



# PAWS to Consider

Pet-Assisted Visitation Volunteer Services

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## PAWSPrints

## Missing Something?

A new look – a new feel? Opening ourselves to new things is good – and a sign of growth. New things, though, take the place of things we already hold dear, and letting go of those can be hard, emotionally painful, and just plain tough to deal with.

Changing our logo has been a many-year project. Hard to give up the tried and true; hard to say goodbye to something that has been a part of PAWS for years. (But don't you like the new look?)

And as PAWS therapy teams, we find ourselves having to give up other things that are far more dear than a logo – giving up a trusted furry pal who has been your visiting buddy, your partner, your best friend; losing someone you have been visiting for ages, have become attached to, and now feels like family.

Recently Keri and Lois approached me, wanting to discuss what we are terming “acquaintance grief” – said more simply, it's the pain and loss we feel when we lose one of our favorite folks to visit – someone we've spent hours with, enjoyed conversations and stories with, someone we look forward to seeing on our next visit. And then, when you arrive at that next visit and find...their room empty, their things gone, and that dear person NOT THERE whether from death or movement to another site, or who knows where because the staff won't tell you what happened. There is real loss there. They weren't a family member, you didn't know them for years, but you shared a dog and some time and became attached.

And a point that Keri made so very well, is that in this pet therapy world of living and loving and losing, there is little chance for closure. You are rarely told about the funeral. You didn't know the family so it's hard to write more than a little note on a card, you didn't get to say goodbye – and that closure that you need has to either linger or be ignored.

This phenomenon isn't likely to be a singular event in your life as a therapy team. It's likely to happen again – kids in your reading program may move away without warning, someone in assisted living may move away to be with family, folks with disabilities switch programs and living sites.

So what do you do? Well, we're hoping that you will trust PAWS staff enough to contact us and share your grief. Talking is good. There are other ways to channel your sadness. Thanks to Lois and Keri we are creating a support network of people and resources and suggestions on how to celebrate the life as you grieve your loss. Please read the article inside this newsletter that begins this needed conversation.

The longer you visit, the more loss may invade your life. We all experience this – some of us take it harder than others – but we all experience this “occupational hazard.” Hopefully what we create will be supportive and helpful to YOU. Maybe you could be supportive and helpful to another team who is dealing with the same hurt as you have. A little trust and a little bravery can bring us closer together and help you feel less isolated in your grief. That's what PAWS is for – helping us ALL feel better.

# 7th Annual **WAG-n-WALK & 5K Run**



## **Saturday, Oct. 24th**

### **New Venue – Delcastle Recreation Center**

Sign up now at [www.pawsforpeople.org/wagnwalk](http://www.pawsforpeople.org/wagnwalk). Form a team and ask all of your friends and family to join you! Create a fundraising page and give everyone you know an opportunity to support the work that you do for PAWS for People. Whether you join us for the 5K Run/Walk, the 1-mile fun walk, or the doggie games & contests, come out and show your PAWS spirit.

**19 TEAMS ARE ALREADY FORMED.**  
**WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE?**  
**OR BETTER YET, START YOUR OWN?**

And we still need more teams and more sponsors and more vendors to make this year's WALK the biggest success ever.

**OR...**

You can just come with your pup and your friends and your family and bring everyone you know and enjoy the fun!



### **PAWS for Reading Conference**

9am-2pm – Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

Skyline Methodist Church

**PAWS teams AND the general public  
are invited to attend.**

**Look for more information coming soon.**

## PAWS Guest Bartender Event – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>



**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** is PAWS Guest Bartender Event at BBC Tavern & Grill in Greenville, DE. Please join us for a fun time of food and festivities. BBC will donate 10% of all food purchases and 100% of all bartender tips to PAWS. We will also be raffling two baskets of cheer. Visit our website for information on how to donate to your favorite bartender. The bartender with the highest amount of donations will win a fabulous prize!

