

PAWS to Consider...

Healing Pet Therapy Services

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PAWSPrints

Right Smack in Your Face

Don't you love it when your dog gets really close to you and you can nuzzle an ear or just hug all that wonderful warmth and fur?

I sometimes just gaze into the eyes of my eldest male golden, just to receive that wonderful eye contact back and know he is really looking at me – and hopefully adoring me as much as I am adoring him.

Looking your dog directly in the face or bringing them so close so you can get a kiss or a sloppy lick or even a nuzzle is something I think most of us do – with our own dogs.

The problem, and it is a problem, comes up when you allow another person, be it a visatee, child, patient, nursing assistant, whomever, to get in the dog's space at that close a level.

I don't know about you, but I don't let too many people get in my personal space – in my face. I don't like it. Most of our dogs don't like it either.

It is one thing for you to work with your own dog and get in that close for loving and play. It is quite another thing to be visiting and allow someone to get up close to your pup – in their face, so to speak. That is not a naturally comfortable thing for dogs – in fact when you watch dogs together they rarely look at each other directly. They look just to the side of the other dog's face to maintain their comfort level.

All this is to say – please keep “other people” clear of being right in front of your dog and close enough to be in their face. A little of this might be fine and the dog might be ok. But a second close encounter or prolonged face to face interaction is going to make your dog uncomfortable and that is not what we're looking for. We don't want them to have to feel that they need to protect themselves because we aren't doing that for them.

Remember to be an advocate for your dog. Not just with rough handling or intrusive petting, but with “in your face” interaction – no matter who it is or how many times your pup has permitted it. You don't want to know what happens when the dog finally has enough.

Keep your creature comfortable and safe – always. *Lynne Robinson, Executive Director*

PAWS Special Events ~ Our next PAWS event



Volunteer Appreciation Event



ABOVE AND BEYOND

We're trying a new approach this year. It's a big party and everyone is invited to come. We want YOU to come have fun and also be recognized for all the above and beyond things you do: - bring your PAWS therapy companions, family members and friends.

Above and Beyond - That's what You do every time you stay a little longer, pick up a new place to visit, go to another community event, spend more time with a patient, a staff member, a family member, a support person.

You ALL go

ABOVE AND BEYOND

and we want to recognize your kindness and your service for what you do.

New dates

Saturday, June 24 – northern teams

Sunday, June 25 – southern teams

(Really, you can go to whichever date and place works for you!)

Register online or call the office to sign up.

New Therapy Teams

(January through March training classes)

Paula Ackroyd and Edison, Mixed Breed Rabbit
Kathy Andrzejewski and Madison, Golden
Tom Barry and Riley Rose, Golden Retriever
Kate Becker and Eliza, German Shepherd
Ruchira Behari and Pippin, Toy Poodle
Barbara Bloch and Sunny, Cockapoo
AnnElise Bouchard and Lucius, Rhodesian
Ridgeback
Crystal Canon and Sugar, Cavachon
Kaylin Canon and Sugar, Cavachon
Nihal Celik and Yavri, Cheweenie
Jennifer Coombs Kelly and George, Lab
Erica Cura and Daisy, Chocolate Lab
Jacqueline Doody and Buddy, Poodle/Bichon
Michael Doubet and Daisi, Yellow Lab
Cristina Ferrandina and Lolita St. Winter,
Persian Cat
Sydney Foulk and Kahlúa, Golden Retriever
Ashley Givler and Nellie, Cavapoo
Mark Grimes and Madison, Golden Retriever
Linda Gugasian and Nike, Bull Mastiff
Joann Johnson and Princess, Mini Rex/New
Zealand Rabbit
Mellisa Johnson and Princess, Mini Rex/New
Zealand Rabbit
Dawn Kisner and Kate, Goldendoodle
Brian Kroll, Brooks, Sheltie
Mary Krug and Lucy, Cav. King Charles Sp.
Kristen Krugreinhard and Lucy, Cavalier King
Charles Spaniel
Lorie Lagola and Clyde, Lab Mix
Jocelyn Langrehr and Shadow, Russian Blue
Allie Lazzeri and Candy, Toy Poodle
Tatiana Lazzeri, Candy, Toy Poodle
Pamela Lloyd, Winnie, Greyhound
Beth Loughrey, Charlie, Golden Retriever
Kevin Loughrey, Charlie, Golden Retriever
Debbie Lovette and Luna, Lab Mix
Cyndi Lowman-Varnedoe and Coco, Shih Tzu
Ashley Lubas and Zoey, Great Dane
Jeff Lubas and Zoey, Great Dane

