a chair or joined us on the floor. These folks created their own group therapy session.

Lynne Robinson and Sundance

PAWS Community Outreach Events

This Spring we have many opportunities to be out in the community spreading the word about PAWS and pet therapy.

We hope to see YOU enjoying some of them!

Check the events listed below or go to the [website calendar](#) for updates and details.

To sign up, email pawsevents@PAWSforPeople.org or call the office.

APRIL

- April 2 ~ **William Penn Field Day**
New Castle, DE, 10am-1pm
- April 11 ~ **WOOFstock @ Bellevue Park**
Wilmington, DE, 10am-2 pm
- April 11 ~ **Concord Pet**
Cherry Hill, NJ, 10am-Noon
- April 13 ~ **UD Puppy Kissing Booth**
Noon-3pm
- April 13 ~ **University of DE deStress**
6pm-8pm
- April 14 ~ **Barnes & Noble Book Fair Kick-off**
Christiana, DE, 6pm-9pm
- April 18 ~ **Barnes & Noble Reading Sessions**
Christiana, DE, 9am-3pm
- April 18 ~ **Walk for Autism**
Cape Henlopen- Lewes, DE, 9am-1pm
- April 25 ~ **Walk for Autism**
Wilmington, DE, 9am-1pm
- April 25 ~ **Nature Society-Spring into Nature**
Wilmington Riverfront, 12pm-4pm
- April 28 ~ **Jobs for Delaware Grads Conference**
Dover Downs, DE 10:30am-2:30pm

MAY

- May 2 ~ **NEWBARK PAWLOOZA**
Newark, DE, 9am-1pm
- May 2 ~ **NAMI Walk – 9am-noon**
Delcastle Recreation Center
- May 2 ~ **Dover Days**
9am-4pm

May 2&3 ~ **Barnes & Noble Wrapping**
Christiana Mall, DE, 9am-4pm

May 3 ~ **Point to Point**
Winterthur, 11am-4pm

May 8&9 ~ **Barnes & Noble Wrapping**
Christiana Mall, DE, 10am-9pm

May 9 ~ **Concord Pet**
Millsboro, DE, 10am-Noon

May 16 ~ **PetValu**
Mullica Hill, NJ, 11am-2pm

May 16 ~ **Palette & The Page**
Elkton, MD, 11am-3pm

May 17 ~ **Buddy Walk**
University of DE deStress
Sports Complex, 10am-3pm

May 18 ~ **University of DE deStress**
6pm-8pm

JUNE

June 13 ~ **Concord Pet**
Middletown, DE 10am-Noon

June 13 ~ **Bigs & Littles Picnic** (Big Brothers/Sisters)
Banning Park, Wilmington, DE, Noon-1pm

June 20 ~ **DFRC Blue-Gold Game**
University of DE Sports Complex

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Wag-n-Walk

Saturday, October 24th - Delcastle

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Lynne Robinson, Executive Director

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May

Dementia – 13th /27th

June

Reading – 17th

July

Nemours Prep – 8th

August

Autism – 19th

September

Reading – 9th

October

Nemours Prep – 14th

November

Reading Conference – 19th

December

Courthouse Canines – 9th

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