## **BARNES & NOBLE** Book Fair – Oct. 2-8<sup>th</sup>

Barnes & Noble has generously offered to hold a 2nd book fair to benefit PAWS for People. The dates of the event will be **October 2-8, 2015**. We will have a table in the Christiana Mall Barnes & Noble during the event and hold Reading Sessions on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Look for more details and coupons coming soon.



## J. McLaughlin Fundraiser – Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

Join us on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** for our special fundraising event at J. McLaughlin in Greenville, DE. Just in time to purchase the perfect holiday party outfit or do some holiday shopping. Tell all of your friends!

## Quarter Auction – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Have you ever been to a quarter auction? Ever hear about one and wonder just what it is? Come and find out 1st hand just how much fun it can be!! Our event will be on **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30-3:00 PM at the Newark Elk Lodge. Stay tuned for more details on this fun new event.







## New Therapy Teams

(July and August graduates)

**Oya Alatur and Bark**, Australian Cattle Dog/  
Alaskan Eskimo

**Susan Aruanno and Bogey**, Boerboel

**Priscilla Cathcart and Pete**, Chocolate Lab

**Jennifer Colantuono and Scooter**, Lab

**Jacquelin Cole and Dudley**, Old English  
Sheepdog

**Michael Flaherty and Lucy**, Poodle

**Nina Flaherty and Lucy**, Poodle

**Angie Greenway and Rhyme**, Border Collie

**Janis Kardash and Finnegan**, Golden Retriever

**Savanah Kardash and Finnegan**, Golden  
Retriever

**Danielle Ketels and Willie**, Golden Retriever

**Joan, Klockars and Chessie**, Golden  
Retriever

**Bridget Laubach and Daisy**, Chihuahua

**Kaitlin Mandel and Gizmo**, Black Lab

**Shawn Mathiesen and Enzo**, Terrier Mix

**Kate McCarthy and Murphy**, Lab Mix

**Anna McDermott and Kyra**, Cavalier Mix

**Lecia McDermott and Kyra**, Cavalier Mix

**Meredith McGinley and Tucker**, Labrador  
Retriever

**Barbara McNally and Romeo**, Doberman

**Fred McNally and Romeo**, Doberman

**Jack O'Hollaren and Lucky**, Golden Retriever

**Ana Pardo and Acadia**, German Shepard

**Andres Pardo and Acadia**, German Shepard

**Jorge Pardo and Acadia**, German Shepard

**Laura Pardo and Acadia**, German Shepard

**Beth Schubert and Rose**, French Bulldog

**Olivia Schubert and Rose**, French Bulldog

**Tanya Sellers and Sandy**, Puggle

**Michael Sheridan and Warren**, Cavalier

**Colleen Sigle and KK**, Water Spaniel/Lab Mix

**Susan Spilecki and Rudy**, Chocolate Lab

**Bethany Sullivan and Goose**, Yorkie

**James Sullivan and Goose**, Yorkie

**Meredith Sullivan and Goose**, Yorkie

**Kristy Tomcykoski and Charlie**, Boxer

**Valerie Vassar and Trudy**, Labradoodle

**John Villamagna and Chessie**, Golden  
Retriever

**Nile Walker and Milo**, Yorkshire Terrier/  
Poodle

**Sedona Walker and Milo**, Yorkshire Terrier/  
Poodle

**Elizabeth Walker Romero and Milo**,  
Yorkshire Terrier/Poodle

**Pat Weinstein and Winston**, Airedale

**Ronnie Weinstein and Winston**, Airedale

**Jessica Woods and Zoe & Sophie**, Collie/Lab  
Mix and German Shepherd

**Brenda Zappo and Penny**, Sheltie

## Retired

thank you for your service

**Eileen Barr and Red**

**Doris Graham & Teddy Bear**

**Keegan Hackman & Maddie**

**Mary Chris Thompson & Sophie**

## NEW DOG - CURRENT MEMBER

**Noodles – The Declemente Family**

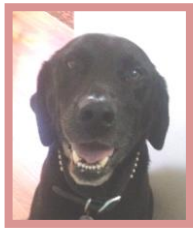
## In loving memory of...



