

PAWS to Consider



Arlo Baldwin-Hench visits Children in Hospitals

PAWSPrints

By Lynne Robinson, Executive Director

Pet therapy is an unpredictable thing. Sometimes you get ready to visit – the green leash, the PLEASE PET ME tag, your own name tag and maybe some comfy PAWSWear, hook up your pet, and off you go. Relatively effortless. You might take some yummy treats but always a clean-up bag. You might even carry a satchel with books and stickers if you're doing reading sessions. But still, getting ready becomes pretty standard and easy to do. (Don't forget to cool the car off a bit in this heat!)

Then, when you arrive at your site, out you go, into the grass for a quick potty check, say hello to people on the way to the front door, and then, whoosh, you are inside and ready to sign in and visit, visit, visit. All this gets to be routine, as well, so, so far we're in comfortable territory. Nothing too challenging.

Now for the visits – if you remember to do what you were taught in orientation and training, you'll be using your two-hand-hold, introducing yourself with a big smile, introducing your therapy pet, and starting a conversation. That conversation might center on your pet or move to topics your visitee brings up or it could consist of silence while your person just enjoys the quiet and the love of your dog.

And you move to the next person – could be someone in a wheelchair or the person sitting next to your first visitee or a staff member who has run across the hall-way to make sure she get gets her furry hugs as well. You might take the same route every time you visit. *(Continued on Page 2.)*

IN THIS ISSUE

2-4

Upcoming Events

5

Brand New Members

9 & 14

Pet Health Corner

15

Power of a Pet Visit

10-12

Updates from the PAWS Staff

SAVE THE DATE

September 29

PAWS-a-thon - *New event!*

October 20

10th Annual Wag-n-Walk

PAWS for 
People

HEALING PET THERAPY SINCE 2005

PO Box 9955, Newark, DE 19714

302-351-5622

www.PAWSforPeople.org

PAWSPrints

(Continued from Page 1) You might choose the same people to spend time with. And all of this is fine – is lovely – is good therapy work. Keep it up.

So here's my challenge: This summer try something a little different. Remember that you have a partner at the other end of the leash – one who knows so much more than we do, one who can help you do some great therapy work. What if you, still with leash in hand and dog under control, let your dog take the lead and let her choose whom to visit next? What if you walked down the hall, passing some of your standards (you can go back to see them at the end of your visit), and let Frisky go into a room he chooses even if you've never been there before. What if you let him say hello to the middle person in a group just because that's who he picked?

This won't work for every type of visit, but if you give your pup a little leeway in choosing whom to visit, you might be surprised at what happens.

A brief story to illustrate why I love this idea: Last Friday Tory and I took Sammy, our new Volunteer Assistant, to Somerford to visit. We made the rounds in the living room and then traveled to the end of one of the hallways. We were presented with 3 closed doors – no sounds from any of them. Maybe no one was home or they were sleeping. We didn't know. So I asked my therapy dog, Tory, a two-year-old golden retriever relatively new to visiting, to pick a door so we could visit. He immediately choose door #3 and laid down in front of it. When I knocked to see if anyone were even in there, we heard a weak voice call us in. There lay a lady on her bed, covered over and mostly in the dark. She talked about how she had fallen and her arm was swollen and sore. When she heard there was a dog there, she suddenly rolled over and used her sore arm to stroke Tory, talking a mile a minute to him, and so happy. She needed that visit to help her through her pain.

How did Tory know that she was the one? How did he even know she was in the room? Sometimes we forget - Therapy pets know. And if we give them some say in whom we visit and how long we stay, our PAWS magic can happen without us doing a thing but being at the other end of the leash and listening to what our pets tell us.

Magic happens every time you visit. Even more magic might happen if you let your pet lead the way.



Lynne Robinson & Tory

Upcoming Events



Fundraiser for PAWS for People

Thursday, July 19

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Frazzberry Fundraiser

Pike Creek Shopping Center
4734 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE

Come enjoy delicious frozen yogurt while supporting PAWS for People! Pets welcome in the outdoor seating area.

