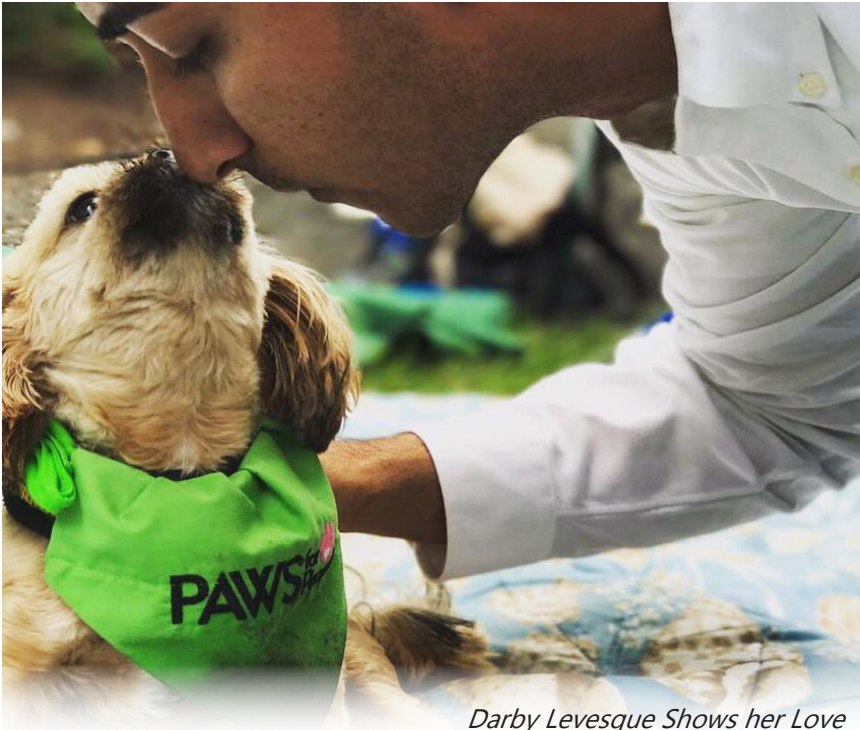


PAWS to Consider



Darby Levesque Shows her Love

PAWSPrints

By Lynne Robinson, Executive Director

I'm writing this from the Rehoboth condo that PAWS Board Member and trainer Trudie Thompson invites PAWS staff to use when we're working in Sussex County. It's such a gift to be able to be here where our Sussex teams are and be an actual presence rather than be miles away in the northern part of the state. Thank you, Trudie – you are too kind.

While we're talking about being kind, let me thank you ALL for the kind acts you do each time you take your therapy companion and make someone's day with a little fur and some puppy love and the time you devote to helping other people feel better.

It's a kind thing to do to share your pet with a stranger. It's a kind thing to do to take a chunk out of your personal time to spend it with someone who is hurting or anxious or frightened or alone. You and your pet can make all the difference in the world when you reach out and connect with people who have lost their supportive connection, with little ones who are eager to learn how to read (with a bunny - a dog - a caring human), and with people who are the family members and caregivers for so many of the people you visit.
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- **November 22 & 23** - Thanksgiving
- **December 24 & 25** - Christmas
- **December 31** - New Year's Eve
- **January 1** - New Year's Day

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Thank you for your kindnesses. We all need to be treated with compassion and empathy and too often end up with too little coming our way. YOU, however continue to care about other's well-being, to get out there and visit folks who are struggling, to take the time to listen to their woes and their stories, because you are kind enough to pack up your pet and offer their companionship and their non-judgmental goodness with people who need them. I don't think these are random acts of kindness. They are scheduled and purposeful. They don't just happen – you make them happen. And PAWS thanks you for being kind to everyone you and your pet meet.

For so many, you make the world a better place.



Tory Robinson & Alex at Nemours

Making Magic



There's a unique, special MAGIC that happens during PAWS pet therapy visits!