**Leslie Lundstrom**,

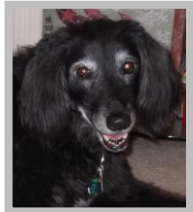
popular PAWS for Reading  
pet, joined PAWS with her  
owner Blythe Lundstrom in  
May of 2010. One of our few  
bunnies, she became the

perfect reading partner while sitting quietly in laps and  
letting the kids pet her soft fur while they read to her.



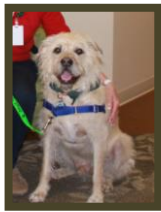
**Wylie Myers** joined PAWS for People in June of 2014 with his beloved owner Elizabeth Myers and quickly became a staff member and co-worker with her at her counseling job at Delaware Guidance. Wylie was a favorite with the kids and a

motivation for other DG staff to join PAWS with their own dogs.



**Katie Birney** joined PAWS in November of 2011 with her incredibly soft black dog named Sadie (pictured here). They both loved their therapy visits and often volunteered extra time with PAWS by helping out with

community events. Katie had an infectious smile and a heart of gold.



**Baj McKinley** and his devoted owner Marti McKinley had only been official therapy team members with PAWS for a few months when Baj was hit with an unexpected seizure. Baj loved visits at Beebe and charming everyone he met.



No new staff to welcome this time. All is well.

**Blessed is the influence of one true loving soul on another.**

~ George Elliot

## 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!

**Diana Adamson and Brogan  
Tawanda Harbison and Mr. Gibbs  
Russ Hornung and Henry  
Angel Montello and Rocco  
John Weber and Gizmo**

♥ Julie O.M.

As Office Manager and Intake Coordinator I will be the first line of contact when contacting PAWS. From application to orientation and training, new team members will have on going support from me.

I am here to answer questions and concerns from current and new team members via phone and e-mail. If I cannot help you directly I will direct you to the proper staff member. I am here to support both PAWS staff and team members in any way I can.

Being the new Office Manager is an exciting opportunity and I am honored to be a part of the PAWS office team.

~ Julie Haytas, Office Manager

## PAWS ♥ NUMBERS

Throughout this issue, we'll be sharing info gathered from the PAWS Facility Survey and a quote to go with it. We LOVE these numbers AND these kind words.

♥ How satisfied is your facility/staff with your current paws program? **98.25% satisfied+**  
*"This program is the most wonderful part of our lives at the center."* Swedesboro High School

## Unleashing PAWS Magic

As we begin to approach the end of the year, there is still plenty of opportunity to sharpen your visiting skills by attending **PAWS University:** PAWS for Reading (9/9), Nemours Prep Training (10/14) and Courthouse Canines training (12/9). We will be posting next year's courses shortly. These specialized trainings are required to visit in the above programs and are currently held at the PAWS office: register online.



This summer, PAWS launched our first marketing plan which evolved out of our Strategic Action Plan. In addition to launching a fantastic new logo, we're working on solidifying the PAWS brand (aka updating our "look"), developing a social media plan (including Facebook and a blog), refining and updating our website for ease of browsing... and more! If you have an interest in sharing your marketing talents, please contact me – exciting times for PAWS, indeed!

~ Stephanie Barry, Associate Director

# TRAINING --- DOG --- TRAINING!

## COMING SOON

PAWS will soon be offering dog training classes in Middletown, Delaware.

Wednesday day and evening classes starting mid-September.

That's all the info we have so far – stay tuned.


## DVMA Animal Hero Awards

### HERO

**THERAPY DOG  
SERVICE**

**COMPANION DOG**

If you would like to nominate your own deserving pooch (OR someone else's) for one of these prestigious awards, please check out our website for the nomination materials – submission **deadline Sept. 15.** (PAWS office will help you fill this info out.) (PAWS co-sponsors these awards with the Delaware Veterinary Medicine Association.)