Upcoming Events

Barnes & Noble - Plymouth Meeting



Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

2300 Chemical Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Volunteers & Pet Therapy Teams needed.

Please sign up for a shift or two: <http://signup.com/go/rteGbgj>

Shoppers - A portion of your purchase will benefit PAWS
[Print a voucher for in-store use or use the code online.](#)

Grotto Pizza®
Community
PIZZA NIGHT

20%
donated to **PAWS** for People

Middletown - Auto Park Dr.
August 2, 2018 | 4 to 9pm

Thursday, August 2

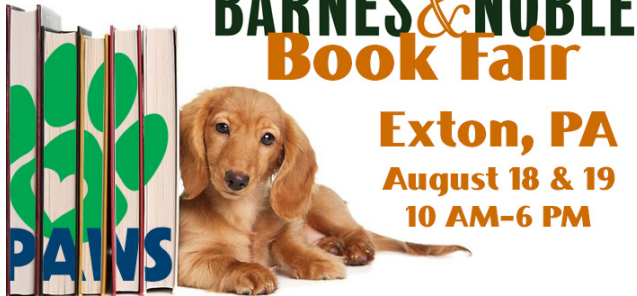
4:00 - 9:00 PM

Grotto Pizza Fundraiser

315 Auto Park Drive, Middletown, Delaware 19709

20% of your total bill will be donated to PAWS when you present your voucher. Dogs welcome on the patio!

[Print a voucher.](#)



BARNES & NOBLE
Book Fair

Exton, PA
August 18 & 19
10 AM-6 PM

Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

301 Main Street, Exton, Pennsylvania 19341

Volunteers & Pet Therapy Teams needed.

Please sign up for a shift or two: <http://signup.com/go/vYtYw-MP>

Shoppers - A portion of your purchase will benefit PAWS
[Vouchers coming soon - Check for updates on facebook.](#)

Caffé Gelato
RESTAURANT, CATERING
+ EVENTS

Saturday, September 8

Caffe Gelato Fundraiser

90 East Main Street, Newark, DE 19711

Save the date! More information coming soon.

IRON HILL
BREWERY & RESTAURANT

Sunday, September 30

Iron Hill Brewery Paws on the Patio

147 East Main Street, Newark, DE 19711

Save the date! More information coming soon.

Upcoming Events

PAWS for People's 10th Annual **WAG-n-WALK & 5K Run**



Saturday, October 20 - Glasgow Park, Newark, DE

The Wag-n-Walk is our biggest fundraising event of the year! People of all ages get pledges from their families, friends, and neighbors and come together to run or walk in our 5K and 1-Mile Doggie Walk.

Family-friendly fun, entertainment, food, vendors, and doggie games and contests will be featured on the day of the event. And, OF COURSE, well behaved dogs are welcome to attend!

Our theme for this year's event is: **PAWS Makes Magic!** Come the day of the event dressed in something related to **MAGIC** and be entered to win a prize.

Learn more and sign up!

www.PAWSforPeople.org/wagnwalk

10th Anniversary Challenges

In celebration of our 10th Wag-n-Walk, we will recognize the following accomplishments with special prizes:

TEAM LEADERS - The first 10 people to create a TEAM with at least 2 members and personalize a TEAM fundraising page

TEAM BUILDER - The first team to have 10 registered team members

SOCIAL MEDIA - The first 10 participants to create and customize a PERSONAL fundraising page and share the page on Facebook. You must tag PAWS for People (@PAWSforPeople) in order to qualify.

FUNDRAISER - The first participant with 10 donors on their PERSONAL fundraising page



PAWS for People's

PAWS-a-thon

Begins September 1

Cross the Finish Line September 29

Join us for this month-long journey that begins this September! Help PAWS for People bring tail-wagging joy to those who need it most! It's easy... all you have to do is walk (or run) with your pet. This is a great way to spend time with your four-legged friend while raising funds to help PAWS for People change lives.

Participate in this month-long, **Cumulative Marathon**,

Then... we will celebrate together with a PAWS Party

September 29, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

American Legion Post 17

113 American Legion Rd, Lewes, DE 19958

Learn more and sign up!

www.PAWSforPeople.org/PAWSathon

How It Works

Log 26.2 miles between September 1 – 28

- Walk or run on your own time, at your own pace.
- Mileage is on the honor system.

Walk or run with your pet... or trot, or hop!

- Get creative. Where else can you do a marathon with a bunny?!

Share your progress on social media

- Include mileage updates & selfies
- Share where and with whom you are run/walking

Cross the finish line at the PAWS Party

- Come celebrate on September 29th, 12-2 PM at the PAWS Party sponsored by the American Legion Post 17 and WSFS Bank
- Contests, awards, and activities for all participants
- Friends and family can come celebrate as well!