Wanda Nylander and Tucker, Bischon-Shitzu
Phillip Schnelle and Rudy, Rottweiler
Vincent Sgro and Carlo, Papillon
Heather Shevland and Maggie, Bernadoodle
Susan Strawbridge and BG, Golden Retriever
Kirsten Werner and Truly, Mixed Breed
Jillian Willis and Penny, Chihuahua/Shih Tzu
Ayjay Zahniser and Blake, Terrier/Chihuahua

RETIRING

Thank you for your service!

Damon DiGiorgio and Pinki
Mary Pickering and Diesel

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**NEW DOG  
FOR CURRENT MEMBER**

Alice – Pilar Kramen  
Chi – Jodi Walker

## In loving memory of...



### MEMBER

**David Mullenix,** besides being a real sweetheart of a man, was a loyal advocate of PAWS, visiting with his Australian Labradoodle Ariel and often accompanied by his wife Kate and her service dog. He loved

working in the PAWS for Reading program reading at Media Library and subbing often when we needed help in other libraries, and going to many, many community events. David joined PAWS in April 2013. A committee member, a willing volunteer always, David will be sorely missed by those he visited and those who knew him well.



### PETS

**BABY RILEY** was a ripe old age of 11 when she died this past February. Blind and deaf, Baby rode in style in her baby stroller which her human, Betty Riley,

happily pushed around to visit the folks at the Helen F. Graham Center, Kirkwood Highway Library, and Richey Elementary School. Baby and Betty joined PAWS in November 2009.



**DUNCAN LEMOINE** was a trusty terrier, as cute and as funny as they come. His human Gini and he joined PAWS in April 2007 and put in many hours of

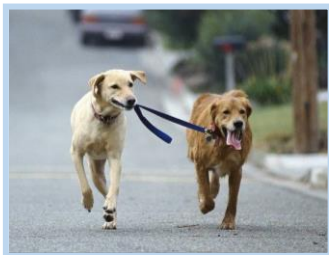
wonderful visits for several years.



### Why do Dogs Lick People? Slurp?

We've all met dogs for the first time, reached out a hand in friendship and had it coated in drool. Why do dogs lick you – at first meeting and forever onward? (Look for the picture for more ideas throughout the issue.) Michael Pena, dogster.com April 2017

1 – Curiosity – tongues give our dogs information about the world around them. Even if you have had a dog for years, you're probably going to get licked every time you come home. A few licks can tell your dog something about where you were and what you came in contact with.



### Andréa's Coordinator Catch Up

What a fantastic start for PAWS for People for 2017! We have 41 new

teams that have joined in January and February. You know what this means? We have been very busy here at the PAWS Office with trainings and scheduling!

Working with PAWS is the first time in my career that I have worked with volunteers aside from when I volunteered alongside others. I am constantly impressed by the selflessness of everyone at PAWS. Just when I think I am not going to be able to get a last minute First Visit Assistant, I get that email that says, "I can do it!" When PAWS was asked by the State of Delaware's Emergency Services to assist with trauma support, I sent out a request for teams. Within minutes I had responses. All of which said, "I can do it!" Every day, I am overwhelmed by your kindness and compassion for others. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you in 2017.

~ Andréa Cox, Volunteer Coordinator

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For some people,  
volunteering is a way of giving.

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### HappyTails

...and Happy Spring to all PAWS volunteers! Do you have lots of snapshots of your adorable pet in your camera phone? I bet you do! When



you are out and about with your pet, do people sometimes ask you how they can get involved with PAWS? I bet they do! Have you considered ordering Pet Business Cards to carry with you? You can share them anytime ~ as a keepsake for those you regularly visit or as a contact point for a curious community member you chance to meet.