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 How satisfied is your clientele with your current PAWS program? **98% satisfied +** *“Everyone in this program is amazing. I'm so thankful for them and the time they shared with the children. It has changed our lives.” Swedesboro Head Start*



The redesigned PAWS logo was completed last month and appears to be a resounding success with both PAWS staff and the general public. We set out to create a look that was more contemporary, yet familiar, while retaining the warmth and readability that any good logo should convey. We introduced a dark slate blue into the color but also kept our trademark green paw. Since this is PAWS' 10 year anniversary, we added a tagline to the logo to call attention to that milestone.

Already in place on many of the printed materials we use, we look forward to integrating the new logo into our revised marketing plan currently in development.

~ Kevin Drexler, Creative Services

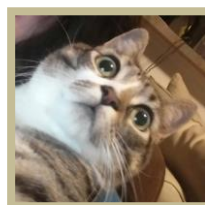
Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

~ Maya Angelou

## ADVANCED TRAINING

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

5:30-9:30pm – Christiana Care -Newark  
Room 1100 off Main Lobby  
for teams in PAWS 6 months or longer



## Racine's Report


I'm proud to say that we've trained 113 new teams so far this year! It was great to meet all of the newest PAWS members and their pets.

THANK YOU to all of the training assistants for helping us during orientation and training!

I would also like to send a big THANK YOU to all of our wonderful first visit assistants. You've been very helpful in getting our new teams comfortable in their visiting sites. We couldn't do it without you! Responsibilities of a first visit assistant include showing the team around their visiting site while offering guidance and support.

We would love to have more first visit assistants in southern Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Middletown. If you are interested in becoming a first visit contact me at [RBoyle@PAWSforPeople.org](mailto:RBoyle@PAWSforPeople.org).

~ Racine Boyle, Volunteer Coordinator

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 Rate how satisfied your are about PAWS teams' level of expertise – **100% satisfied+** *“The PAWS humans and animals represent the best of the best - we are HIGHLY PLEASED by the PAWS program and what it has done for our community.” Coatesville Library*

## PAWS UNIVERSITY

September 9 – PAWS for Reading

October 14 – Nemours Prep

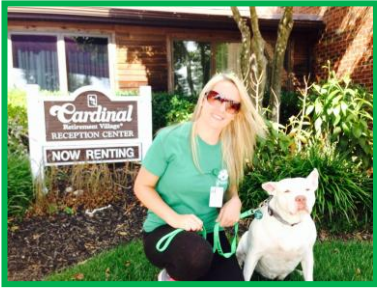
November 5 – Advanced Training

December 9 – Courthouse Canines

Sign up in advance for any or all of our specialized trainings. The cost is \$10 for materials. Please give your therapy companions the night off. Contact Stephanie to register – [sbarry@pawsforpeople.org](mailto:sbarry@pawsforpeople.org).



## The Power of a Pet Visit



Lynne, just wanted to let you know Dolly and I had a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> visit! We really love PAWS and the amazing people we are continually meeting.

You should be beyond proud that you've built

such an amazing organization! I've attached a picture from our visit as well!

Alexis Farrell and Dolly

## “With a Little Help from our Friends”



PAWS has so many *incredible friends* who are on the lookout for ways to help PAWS be the best!

SPECIAL THANKS to all of you who are helping to identify **2015 Wag-n-Walk & 5K Run Sponsors!** Your ASK is helping PAWS grow! We're delighted to welcome 6 New Sponsors: Royal Pest Solutions, Financial House, PNC Bank, Comprehensive Business Services, Bill Sudell & Skipper, Kevin & Sam Dill.

Our search for NEW partners, sponsors and supporters is ongoing ~ please help us 'sniff out' some people and businesses you know who are just waiting to be asked!