Members

New Therapy Teams

April, May & June 2018

Lizz Baldwin & Nugget (Mixed Breed)
Gary Barone & Sophie (Australian Labradoodle)
Jen Behler & Max (Australian Shepherd/Lab Mix)
Jaxon Bogart & Bane (German Shepherd)
Barbara Clardy & Jamie (Golden Doodle)
Gabriella Collins & Tommy (Yorkshire Terrier)
Jacqueline Collins & Captain Morgan (York/Chon)
Lisa Dougherty & Henry (Labrador Retriever)
Beth Elzey & Maggie (Golden Retriever)
Melissa English & Brady (Labradoodle)
David Fang & Sophie (Golden Retriever Mix)
Tedra Farrell & Gus (Golden Retriever)
Leila and Steve Ferrer & Gracie (Golden Retriever)
Kathy Finckel & Simon (Golden Doodle)
John and Sandy Graff & Chase (Standard Poodle)
Sandra Graves & Rosie (Cavapoo)
Steve Groome & Lucie (Chocolate Lab)
Adam and Chrissy Holubinka & Lacey (Lab Mix)
Kate and Elisa Hoover & Smokey
(American Short Hair Cat)
Karen and Claire Houghton & Bear
(Bernese Mountain Dog)
Jackee Krauss & Sophie (Shih Tzu)
Mary LaJudice & Bella Donna (Chocolate Lab)
Bonnie Long & Duke (Labradoodle)
Susan Loraine & Signe Solem-Stubits & Duke
(Lab/German Short Haired Pointer Mix)
Connie Luetzgen & Leif (Golden Retriever)
Ellen and Lee Marsh & Elvis (Basset Hound)
Anita Mattern & Alexander "Alex" Hamilton
(Golden Retriever)



Bella Taube

Jenna McClane & Fenway (Labrador)
Anne O'Donnell & Brandy (Beagle Mix)
Paula Pernick & Dawkins (Cavachon)
Sharon Popky & Tiny (Tabby Cat)
Matt Sgro & Carlo (Papillon)
Karen Siegel & Kiki Peaches
(Catahoula/American Bull Mix)
Kelly Silliman & Charlotte (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel)
Miah and Rebecca Smulski and James Rampley
& Zoey (Australian Shepherd/Husky Mix)
Samantha Squier & Tater (English Bulldog)
Loretta Stubits & Holly Hox (Poodle/Chihuahua Mix)
Jamie Swank & Magic (Samoyed)
Jen, Katie and Linda Taube & Bella
(Golden Retriever Mix)
Susannah Tulloch & Gus (Pembroke Welsh Corgi)
Claire Vesier & Max (Coton de Tulear)
Kristin & Richard Williamson & Mira (Siamese Cat)
Erin Wilson & Capital (Labrador Retriever)
Kat & Theresa Wisor & Santos
(Silver Labrador Retriever)
Kaitlyn & Karin Wright & Bentley (Standard Poodle)
Mary Zeigler & Leo (Pug/Boston Terrier Mix)



Captain Morgan Collins



Simon Finckel



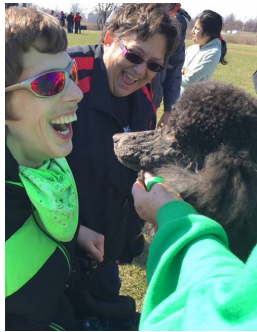
Zoey Smulski/Rampley



Elvis Marsh

Members

Retirees



Sabrina
Bev Parnell



Greta
Adriana Pfaff



Emmitt
Nicole Virgilio



Paige
Dina Raihall

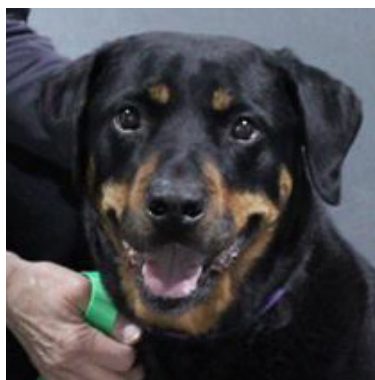


Phillis H. Phanatic
Lisa Milideo



Gillie
Joanne Orth

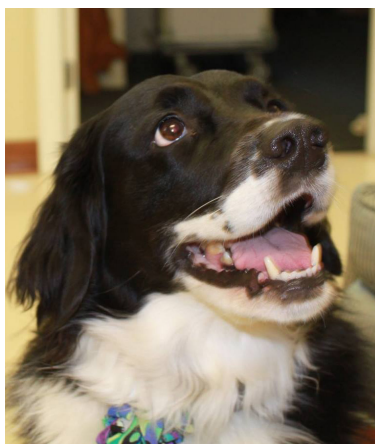
In Loving Memory



Inga McNichols

March 2018

With great sadness we share the passing of Inga, Rita McNichols' sweet rottweiler. Inga was "an absolute doll" known for making people smile. She was a wonderful representative of PAWS at community events and we will miss her greatly. We thank you, Rita, for sharing your beautiful girl through PAWS.