Business cards can be ordered through the PAWS Shop on our website, in quantities of 250 or 500. It's easy ~ after ordering online, scroll through your photos, find the best "head shot" of your pet (high resolution is best), and then email it to me at [lgarver@PAWSforPeople.org](mailto:lgarver@PAWSforPeople.org). When your order is ready, we can mail the cards to you. Or, if you are local, you can stop by and pick them up at the PAWS Office (preferably with your pet, which is always a treat for the staff!).

Oh, and if you don't have a print-worthy photo saved yet, grab your camera and tell your pet, "Sit! Stay! Treats!" Here's an insider tip: if you get a friend to stand behind you and make a squeaky sound, you'll get those ears up with that cute head tilt! You know what I'm talking about!

~ Laura Garver, Office Manager





## Unleashing PAWS Magic

WOW – what a year 2016 turned out to be! We managed to open 40 new partnering sites in our four-state region, and closed only one – WOW! 2017 is naturally slowing down a bit, but we are still working on our expansion plan to develop sites in areas that teams need them – including in lower Delaware and in Philadelphia. We can report to you that already this year over 30 sites have been placed in our waiting pool of applicants. PAWS is very high in demand, but please know that we only fill site requests if we believe we are able to support an ongoing program – so your input in our “potential site inquiries” that we send out is invaluable!

We continue to offer specialized training through our PAWS University courses. The entire PAWS University training schedule can be found on our website. PAWS is also continuing to develop our community-based trauma support programs through specialized visits. These visits have always been an option for pet visits, but it’s seemed in recent months we’ve had sites reach out to us asking for PAWS therapy teams to offer support to their communities. To that end, we have offered bereavement support at Delaware Military Academy when they lost one of their own cadets; provided puppy love at the Siegel JCC after one of the most recent bomb threats; been on site at the Smyrna Police Department and the COAD in Dover to provide pet therapy for those affected by the tragedy at the Smyrna prison; and most recently have been invited to participate in some important distress activities at the Dover Air Force Base, working with those staffers involved in the personal effects department. We are humbled to be able to support these programs and have no one but all of you to thank for allowing PAWS to be there!

~ Stephanie Barry, Associate Director



2. Communication – licking can be conversational for dogs. Beyond curiosity and hunger a dog lick might be a form of greeting or a loyalty.

When dogs lick us, it might be to say they belong to us or what’s more likely, to remind us that we belong to them!



## PAWSWear SALES

Due to a generous donation, we have been able to buy lots of our signature green PAWS for People Therapy Team T shirts. All new teams and veteran teams who have completed Advanced Training can receive a green T shirt as a gift from us. Just let us know you want one.

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## The Power of a Pet Visit

Claudia, Brooke and I did 2 shifts at B&N at Christiana Mall and we really enjoyed it. We met some nice PAWS folks as well as lots of shoppers. We had a very special time where 2 young adults, both petting Brooke at the same time, had a heart-to-heart conversation when they realized something they had in common. One had lost her mother to cancer at a young age and the other was about to lose his mother who had been fighting cancer most of his life. It was heart wrenching, but they never would have had the interaction if we hadn't been there.

One of them approached me with questions about German Shepherds because he had a GS puppy. That's when he told me they got the puppy to have something happy in the house because his mother was dying...that's when the conversation started.

Karen Lytle-Glover and Brooke



# Engaging Experiences

It's Springtime and Community Events are popping up everywhere.

We'd love for you to join us

as we go out and about to share the magic of PAWS for People with others as only our therapy teams can. You help us make new connections every day!

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

We also have some **Fundraisers** happening:

**J. McLaughlin** Our friends at **J. McLaughlin** are holding a special

fundraising day for PAWS for People on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30**. Special thanks to Jenni Brand for serving as our hostess for the day. Join us to spruce up your Spring Wardrobe and support PAWS for People at the same time. J McLaughlin is located at 4001 Kennett Pike #136, Greenville, DE 19807. Hope to see you there.