**Remember Your Employer...** Thanks to our hard-working volunteers who found ways in which their employers can generously support PAWS!

**Does your company offer a *matching gift program*?**

Are you able to *submit volunteer hours* to be recognized with a donation to PAWS?

**Will your company *promote PAWS events or provide a group of event day volunteers*?**

Is there a *company sponsorship/grant program* open for employee submissions?

**Can PAWS do an *onsite presentation & share 'our magic' with your co-workers*?**

Fall brings the traditional United Way and Company Giving Campaigns. We'd love to do a presentation!

**NOW** is a great time to check with your employer. Your ASK just might bring spark a new opportunity! I'm here to help and just a call or email away.

~ Rosemarie LeNoir, Development Director



Please rate PAWS' visits that focus on Individuals: **100% satisfied+**

*"We have loved all the teams sent our way. Our patients and staff all look forward to your visits."*

Springside Physical Therapy

## ENGAGING EXPERIENCES



This Fall is jam packed with lots of fun events. Check out the community events page and join us for some of the great activities this season. Community Events are a great way to meet other PAWS teams and share what you and your therapy companion do to bring joy and comfort to others. We would love to see you there!

We also have a lot of special fundraising events happening this Fall (see pp. 2, 3, and below), mark your calendars and share with your friends. Special events are a great way to introduce your family and friends to the mission of PAWS for People!

### Wag-n-Walk

Have you signed up for this year's Wag-n-Walk??? **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** will be here before you know it! This year's event will be at Delcastle Recreational Center in the Pike Creek, DE area to ensure that we have plenty of parking for everyone! Sign up now at [www.pawsforpeople.org/wagnwalk](http://www.pawsforpeople.org/wagnwalk). Form a team and ask all of your friends and family to join you! Create a fundraising page and give everyone you know an opportunity to support the work that you do for PAWS for People. Whether you join us for the 5K Run/Walk, the 1-mile fun walk, or the doggie games & contests, come out and show your PAWS spirit.

### Diamond State Roller Girls

PAWS for People is the charity partner for Diamond State Roller Girls for the months of Sept-Oct.-Nov. A portion of each ticket will be donated to PAWS for People for these 3 games held at the Christiana Skating Center: **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a special fundraiser at the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> game.

Thanks so much for all that you do to help us engage our community. If you have any questions about these events or suggestions for the future, please contact me!

~ Clarice Ritchie, Community Engagement Coord.  
[critchie@pawsforpeople.org](mailto:critchie@pawsforpeople.org) - 302-351-5622



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DE code is #11602

PA is #48807

Cecil County # - write us in, please.

Donations happily accepted.

SECC contribution campaign # 71031

## Goldie's Gang - 278

That's how many Goldie's Gang T-shirts have been earned by reading to a PAWS dog at least 5 different times at one of our area library visiting sites.

Goldie's Gang is an incentive program established in 2013 to encourage and reward our PAWS for Reading library readers. Looks like it works!

**WOW!**

**The things that we love  
tell us what we are.  
~ Thomas Aquinas**



Group visits – **100% satisfied+**  
*"I think everything is great and look forward to continuing in the Fall."*  
Avon Grove Library

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## PAWS GRIEF SURVEY

As a volunteer with PAWS for People for almost three years, I've experienced multiple instances of a "favorite" resident passing away. The grief process with non-family members can be more difficult to find closure or gain understanding of our emotions. That's why I wanted to get involved with helping teams cope with their grief, a grief which is not like others we may experience in life and one which we may not have a venue through which to express that grief. Hopefully the opportunities Lois and I are developing will help our volunteers fill that void." Keri Collins-Mooney