Sprocket Butler

April 2018

Sprocket, a loving Border Collie/Springer Spaniel mix, joined PAWS with Michelle in November, 2017. As an Advanced team, they visited with patients and staff at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center and Sprocket is remembered fondly by staff. Sprocket was also a hit at Barnes & Noble community events. When joining, Michelle said, "I think animals hold a special place in many peoples' hearts and have the ability to cheer and spiritually/emotionally touch people in a unique and meaningful way." Sprocket definitely did touch people's hearts and he will be missed. Thank you, Michelle, for sharing your special Sprocket with those who needed his healing touch.



Piper Velon

May 2018

We celebrate the life of Piper, Casey Velon's sweet miniature bull terrier who was still a puppy at 15 months when she passed away unexpectedly. Piper joined PAWS with Casey in October of 2017. They jumped right into visiting at Millcroft and represented PAWS at a number of community events including Book Fairs at Barnes & Noble and Lassonde-Pappas DeStress Events. Piper made friends wherever she went and was always up for a game of tug. Thank you, Casey, for sharing your adorable girl with us. We will remember you, Piper, for bringing a smile to all who met you.

Members

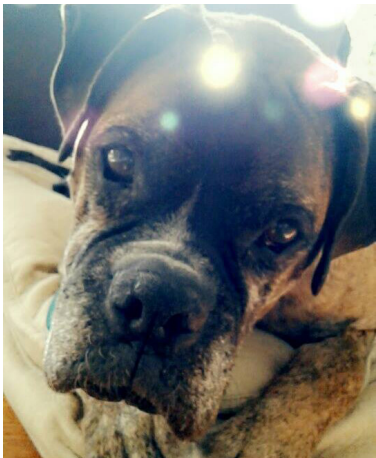
In Loving Memory (continued)



Eliza Becker

May 2018

Eliza, a beautiful German Shepherd, joined PAWS with Kate in January, 2017 and visited Somerford House and the Brennen School through PAWS's Autism Initiative. They also attended DeStress Events at UD, Cecil College, and Discover and enjoyed community events. Eliza really shined at Barnes & Noble book fairs where she would work the entire store, delighting all that they met and handing out many, many book fair vouchers to customers. Thank you Kate for sharing your sweet girl with so many who benefited from just meeting her. Thank you Kate for sharing your love and snuggles with those who were lucky enough to meet you!



Ozzy Pfaff

June 2018

When Adriana rescued Ozzy, her sweet boxer, he was not in the best of health. She showed him the meaning of love and companionship and, in turn, he shared love and companionship with all he met. Adriana shared, "Ozzy was my front man and my go-to dog with PAWS." As an Advanced team they visited as a PAWS for Reading team at the Avon Grove Intermediate School and Cecil Manor. They also visited through Courthouse Companions at The Court of Delaware County. They attended a great variety of community events including many DeStress events. Ozzy had a great personality and never met a person that he couldn't win over. Thank you Adriana for sharing your gentle boy with so many through PAWS. Ozzy will be missed.



Sawyer Shurkoff

June 2018

Sawyer, a very zen golden retriever, joined PAWS with his mom, Nancy Shurkoff in December, 2012. They achieved their Master's Certification in December, 2015 and visited at The Hickman Friends Senior Community of West Chester, Downingtown Library, and Coatesville Area Public Library as well as through PAWS by Special request. When joining, Nancy said, "Sawyer is such a loving, happy, wonderful soul that it would be a sin not to share him with the world." We are so glad, Nancy, that you did share your boy with us all! Thank you, for visiting with Sawyer. He was a very special furry friend, but together as a team, you truly were magical. Thank you, Sawyer, for touching the lives of so many and bringing joy to all who got to meet you or even hear stories of your good deed doing.



Bella

June 2018

We celebrate the life of Bella, Nicole Davis's sweet bichon frise/poodle/maltese mix. When Nicole and Bella joined PAWS as a therapy team in June of 2013, Nicole was working for PAWS. She saw how therapy teams can help people feel better and wanted to give people that feeling. Bella had a calming personality and loved everyone so was a natural fit for pet therapy work. Thank you, Nicole, for sharing Bella with us all. Thank you, Bella, for sharing your love with everyone you met.