PAWS needs your help. Your Annual Appeal gift will have lasting impact...
Your Gift funds PAWS programs and trains pet therapy teams.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will ensure that PAWS Magic continues to help more people!

Donations can be made by check or credit card via mail, made online (www.PAWSforpeople.org), or by calling PAWS (302-351-5622). New this year - we can now accept recurring monthly credit card donations. Please remember to take advantage of employer matching gift programs to double the impact of your gift.

Looking for a meaningful gift? A special card is sent for donations made "in lieu of a gift" or made In Honor / In Memory of a person or pet.

PAWS is grateful for the many ways our volunteers and friends so generously support our mission year-round. Our Heartfelt Thanks... **because of YOU, many lives are changed!**

Upcoming Events



Join Us For Our Holiday Open House

We welcome PAWS Members, Friends, and Family to join us to celebrate the holidays!
PAWS Therapy Companions are welcome to attend.

Come enjoy the company of other PAWS teams as we share snacks, crafts, and a special Pet Treat Bar.
A great way to kick off the holiday season!



RSVP by November 26 [online](#) or email dchristian@PAWSforPeople.org

Sunday, December 2

2:00 - 4:00 PM

PAWS for People Office & Training Center
703 Dawson Drive, Newark, DE 19713

Sunday, December 9

2:00 - 4:00 PM

St Martha's Episcopal Church
117 Maplewood St, Bethany Beach, DE 19930

Barnes & Noble Holiday Gift Wrapping Extravaganza

We will once again end the year with our Barnes & Noble Holiday Gift Wrapping Extravaganza!
It's a great way to get in the holiday spirit and help share the gift of pet therapy with all of those holiday shoppers while raising funds for PAWS.



BARNES & NOBLE
Gift Wrapping

PAWS for People
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Three Barnes & Noble locations will be participating this year:

Christiana Mall

December 7-24

Exton, PA

December 14-16

Concord Pike

December 17-24

There are 560 volunteer shifts to fill – both gift wrapping volunteers and pet therapy teams are needed.

Sign up online for a shift or two (or more if you like): <http://signup.com/go/eHKauOK>

PAWS 2019 Annual Conference: PAWS to Learn!

Saturday, February 2

This year's conference will be held in the Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE.

The conference is a wonderful opportunity for all pet lovers to gather and learn more about pet health and wellness and the benefits of pet therapy.

This special event is open to everyone, so please invite your friends, mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Registration details coming soon.

This year's workshop topics will include:

- Tips for Fun & Motivational Dog Training
- Utilizing Therapy Pets in Counseling Sessions
 - PAWS Autism Initiative
 - Yes, You Can & Your Pet Can, Too!
 - The Benefits of PAWS for Reading
 - Training a Seizure Alert Dog
- Animal Communications Made Simple
 - And much, much more



Save the Date

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FEBRUARY

Upcoming Events

Cyber Monday - November 26

All PAWSWear 25% off!

With deals like these, it's easy to wrap up your holiday shopping early!



Hoodies \$40
Sale \$30



T Shirts \$20
Sale \$15



Polos \$40
Sale \$30



[See all items online](#) - Sale prices will be reflected 11/26.

#GI ING TUESDAY

We have EXCITING news to share about a huge opportunity to impact PAWS for People's life-changing pet therapy!

November 27 is #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving to causes you care about. Mark your calendar... because this year, Facebook and PayPal are matching donations up to \$7 million made through Facebook on this date. We are asking for Your Help so that PAWS can be part of this campaign.

If you were planning to make an online donation or to support PAWS' [2018 Annual Appeal](#) with an online gift, #GivingTuesday on 11/27 presents a wonderful chance to increase your gift's impact. With tremendous response expected, the earlier you donate on 11/27, the better your chance of doubling your impact. It's important to know that **100%** of your donation (no fees) will support PAWS life-changing pet therapy!

You can greatly help PAWS by sharing this #GivingTuesday opportunity with your friends, starting now.