We have been invited back to host Mother's Day and Father's Day Gift wrapping at the **Christiana Barnes & Noble**. We will need teams and gift wrappers **May 5, 6,**

**12 & 13 and June 10, 11, 16 & 17.**

## ALEX AND ANI Fundraiser Night

**May 12<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

50 E Main St., Newark, DE 19711

15% of sales donated to PAWS

Thank you so much for your gifts of time, talent and treasure which greatly benefit the programs of PAWS for People. I am honored to work beside you in this amazing organization.

~ Clarice Ritchie, Community Engagement Coordinator



3 – Feeding time – once they are weaned, but before they're ready for kibble, puppies are like baby birds. They lick mom's mouth to let her know they are hungry. When dogs lick us, especially around our mouths, what we think of as dog kisses may actually be a way of asking, "What's for dinner?"

## The Power of a Pet Visit

Hi Lynne,

I hope you're doing well – you may recall we worked together with Paws for People on our "First Impressions" video for Merrick Pet Care featuring Chase. We just saw on Facebook that Chase passed away and wanted to share our sympathy with you, Ed and everyone at Paws for People. We certainly knew Chase was the Best Dog Ever and are thinking of you all – it's so hard to lose a best friend, and we feel fortunate we were able to meet Chase and share his story with others – here are those videos once again:

First Impressions:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sv4tKGL\\_qlk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sv4tKGL_qlk)

Meet Chase:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtAe8iH0WTK>





**Betsy Berger**

Communications Manager

*Great things are brought about  
and burdens lightened  
through the efforts of many hands  
working toward a good cause.*

## WANT TO HELP IN OTHER WAYS?

We always have openings for the important jobs of

-  Intake Caller
-  First Visit Assistant
-  Trainer
-  Training Assistant

If any of these cool jobs interest you, call the office and let us know.

# 5 Signs Your Dog is Bored

Teoti Anderson, Modern Dog, Spring 2017

Reality dictates that many dogs stay at home while their people are at work during the day and rather than whine and complain about how there is nothing to do, they may get creative and stir up trouble.

It's important to note that our dogs are not doing this out of spite – that's a human trait, not a canine one. Dogs are very honest creatures. It's just that when he's bored, his choices to amuse himself are probably not going to match yours. Here are five typical signs your dog is bored.

- ~ Barking
- ~ General mischief
- ~ Hyper greeting
- ~ Destructive chewing
- ~ Escaping

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4 – Dogs know how to get what they want. Does a series of licks bring you joy, soften the tone of your voice or earn a good scratch behind the ear? Your dog will eventually put two and two together and learn that licking draws positive attention. Dog licks can remind you where your focus should be.

## The Power of a Pet Visit

Well, what started out as a great outing to the beach with Luke this morning (11/19) almost turned really bad. Lots of happy people around. We walked the boardwalk and then went on the sand. I was taking pictures and just enjoying myself. Man comes up and asks to pet Luke; we had a nice conversation and he walked away. 10 minutes later same guy is back petting Luke. Suddenly he grabs Luke and turns to run with him. I have my 2-hand grip on the leash and lose the left hand but not the right as he starts to run. As leash tightens, Luke chokes and goes wild and gives off a primal growl and the man drops Luke. I think Luke may have bitten him. Good boy, Luke! Police report filed and we're back at the beach house. Thank you PAWS for People for making two-hand hold mandatory for your teams.

Chris Friday and Luke



**“With a Little Help from our Friends...”**

*Thanks to our Friends, PAWS for*

People continues its strong and successful growth to make sure that PAWS is There! We are grateful for your tremendous support in many ways and we continue to rely upon all our Friends ~ long-time, new, and ‘soon to be made’ ~ to successfully expand!

### **Here are easy and fun ways to SUPPORT PAWS...**

- SPEAK PAWS ~ spreading the word about PAWS increases community awareness which increases others’ involvement
- WEAR PAWS ~ visibly represent PAWS with your and your pet’s PAWSWear – it’s a super conversation starter
- SHARE PAWS ~ your personal connections can begin new matching gifts, in-kind donations, business partnerships, sponsorships, grants, and more
- THINK PAWS ~ your ideas can help create fun new fundraising events or campaigns
- WIN PAWS ~ when you email or call me with new contacts and creative ideas, you just might *win a PAWS treat!*

**PAWS’ 2016 Year-end Appeal** shared that **“Because of YOU... PAWS is There.”**

The generosity of 160 supporters raised \$28,715 for PAWS.