Members

Master's Certification

Congratulations to the following teams who have completed their Master's Certification this quarter.



Christine Lewandowski
& Spirit



Becky Cronin
& Katara



Sue and Tom Good
& Alfie

Welcome!



Sammy Taylor, Volunteer Assistant

PAWS welcomes Sammy Taylor as our newest hire. She will be working part time with us as Andréa's Volunteer Assistant. Sammy is a concert violinist who has her own business teaching violin and is quite an artist as you will soon see, when you come into the office and see a surprise we have cooked up. Please drop by Andréa's office when you stop in at PAWS to meet and greet Sammy.

A Round of Applause

Thank you to our staff who has weathered many challenges over the past few months and still smiles coming in the door.

Thank you to our webmaster for creating this and our previous quarterly newsletter for your enjoyment.

Thank you to all the people who are already working on getting our 10th annual Wag-n-Walk ready for October.

Thanks to everyone who helped Clarice out while she had her knee surgery.



PAWS in the Workplace

PAWS in the Workplace provides trained pet therapy teams the opportunity to provide pet therapy to people in need within their own workplace (that is NOT a PAWS partnering site). Upon approval of the program, PAWS will provide the therapy team's workplace with:

1. Proof of PAWS certification including completion of:
 - a. Orientation
 - b. Standards of Excellence (STEX) Testing
 - c. Training
 - d. Recertification as required
2. Proof of therapy companion's vaccination records
3. Proof of PAWS membership in good standing

PAWS staff can also work with the staff to create:

1. A comprehensive pet therapy policy
2. Guidelines for handlers
3. Permission forms (if appropriate)



It is important to acknowledge that PAWS therapy companions are only covered under our commercial liability policy while they are visiting either at a sanctioned PAWS community event or at a PAWS partnering site. When a PAWS team works with their therapy companion at their workplace, PAWS insurance is not in effect. The team would need to verify coverage either through their employer or their own home-owner's policy.

Pet Health Corner

Five Causes of Hearing Loss in Dogs

Is your dog going deaf? Perhaps he's just getting older, but there are other causes of hearing loss in canines, so it's always a good idea to have him checked out by a veterinarian.

When people find out their dogs have hearing loss, they often feel concerned. But in most cases, the cause is either treatable or simply a normal part of aging, and not harmful or fatal to the dog. This article will discuss hearing loss and deafness in dogs, along with treatments to try with the guidance of your veterinarian.

In clinical practice, there are five common causes of hearing loss in dogs.

1. Normal aging which results from missing or damaged sensory cells in the cochlea of the inner ear and is usually permanent.
2. Ear infection involving both ears - this occurs when there is a large amount of debris in the vertical ear canal.
3. Hypothyroidism or low thyroid disease – this is rare because thyroid hormones affect all body systems but it's important to make sure your dog is not suffering from a thyroid problem.
4. Cognitive disorder (doggy Alzheimer's) – hearing loss may occur due to this cognitive disorder and supplementation with phosphatidylcholine was Curative for these senile pets.
5. Organic brain disease such as GME, encephalitis, or brain tumor – usually doggies with seizures, depression or changes in cranial nerve function show signs of hearing loss.



Read the full article on AnimalWellnessMagazine.com.

From the Office

Stephanie Barry

Director of Operations and Programs

PAWS continues to strengthen our site presence in our 4-state region and is happy to announce the new site partnerships which have been established this spring:

- Adult Day Services (Elkton, MD)
- Primos Branch Library (Upper Darby, PA)
- HollyDell 21+ (Pennsville, NJ)
- Harrison House (Georgetown, DE)
- Ferris School (Wilmington, DE)

We are also very excited to announce a pending partnership with the court system in Montgomery County. More info on this partnership as details emerge.

We have added an exciting new course to PAWS University this year. **Trauma Support Training** is a unique class focusing first on educating our teams about what trauma is and how it manifests itself in people, and second on how PAWS therapy teams might be able to use their animals to support those who have suffered from a trauma. This class will next be offered Thursday, July 26 at 10 AM at the PAWS office. Interested teams may register at www.pawsforpeople.org/paws-university-registration.