If you haven't yet liked PAWS on Facebook, please do so now (www.facebook.com/PAWSforPeople).

Be ready to share our upcoming Facebook posts with stories of PAWS' life-changing visits.

PAWS truly is grateful for the many ways that our members and friends so generously support our mission in many ways.

We value the countless hours of volunteer time given as a pet therapy team and/or community volunteer, the incredible varied talents that so many of you share, and your heartfelt gifts to fund our mission.

Thank you, we could not accomplish all that we do without you!

Mark the Date:

Tuesday, November 27



Members

New Therapy Teams

July, August, September, October 2018

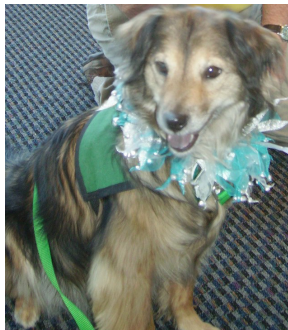
Melissa Bader & Oliver (Beagle/Yorkie/Corgi Mix)
Laura Baker & Kirby (Irish Setter)
Monique Bamforth & Macintosh (Shi-tzu)
Emily Bickel & Zoey (Bernese Mountain Dog)
Libby Bishop & Cooper (Yorkshire Terrier)
Leigh Bosshardt & Riley (Golden Retriever)
Lisa Cucunato & Geno (Yorkshire Terrier)
Lisa DeWald & Winston (Labrador)
David Elzey & Maggie (Golden Retriever)
Matthew Emery & Rowdy (Golden Retriever)
Michael Feil & Cooper (Great Dane)
Bill Fleming & Hazel (Retriever/Labrador Mix)
Monica & Molly Gerard & Sianna
(Border Collie/American Eskimo Mix)
Jane Hines & Bailey (Yorkipoo)
Lois Hochstedler & Sadie (Labrador)
Caroline Hu & Jonathan (Labrador/Golden Mix)
Judie Jardin & Daisy (Jack Russell/Chi Mix)
Mary Johnston & Gandalf (Lion's Head Rabbit)
Denise & Gary Katz & Sydney (Corgi)
Brooke Kelly & Charlotte (Golden Doodle)
John Kennedy & Ella (Yellow Labrador)
Kathy & Tom Kerstetter & Sadie & Riley (Labradors)
Zeina Keruly & Diego (Chihuahua/Pomeranian Mix)
Sara King & Watson (Cav. King Charles/Spaniel Mix)
Barbara & Aly Laumeister & Greta (Labradoodle)
Heather & Violet Long & Meeko (Shih Tzu/Bichon)
Joyce Malamut & Loki (Plott Hound/Labrador Mix)
Cheryl Massey & Emmett (Black Lab)
Eli Mazzotta & Mrs. Brown (Rex Rabbit)
Kathy McGirr & Lollipop
(Golden Retriever/Collie/Beagle Mix)
Storm (German Shepherd Dog) & her human
John Meyer & Louie (Golden Retriever)
Gale Montgomery & Echo (Papillon)
Louis Nicastro & Fredo (Boxer/Golden Retriever Mix)
Suzanne & Andrew Nordone & Buster
(Chocolate Labrador)