1. During your tenure with PAWS, have you learned of the death of a patient or acquaintance with whom you regularly visited? If no, skip to #3.
2. How did the loss of this relationship affect you?
  - A. This is a component of PAWS visits and it did not affect me personally.
  - B. I wanted to express my sympathy but did not know how or know if there was an appropriate way to extend my sympathy.
  - C. I was deeply affected and did not want to continue visiting with my therapy animal.
3. Indicate your interest in the following resources to deal with the death or loss of a PAWS client.
  - A. Speak with a grief counselor
  - B. Utilize books and/or other resources that reflect on death and dying, available through PAWS.
  - C. Meet with other PAWS volunteers and/or PAWS employee, to reflect on my client.
  - D. I am OK and do not need assistance when dealing with this type of grief.
  - E. An anonymous form letting PAWS staff know a resident has passed so they can alert others.
4. If PAWS were to offer a short presentation or small group discussion on "acquaintance grief," when do you think such a presentation would be most beneficial to our PAWS team members? (Check all that apply)
  - A. Initial PAWS training
  - B. Advanced Training topic
  - C. Session at the Annual Conference
  - D. PAWS University course
  - E. Not necessary at this time


You'll be receiving this survey in an eblast in the next few weeks. Your needs are important to us, so email Lynne your responses now or after you receive the info via email. [lrobinson@pawsforpeople.org](mailto:lrobinson@pawsforpeople.org) (Thank you, Keri and Lois, for creating this program.)



## Health and Wellness Webinars

Expand your knowledge with up-to-date, online learning opportunities at [e-trainingfordogs.com](http://e-trainingfordogs.com). E-train has been offering webinars in animal care and behavior since 2005 with courses in animal first aid, herbal applications, nutrition, fitness, tissue mineral analysis, and more – [e-TrainingForDogs.com](http://e-TrainingForDogs.com).

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 Communication with PAWS office – **99%**  
*“My residents look forward to the visits and some even wait by the door! This is such a great program. Thank you for everything you do.”*  
Harford County Child Advocacy Center

## The Power of a Pet Visit

I went for my make-up visit to Cokesbury yesterday at 1:00 - definitely a busy place during the week. I was able to visit all three locations, and everyone was thrilled to see Konrad.

A lady in the dementia unit kept reading his tag "please pet me" over and over - very sweet. She just loved that tag and Konrad.

Alicia Lanouette and Konrad

## RESEARCH – A0IS???

Problems with the human-canine bond often lead to behavioral issues in dogs. Because behavioral issues are one of the main reasons dogs are sent to shelters, they are also an indirect cause of shelter overcrowding and unnecessary euthanasia. Dr. Nick Dodmans, world-renowned professor of veterinary medicine at Tufts University and animal behaviorist Dr. James Serpell at the UPenn are embarking on a study to learn more about the bond between people and their canines. The **Animal Ownership Interaction Study** is examining the factors underlying the bond between humans and canines. The potential exists for making in-roads into dramatically reducing the abandonment and euthanasia of canines. The interaction behavioral aspects to be researched also have a bearing on understanding human-canine relationships in general, including helping to pair the right person with the right dog in the course of adoptions. Volunteers are needed. You can participate by registering for free at [centerforcaninebehaviorstudies.org](http://centerforcaninebehaviorstudies.org).  
**Animal Wellness - April**

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## A Round of APPLAWS THANK YOU

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




- those volunteering to train to become a PAWS LEAD trainer. We welcome all of you. Bravo!  
Sarah Baker, Lois Brooks, Teri Butler, Sam Dill, Wendy Ewing, Richard Francis, Karen Garland, Sue Good, Carolyn Grant, Nicola Hairgrove, Tawanda Harbison, Janice Baldwin-Hench, Wanda Kelly, Gloria Knittle, Edie Kurzweil, Allison McMahan, Fran Meehan, Kathryn Meloni, David Mullenix, Aileen Murray, Susan Potts, Rebecca Roehmer, Jimmy Sellers, and Nancy Shurkoff.

- also thanks to David Rose who completed his training a year ago.

- Wendy Lewis for working with PAWS staff all summer cleaning up our data bases and filling in between office managers.