PAWS is happy to announce that we are expanding our informational seminar, **Yes, You Can, And Your Pet Can, Too!**, by offering it throughout Delaware this summer. This class is designed to introduce people who have questions about PAWS and pet therapy and people who are interested in certifying their pet to our organization. If you know someone who may be interested in this FREE seminar, please have them register online: www.pawsforpeople.org/yesyoucan.



*Maggie Bagnal & Jack and Kathy Finckel & Simon
Cherry Hill Middle School, Elkton, MD*

Clarice Ritchie

Director of Community Engagement

Summer is the season of Camps and DeStress and we have some great events this year. Check out the [upcoming events page \(p. 2\)](#) and join us for some of the fun-filled events this season. We would love to see you there!

If you ever wonder how amazing you are, just look at these numbers:

As of June 30th, you have accomplished the following:

- 261 of you have volunteered for a community event
- You have filled 803 volunteer shifts totaling 2,326 hours
- You have enabled us to take part in 177 events

Our events have covered our whole area

- Delaware (83 events in New Castle County and 25 in Kent/Sussex)
- Maryland (17 events)
- New Jersey (17 events)
- Pennsylvania (35 events)

PAWS volunteers are quite simply the very best!! You are the heart and soul of all we do.

Thank you so much for helping us engage our community.



*Phil Keats & Candace and Val Woods & Buddy
Pet Wants, Rehoboth Beach, DE*

From the Office

Andréa Cox

Director of Volunteers

Sometimes, it seems like just yesterday that I started working with PAWS. In fact, I am approaching my second anniversary here! When I started, there was so much to learn. I think about how much I have learned, but I celebrate that I am still learning something new, every day. Sometimes what I learn is about the job, but mostly it's about our volunteers. You, our teams, continue to amaze me with your life stories and your visiting stories. What wonderful people I'm taking this PAWS journey with!



Rosemarie "Ro" LeNoir

Director of Development

YOU help can ensure that PAWS pet therapy teams are bringing hope, comfort, motivation, joy, and love to those who need it most. Our largest fundraising event - the 10th Annual PAWS for People Wag-n-Walk & 5K - is coming on October 20th. YOUR HELP is needed to bring NEW Sponsors to the event!

You actually already know potential NEW Sponsors... they're just waiting to be ASKED! Your business and loyalty is important to the vendors you support - and they might want to support the amazing work that you and your pet do! Your hairdresser or pet's groomer? Your medical professionals, car repair shop, or your favorite restaurant? Your employer - who might offer financial recognition for your volunteer hours. Sponsorship provides individuals and businesses wonderful opportunities to support and actively participate with PAWS, while receiving numerous benefits.

Check out the [sponsorship packet online](#) to see the levels and benefits that are available.

Rachel Snijders

Director of Training

The training department has had a busy and productive spring! Apart from our regular pet therapy team training and certification, we also introduced the new Trauma Support Program to over 20 PAWS members on May 19. I wish to thank all of those who attended, a big "thanks" to Moira for jumping in and taking care of the administration, as well as Lynne Robinson who conducted Part 2 of the workshop with her sweet Tory.

The Trauma Support training is open to all of our therapy teams, regardless of your STEX status, and we encourage you to attend the next session on Thursday, July 26 (10 AM - 2 PM, 9:45 AM check-in) at the PAWS office. Not only will you learn what emotional trauma is, the biological mechanisms at work, and the impact of traumatic events on all spheres of our lives, but also how you and your pet can support others in emotionally difficult situations.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the course. Your expertise is invaluable to PAWS!



Discover 2018 Sponsorship Presentation



Trauma Support Training
PAWS Office, Newark, DE

From the Office

Laura Garver

Office Manager

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer so far... the dog days are not too far away! So much of what I am responsible for here at the PAWS Office is going quite smoothly at the moment, so I do not have anything overly exciting to report. However, I did want to share with everyone that my mother's adopted PAWS dog, Chasey, and I became certified as a therapy team! We recently completed the PAWS for Reading training, and we have been assigned as a new reading team at the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center - one Sunday a month for starters. Marilyn Huebner was our helpful first visit assistant, and Chasey loved hearing the stories the children read to her! I am proud to be counted among the volunteers with PAWS!