Katie O'Brien & Fiona (Border Collie Mix)
Patricia Purcell & Lady (Schnauzer/Chihuahua Mix)
Bill Reynolds & Bandit (Goldendoodle)
Julie Robinson & Leya Oberparleiter & Jasper
(Yellow Labrador)
Pam Schlett & Mayla (Aussie Doodle)
Corinne & Dale Schultheis & George (Std Poodle)
Laurisa & Bridget Schutt & Jolly (Dachshund)
Marcia Scott & Madi (Domestic Short-Hair Cat)
Monica Shire & Molly (Peek-a-Poo)
Karen Smail & Spyro (Mixed Breed)
Denise Spath & Nico Guzman & SuperDog
(Golden Retriever)
Trish Stancil & Kassie (Pyrenees/Lab mix)
Molly & Colin Stapleton-Bradley & Waffle
(Mini Goldendoodle)
Meika & Ayden Toth & Murphy (Border Collie mix)
Lynn Traber & MaddieMay
(Cavalier King Charles/Spaniel Mix)
Sarrah Truong & Lola (Australian Cattle Dog)
Irene Ullmann & Shine (Greyhound)
Patrick VanVeen & Baxter
(Labrador/Hound/Pitbull Mix)
AnneMarie Wagener & Reuben (Golden Retriever)
Megan & Doug Walters & Atlas
(Australian Shepherd/Heeler Mix)
Stephanie Westcott & Lincoln
(Jack Russell/Rat Terrier Mix)
Denise Williamson & Lily (Maltese/Bichon Mix)
Lynae Young & Dakota (Bernese Mountain Dog)
Linda Zimmerman & Ricky (Aussie)

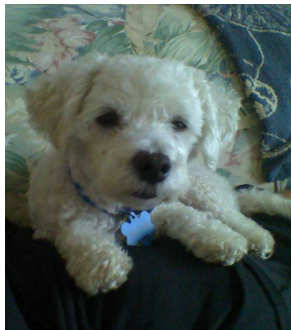


Members

Retirees



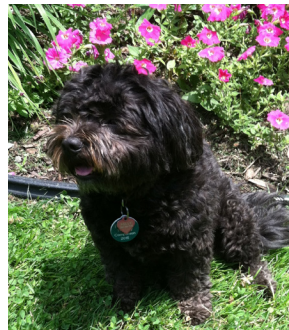
Birch
& Karen Brubaker



Bosun
& Adriana Chalson



Jasmine Joy
& Debra Brown



Nelly
& Lisa Robinson



Romeo, Barbara
& Fred McNally



Luna
& Jenn Culling



Maggie
& Jenn Culling



Ravioli
& Allison McMahon



Silly Billy
& Mary Ellen Dunn



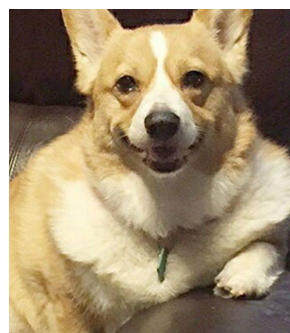
Tug
& Alexandra Williams



Beau
& Jenni Brand



Hunter
& Lisa Gravely



Sophie
& Val Walton



Max
& Val Walton

In Loving Memory



Buddy Baynes, May 2018

Buddy, Keith Baynes' chocolate lab, passed away at the end of May. A Superior Court Judge in Elkton, MD, Keith first took Buddy to work with him after attending a presentation at a local Child Advocacy Center about the use of therapy dogs with children in the courthouse. He knew that he was "fortunate to have a very loving, friendly dog who love[d] people" and he believed Buddy would bring joy to others. The team joined PAWS in June, 2016 and Buddy went to work with Keith often, especially when Keith worked with children - that was his true calling. Buddy also advocated for other therapy companions to be able to do what he did and went with Keith to Annapolis twice to testify in favor of therapy dogs being allowed into the courts. Thank you, Keith, for enabling Buddy to support so many people in need. Thank you, Buddy, for giving your support and unconditional love to those who needed you.

Members

In Loving Memory (continued)