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 More numbers we love: Satisfaction with....  
Teams arriving on time – **99% satisfied+**  
Willingness to visit at staff requests – **100%**  
Willingness to take directions/suggestions – **100%**

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## Pet Care Corner

Make No Bones About It



Does your pup like to chew, chew, chew? Maybe her first choice is the remote control, but you'd rather her chomp on something a little more "appropriate"?

Watch out for bones, if you turn to those as an alternative. Bones of any type may cause trauma to the teeth, either by creating vibration killing the nerve or fracturing the crown. Dog teeth aren't as tough as you'd think—the enamel on the human tooth is twice as thick as enamel on dog and cat teeth.

So – what's good to stay away from? Really hard things can crack a tooth: marrow bones, compressed rawhide, hooves, deer antlers, tennis balls (the nap erodes the enamel.)

What is safer? "Any potential chew item that will dent when pressed on with your thumbnail." Or another way of looking at it – "If you wouldn't chew in it yourself for fear of damaging your own teeth, don't give it to your dog."  
Dr. Frazer Hale, [www.toothvet.ca](http://www.toothvet.ca)  
Four Legs and a Tail, summer 2015, Sandra Waugh, VD

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Quick turn-around on calls/requests to PAWS office – **99% satisfied+**  
*“Great program and very beneficial for the patients on our Psych unit.” Union Hospital*



PAWS responsiveness to customer needs **99% satisfied+**  
*“Thank you for this opportunity for our students.” Radnor Middle school*



Number of teams at your site **98% satisfied+**  
*“We’d like more teams.”*  
*(Almost everyone said that!)*

**You Oughta Be in Pictures!**  
**PAWS 2016 Calendar**

There is still time to enter your therapy companion in the 2016 PAWS for People calendars (wall calendar and day planner). There are two options available where you can submit your own high quality digital photo.

**Package 3: \$25.00**

Entry of one HIGH QUALITY digital photograph of your PAWS therapy companion(s) **provided by you** in both calendars  
 – One wall calendar

**Package 4: \$35.00**

Entry of one HIGH QUALITY digital photograph of your PAWS therapy companion(s) **provided by you** in both calendars  
 – Two wall calendars OR one day planner

Please email Wendy (registration@pawsforpeople.org) your pictures or for more information.

**All photos must be received by September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

(Don’t wait – you’ll want to see your PAWS pet in this calendar – it’s pretty darn adorable!)

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**Calendar – Part 2**

**Order your 2016 paws for People calendars now!**



Wall calendars:  
 \$15 each /2 for \$25  
 Day planners: \$25 each

Calendars will be ready for pick up at the Wag-n-

Walk on October 24th or in the PAWS office the following week. (Shipping is available.)

**TTT? Really?**

What are all the “TTT’s” about one might ask? Like our summer gardens, PAWS is growing a hybrid fruit this season and it has been named “TTT,” aka Train the Trainer Training.

PAWS is offering “Info” sessions throughout Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania to give you an idea of what we are “planting” to do with our vision and your expertise.

We are happy to report that “TTT” has solidly planted its roots in northern Delaware. With great pride, we have met with our first courageous trainees. Two groups have been trained and are now participating in the hands-on training at PAWS Orientation, STEX and Training sessions. Others have expressed an interest in attending our info sessions. We have a lovely cornucopia of trainers and are looking for experienced members to help us grow in our other locations.

At this time, our vines are reaching into Kent and Sussex County. We have “Info” and training dates scheduled in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Please take a moment and review the schedule below and let us know that you are interested in becoming the “cover crop” for “continuous improvement.” (PAWS culture Word) Don’t be left out in the rain and miss an opportunity to nourish this exciting adventure!

~ Pat Walp, Training Coordinator

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**TTT and Info Session Schedule**

**“INFO” Sessions**

Thursday, August 27	3:00-4:30pm
Kent County Public Library	Kent Co.
Tuesday, September 1	3:00-4:30pm
Rehoboth Beach Yoga Studio	Sussex Co.