Laura Garver & Chasey

Wendy Lewis

Webmaster

Are there things that you would like to have access to on our Website? Have you ever tried to quickly find something but did not know where to look. Please let me know so we can continue to improve our Website for our members and for the greater community. Thank you! [e-mail: registration@PAWSforPeople.org](mailto:registration@PAWSforPeople.org)

Moira Stephan

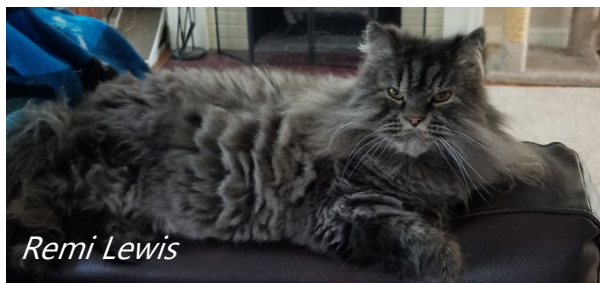
Scheduling Coordinator

Our wonderful Intake Callers and I are often the first contacts for new teams entering PAWS. I am very lucky to speak with such fantastic folks every day! I am excited to have welcomed 60 new teams in the last 3 months. Since the end of June is our half way point for the year, we would love to share with you that PAWS has grown by 117 new teams since the start of 2018. Our growth is evident of the amazing work our volunteers and staff do every day to help spread the word about PAWS for People. What a spectacular time to be part of the PAWS family! Thank you for all that you do!

Koda & Bear, Moira's 4-year-old chocolate lab brothers



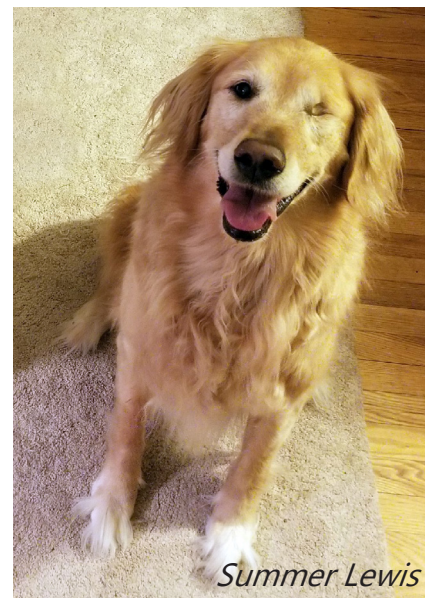
Quinn Lewis



Remi Lewis



Memphis Lewis



Summer Lewis

Continuous Improvement

Advanced Training

We welcome our newer teams (and older teams who haven't taken this course yet) to attend our Advanced Training class at the PAWS office

Wednesday, July 18, 6:00-9:00 PM

This is the time when PAWS has a chance to teach you a higher level of skills so please RSVP to Lynne (LRobinson@PAWSforPeople.org) to ensure we have a place saved for you. You are welcome to bring your dog with you as long as she can sit quietly for 3 hours with lots of people and other dogs present.

The next Advanced Training session will be held on **November 10** in Millsboro, DE (Sussex County).



*Rachel Snijders & Lynne Robinson
Advanced Training Session*

STAR Advanced STEX

Do you know what the STAR ADVANCED Level of STEX is? It is the highest level of our STEX certification. In order to achieve the STAR Advanced level, you and your therapy pet must perform the STEX behaviors with absolute perfection. Each item must be performed with faultlessness on the first try, including entering and exiting the testing session.

If you would like to try for the STAR distinction, please let Andrea know and she will schedule your testing session (ACox@APWSforPeople.org). Practice, practice, practice – you can do it!



*Debbie Huff & Buddy
STAR Advanced Team*

PAWS University

Please note the addition of several PAWS University classes which are now being offered in Kent/Sussex Counties. Location and times will be updated on our website.

July

26 (Thursday), 10:00 AM – Trauma Support (PAWS Office)

August

17 (Friday), 10:00 AM – PAWS for Reading (PAWS Office)

24 (Friday), 10:00 AM – Nemours Prep (PAWS Office) - *No Fee*

September

14 (Friday), 10:00 AM – Autism Initiative (PAWS Office)

19 (Wednesday), 10:00 AM – Grand PAWS & Creative Connections
(Sussex County, DE)

Learn about the courses offered and register online:

www.pawsforpeople.org/additional-training-for-paws-teams



PAWS University Course

Continuous Improvement

Dog Training

We are pleased to be able to offer a new course for current members - **Basic to Advanced**. This small group session is for teams who have STExed at Basic (or Intermediate) and want to work on the behaviors holding you back from achieving Advanced certification. Come have fun while improving your skills! [Learn more](#).