WE THANK YOU for opening the envelope or email, reading the message, and responding with your donation. We THANK YOU for valuing and supporting the work of 400+ PAWS volunteer pet therapy teams. We THANK YOU for ensuring that *PAWS will continue To Be There!*

~ Rosemarie LeNoir, Development Director

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5 – Dogs lick their own wounds and if you have a fresh scrape or bruise, chances are they will lick that, too. In earlier times, physicians and wise folks actually trained dogs to do this, believing that it encourages healing.



## Treats from Training

One of the greatest joys of being a trainer at

PAWS for People is the variety of pets we get to meet every week! We not only make our acquaintance with dogs, but also with cats and bunnies. The excitement is almost palpable in the PAWS office when we know new teams are coming in for orientation STEX and training! Since January of 2017, we have trained 41 new therapy teams who are already spreading their animal love around in the community. We are so grateful to all our trainers, assistants and student trainers for their dedicated support and commitment.

Training sessions can be interesting events to attend! We sometimes get to see an owner stumbling into the door with an overly excited dog for which they profusely apologize. No need! As trainers, we are non-judgmental, especially when it comes to pets. If you would like to visit folks with your loving, affectionate pet, we will help you to do that. Sometimes it may require a bit of extra training, but if your pet loves people, we can do it! Memorable moments are aplenty during our training sessions. While conducting a STEX evaluation at a Delaware facility recently, we had a sweet little terrier who was dwarfed by 3 large Labradors and a German Shepherd. Needless to say, the little guy felt somewhat lost and simply curled up in his owner's lap for comfort. When it came time for his test, he "forgot" all his basic commands and became terribly jittery with all the commotion. Our one very experienced trainer, suggested we give the little terrier time on his own after the big dogs had left the room. All of a sudden, he perked up and gave his handler his full attention. She asked if she could speak to him in her native language, which she uses at home. No problem. We don't mind if you speak Zulu or Slovak to your dog – it's between the two of you! Voila! A perfect STEX test.

These are the moments we live for as trainers and assistants. Our lives are so much richer working with loving owners and their precious pets!

~ Rachel Snijders, Training Director



6 – Signs of approval – Dog licks aren't the same thing as kisses, but they can still be signs of affection or approval. If dogs lick us to

get attention, they also lick to tell us when they are getting the kind of attention they like.

## A Huge Round of APPLAWS

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



- Thank you to the Spring Fling Committee and Clarice, their fearless leader
- Thank you to everyone who attended the conference and especially our amazing speakers
- Welcome to Eric David and Brian Kroll, our two newest board members
- Thank you to Sue Ruff who is rotating off the Board

Thank you to those of you who continue to substitute for the reading program or answer Andréa's calls for teams to do some "extra duty."



**Our tax ID # is 76-0780197**

**DE code is #11602 -- PA is #48807**

**Cecil County # - write us in, please.**

Donations happily accepted.

SECC contribution campaign # 71031

## Doing PR the PAWS Way

Sometimes PAWS teams are approached by people who want to write an article about them – for their school news or company employee spotlight – or maybe an interview for their community newsletter.

If you are asked, please go through the PAWS office first. We'll provide them with up-to-date info with accurate numbers as well as a clear image of our logo.

*Volunteers are love in motion!*



# PetCareCorner



## TURMERIC

A holistic option being hailed by veterinarians and physicians for use with dogs suffering with arthritis is

turmeric, a powerful spice that new studies show has the ability to help lessen arthritic inflammation. Consider adding turmeric root to your dog's diet as a preventive aid in the battle against arthritis. A little bit goes a long way, so follow your own veterinarians' suggested usage.

*To make a difference in someone's life  
you don't have to be  
brilliant, beautiful, rich, or perfect.  
You just have to care.*

## TRAINING, TRAINING, TRAINING!



So glad so many of you are taking advantage of our dog training classes. Karen Powell is doing a terrific job with the Puppy 1 and 2 classes, as well as the Advanced

Therapy Dog and Therapy Dog Prep. We're holding off on the Tricks of the Trade until Lynne gets her sea legs back, but all the other classes are open and available to you and/or your friends. You don't have to be a PAWS member to take several of these classes. Sign up online or call the office for more information.