**“TTT” Training Sessions**

Thursday, September 10	6-8:30pm
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church	Sussex Co
Millsboro	

\*Please note: You must attend an “Info” session before you can take the “TTT” Train the Trainer Training.

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# PAWS Community Outreach Events

This Fall we have many opportunities to be out in the community spreading the word about PAWS for People and pet therapy. We hope to see YOU enjoying some of them! Check the events listed below or go to our website calendar for updates and details. To sign up, email [critchie@PAWSforPeople.org](mailto:critchie@PAWSforPeople.org) or call the office (302-351-5622).

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept 9 ~ **VOYA Charitable Giving Event**  
West Chester, PA 11 am-1pm
- Sept 11 ~ **Mushroom Festival Parade**  
Kennett Square, PA 5-8pm
- Sept 12 ~ **Concord Pet Meet & Greet**  
Dover, DE 10am-noon
- Sept 12 ~ **Riverwalk Freedom Festival**  
Milford, DE 10am-4pm
- Sept 12 ~ **Atglen Library Community Day**  
Atglen, PA 10am-4pm
- Sept 13 ~ **Lums Pond Animal Hospital Open House**  
Newark, DE 10am-2pm
- Sept 15 ~ **Maryland Social Gathering**  
Elkton Library 6:30-8:30pm
- Sept 19 ~ **Heart in the Game**  
Springer Middle School  
Wilmington, DE 10am-2pm
- Sept 19 ~ **DE Emergency Preparedness Day**  
Dover, DE 10am-2pm
- Sept 19 ~ **Elkton Fall Fest**  
Elkton, MD 10am-4pm
- Sept 19 ~ **Tractor Supply Pet Event**  
Woodstown, NJ 10 am-2 pm
- Sept 20 ~ **Newark Community Day**  
Newark, DE 11am-4pm
- Sept 21 ~ **University of Delaware DeStress**  
Newark, DE 6-8pm
- Sept 26 ~ **Cecil County Recovery Walk**  
Elkton, DE 10am-1pm

## OCTOBER

- Oct 2-8 ~ **Barnes & Noble Book Fair**  
Christiana Mall, DE
- Oct 4 ~ **Tails Around the Tower** (Delaware Humane)  
Rockford Park, Wilm, DE 10:30am-1:30pm
- Oct 7 ~ **Dentsply Caulk Health Fair**  
Milford, DE 11am-3pm
- Oct 10 ~ **Concord Pet – Fox Run**  
Bear, DE 10am-noon
- Oct 10 ~ **Delaware Nature Society Reading**  
Wilmington, DE 1-2pm
- Oct 19 ~ **University of Delaware DeStress**  
Newark, DE 6-8pm
- Oct 25 ~ **Hockessin Pet Parade**  
Hockessin, DE 12:30-2pm


## NOVEMBER

- Nov 5 ~ **J McLaughlin Fundraiser**  
Greenville, DE
- Nov 14 ~ **PAWS Reading Conference**  
Skyline UMC, Wilmington, DE
- Nov 14 ~ **Concord Pet – New London**  
New London, PA 10am-noon
- Nov 15 ~ **Quarter Auction**  
Newark Elks Lodge 12:30-3:00pm
- Nov 16 ~ **University of Delaware DeStress**  
Newark, DE 6-8pm
- Nov 19 ~ **DE Hospice Tree Decorating**  
Cokesbury, Hockessin, DE  
Humans Only 10am-noon

### *Other Important Dates*

- Thursday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> ~ **BBC Guest Bartender Night**
- Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> ~ **Wag-n-Walk**
- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> ~ **Jingle Bell Brunch**



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with a gentle, affectionate pet.

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*7th Annual*  
**WAG-n-WALK & 5K Run** 

Run

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Doggie Games & Costumes

Food

Vendors

October 24

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