Karen Powell, our Dog Trainer, has begun to offer **Private Sessions** - one-on-one training to help develop and hone in on specific skills you want to work on without added distractions of a classroom environment. Private sessions can be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5:30-6:30 PM. Email Aileen to schedule: AMurray@PAWSforpeople.org.

Learn more and register for our upcoming Dog Training courses online: www.pawsforpeople.org/dogtraining



SUNDAYS (1 session)

August 5

- 11:00 AM: Tricks of the Trade
- 12:00 PM: Basic to Advanced

September 9

- 11:00 AM: Tricks of the Trade
- 12:00 PM: Basic to Advanced

THURSDAYS (5 week classes)

August 9

- 6:30 PM: Attention & Focus
- 7:30 PM: Therapy Dog Prep

September 13

- 6:30 PM: Attention & Focus
- 7:30 PM: Therapy Dog Prep

TUESDAYS (5 week classes)

August 7

- 6:30 PM: Puppy 1
- 7:30 PM: Target Training

September 11

- 6:30 PM: Puppy 2
- 7:30 PM: Target Training

FRIDAYS (5 week classes)

August 10

- 9:30 AM: Puppy 1
- 10:45 AM: Target Training

September 14

- 9:30 AM: Attention & Focus
- 10:45 AM: Therapy Dog Prep

Tax ID # 76-0780197

DE code #11602

PA code #48807

Cecil County - please write in PAWS for People

Donations happily accepted.

SECC contribution campaign # 71031

United
Way



Hillside
HEATING + COOLING

"We'll keep your paws comfy all year long!"

302.738.4144
410.398.2146

Hot Spots

While frequently prescribed for hot spots, both antibiotics and steroids throw the body into a state of imbalance. Antibiotics wipe out all the good bacteria and gut flora, which inhibits the ability of the immune system to do its job. Steroids suppress the immune system, so the dogs' body is less able to stay healthy.

Parasite control products also cause a flood of toxins into the dog's body. These products contain poison intended to kill parasites. Your dogs' body is also exposed to the poison at the same time the skin is trying to shed out toxins.

Check out some natural ways to address hot spots in the [complete article](#) by Kristin Clark, Certified Small Animal Naturopath, Certified Carnivore Nutrition consultant from Animal Wellness.com.



The Power of a Pet Visit

Relieving Stress & Bringing Smiles

I recently was hospitalized for 8 days. We had just brought home our puppy 2 weeks before I was put in hospital. I was missing him and wanting to see our new puppy really badly. I kept asking for someone to sneak him in the hospital. Of course no one did.

Then lo and behold, PAWS for People came in my room and I was excited to see a Yorkie name Wade! It helped relieve the stress of being the hospital and not seeing my puppy.

Thank you I needed that!

- *Thankful Patient*



As Molly moves up to PreK from Preschool, I wanted to take a minute to say thank you for your visits with Sienna. Wednesday visits were such a highlight for her. Molly proudly told us about walking Sienna on multiple occasions.

When she started preschool, she was really scared of animals. Thank you for giving her the opportunity to positively interact with Sienna and spend time with her. Molly has since pet other dogs and cats and wants to play with them. It's made life calmer and happier for us because we walk a lot in Wilmington and see lots of dogs!

Thanks to PAWS for People and to you for spending some of your time brightening her day.

- *Molly's Mom*



D. Wade & Lisa Davis



Rick and Chip

Lifting Spirits

I met this kind man today at Union Hospital with his dog Chip, such a inspiration to so many people. PAWS for People is such a wonderful organization helping lift the spirits of sick patients. God Bless you for all you do.

- *Community Member*



PO Box 9955, Newark, DE 19714
Return Service Requested

PAWS for People = Healing Pet Therapy

Pet-Assisted Visitation Volunteer Services, Inc.

PO Box 9955, Newark, DE 19714
703 Dawson Drive, Newark, DE 19713
302-351-5622

www.PAWSforPeople.org - info@PAWSforPeople.org

Lynne Robinson, Executive Director

A nonprofit, volunteer organization serving DE, MD, PA, and NJ, our mission is to lovingly provide elders, children, and folks with disabilities individualized, therapeutic visits with a gentle, affectionate pet.

PAWS Board of Directors

Jenni Brand	Rhonda James
Eric S. David	Brian Kroll
Brian P. Dempsey	Ryan Majka
Samantha Dill	Lynne D. Robinson
Robert G. Hackett, Jr.	William H. Sudell, Jr., Esq
LeDee Wakefield	Trudie E. Thompson



*Peggy Siple & Wally
Legislative Hall, Dover, DE*