## The Power of a Pet Visit

Dear Lynne,  
I wish we were going to be here to attain a Master's Certification because we would love to be visiting the children at A.I. DuPont Hospital. Our move to Chicago is happening in 2 weeks, so we are busy getting packed up. We have so enjoyed being a part of PAWS here and hope that we will continue to visit folks there that need a furry friend.

Thank you for all of the training and encouragement that we have received during our brief time with PAWS for People.

Tammy Claussen and Daisy

## Dog-Friendly Paints for the Home

Don't break out the paint swatches until you know which paints are safest for your dog.

Did you realize that there are some paints that just aren't good for your pets to be around? I didn't until I read this article in Dogster. Here are the basics to know:

- 1 – avoid acrylic and latex paints
- 2 – avoid paints that contain formaldehyde, toluene and polyurethane
- 3 – look for paints labeled nontoxic and environmentally friendly
- 4 – look for eco-friendly paints or milk paints
- 5 – eco-friendly paints with eggshell or satin finishes reduce wear and tear on the walls
- 6 – with milk paints, apply a waterproof finish to protect your walls

*The miracle is not  
that we do this work,  
but that we are happy to do it.  
Mother Theresa*



7. Licking isn't adored by everyone. Some folks we visit don't like to be doused with liquid puppy love. Others prefer just petting or

shaking paws. Try to remember that when you see someone scrunching up their face in anticipation of your dog's "affection." Save the kisses for yourself.

## Dig Deeper Before Mocking 'Crazy' Pet Parents

An article in the 3/21/17 News Journal focused on the "crazy cat lady" or "stay at home dog moms" intense relationships. I think we all get a kick out of the "crazy cat lady" magnets and various sayings poking fun at the love between us and our pets, but if you get a chance to read this article, it really gets into the deep value these pets have had for the people interviewed. Kind of like the value you get from the love and devotion from your own pets. If you get the chance to read the article, you'll see the intensity and the joy that can exist from a little different viewpoint.

Here are some stories and quotes I have been saving to share with you – each one shows you another side of PAWS. Enjoy.

**Donald Adams**

*Willow Tree Hospice*

I had been visiting weekly with a gentleman in hospice who was very hard of hearing and spoke very little. The first time I brought Max for a visit he got very excited and began peppering me with many questions regarding Max. He was particularly interested in the breed - Bolonka- that comes from Russia. The gentleman passed away shortly after our second visit. The response to the dog was remarkable.

**Michele Cavanaugh**

*Christiana Care - Wilmington Psych Unit (3N)*

I am a psychotherapist and Sam comes to work with me and cheers up my patients and helps the anxious one calm down enough to make eye contact and talk with me. I have noticed that my "no show rate" is less on the days that Sam is with me seeing patients. So I wonder if it is me or Sam that is the real therapist (He doesn't even charge unlike Lucy of Peanuts - 5 cents). He has been a real asset to helping my patients!

**Cyndi Turoczy**

*PAWS in the Work Place*

I am amazed at the great work Newman does just by being a dog. A woman I work with was having a very difficult time with a family member and hospitalization and social workers etc... She would come in every morning, scoop him up and cry with him for just a few minutes. She would give him back and say, "Thank you so much, Newman. You are just what I need." She has since gotten many of the problems resolved, but she still scoops Newman up every morning to say, "Hello." I love my little guy.

**Jeanne Davis**

*Wilmington Veteran's Association*

Being a Team member at the VA is an honor and a blessing. Chien, my two year old Cockapoo, will lie in the bed of a man with no legs, or sit in a wheelchair of a veteran with an ample lap but no speech. We listen to the men talk of their families at

home, the dogs and children in their lives, past and present; we listen to their telling of their amputations, and metabolic insults (like cerebral palsy); we share stories of the Phillies, and of dreams (of, say, going to Disney World), and statements of nothing-to-do because what is outside the window has nothing going on, nor does the TV; we go to Bingo (and even drew the winning \$5 prize for some lucky man); Chien lies on the floor and is part of their afternoon. There are statements, and dreams, and facts; but there is never resentment.

**Debbie Huff**

*Nemours*

I was asked to visit a young male in ER who was admitted with suspected cardiac problems. While the boy was petting Buddy, the Mother started whispering to me and her friend to look at the monitor with his vital signs. His BP and HR were declining as he petted Buddy and was starting to relax. We have all heard and read about this happening, but what a neat experience to actually see it and have the parent point it out to me!

**Jenni Brand**

*Snowden Cottage*

Things are going great! Each of the groups of boys are engaged and interactive and Beau is learning all kinds of new things and tricks! One of the greatest things to watch is not only the smiles on their faces, but the skills the boys are employing in trying to train Beau - things like cooperation, patience, teamwork.

Since we visit in groups of 3, they have to learn how to each take turns with Beau and to hand over the reins when their turn is up. What I have also been observing is how they are coaching each other in a positive way - for example, when one of them is trying to get Beau to do a trick the others will offer encouragement and guidance. It's really cool!

Each group has a different goal they are working towards - one group is working on getting Beau to roll over, another is teaching him to dance on his hind legs, and another is interested in "nosework" - teaching him to find hidden objects (aka treats!) One boy specifically is interested in what it takes to pass the Canine Good Citizen test.

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*Thank You for being part of PAWS.  
You make us want to work even harder to provide you with the best service and support you in doing the best visits possible. The Management*

# PAWS Community Outreach Events

This Spring, 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 the website calendar for updates and details. To sign up, email [critchie@PAWSforPeople.org](mailto:critchie@PAWSforPeople.org) or call the office at (302)351-5622.

## APRIL

- April 1~ **Walk for Autism – Cape Henlopen**  
Lewes, DE, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- April 3 ~ **DeStress – Cooper Medical School at Rowan**  
Camden, NJ, 7:30 - 9:30 am
- April 5 ~ **DeStress – Delaware State University**  
Dover, DE, Time TBD
- April 5 ~ **Carrie Downie Diversity Night**  
New Castle, DE, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- April 6 ~ **Wellness Night & Color Run at Brader**  
Newark, DE, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- April 6 ~ **Literacy Night at Baltz Elementary**  
Wilmington, DE, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- April 8~ **Walk for Autism – Fox Point Park**  
Wilmington, DE, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- April 10~ **DeStress University of Delaware**  
Newark, DE, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- April 12 ~ **Appoquinimink Special Needs Fair**  
Middletown, DE, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- April 19 ~ **Davidson Special Needs School**  
Media PA, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
- April ~ **DeStress Wesley College**  
19 & 20 Dover, DE, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- April 25 ~ **Elmer Elementary Special Needs**  
Elmer, NJ, 9:00 - 11:00 am
- April 27 ~ **Heart in the Game – Springer Middle**  
Wilmington, DE, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- April 29 ~ **DeStress – UD Independence Complex**  
Newark, DE, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

## APRIL (continued)

- April 30 ~ **WJBR's FurrFest at Bellevue State Park**  
Wilmington, DE, 12:00 - 5:00 pm

## MAY

- May 3 ~ **DeStress - Salem Community College**  
Carney's Point, NJ, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- May 3 ~ **Create a Healthy Future Day – St. Francis**  
Wilmington, DE, Time TBD
- May 6 ~ **NAMI Walks**  
Newark, DE, 9:00 am – 12:00pm
- May 7 ~ **Canine Capers @ Point-to-Point**  
Winterthur, DE, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- May 8 ~ **DeStress University of Delaware**  
Newark, DE 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- May 13 ~ **Pooches in the Park**  
Lewes, DE 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- May 13 ~ **Share Your Care**  
North East, MD, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- May 20 ~ **AWA Paws & Feet Event**  
Voorhees Township, NJ, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- May 20 ~ **ALL 4 PAWS – Spring Back for PAWS**  
Newark, DE, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- May ~ **Marriott International Associate Events**  
22 & 23 Bethesda, MD, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm







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 June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**



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 the party— it's for YOU!**