Luigi Giordano

July 2018

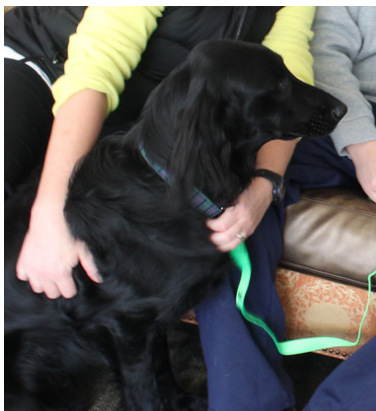
Luigi, Mary and Fred Giordano's life-loving yellow lab, passed away in early July. The trio joined PAWS for People in June of 2016 and visited Jenner's Pond and attended many, many community events from Barnes and Noble Bookfairs and Giftwrapping to DeStress events to representing PAWS at info tables throughout the community. Luigi made friends everywhere he went. He approached anyone and everyone and was always ready to meet the next friend. Luigi was the most active, enthusiastic visitor and he defied his age until the end. Thank you, Mary and Fred, for sharing your energetic angel with us. Thank you, Luigi, for sharing your love and your enthusiasm for life with everyone you met.



Max Adams

July 2018

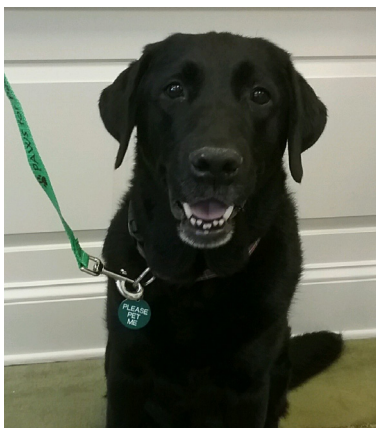
We celebrate the life of Max, Don Adams' adorable Bolonka. Max joined PAWS with Don in May of 2013. As an Advanced team, they visited with patients of Willow Tree Hospice in the Kennett Square, PA. Max and Don went wherever they were needed, visiting people receiving hospice care wherever they called home. Don shared that Max put many years into being a therapy dog and truly enjoyed the role, which came naturally to him. Thank you, Don, for sharing Max with so many. Thank you, Max, for bringing companionship and joy to all you visited.



Brody Wilson

August 2018

We celebrate the life of Brody, Kara and Claire Wilson's handsome flat coat retriever, who passed away this past July. Brody visited with his people as a PAWS for Reading team at the The Helen Kate Furness Free Library. From the time they joined PAWS for People in November of 2014, this Advanced team encouraged children to read. When they first joined PAWS, Kara said that she wanted to share the love of her dog with others. And we are so glad you did! Thank you, Kara and Claire, for sharing Brody with us. Thank you, Brody, for letting children (and anyone who met you) love on you!



Neville Jones

September 2018

Neville, Katie Jones' sweet Labrador retriever, passed away in September. Katie learned about PAWS from an article in the paper and knew others would love Neville as much as she did. Neville was trained as a Guiding Eyes for the Blind and had the perfect temperament for providing pet therapy. They became an Advanced team in August of 2017. Katie let us know of Neville's passing, "My beloved Neville crossed the rainbow bridge, and I'm heartbroken." Thank you, Katie, for sharing your sweet boy with us. Thank you, Neville, for sharing your love with everyone you met.

Members

In Loving Memory (continued)



Jackson Fields

September 2018

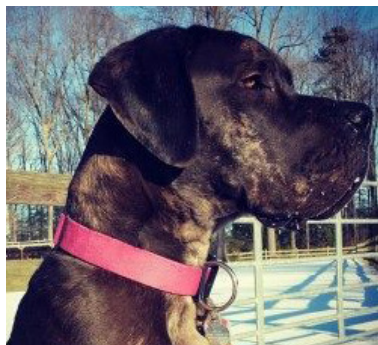
Jackson, Suzanne Fields' therapy companion, passed away in early September. This handsome and affectionate golden retriever and Suzanne became members of PAWS for People in June, 2010 and visited at libraries, schools, and hospitals. They were an Advanced team and achieved their Master's certification in 2011. They represented PAWS at community events such as Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping and DeStress Events. Jackson was well known at the Brandywine Library and A.I. duPont Hospital for Children Nemours. Jackson was a very happy boy who was a serious listener when children read to him - so serious that he might have closed his eyes to better focus a time or two - and a gentle boy when little ones were near. Thank you, Suzanne, for sharing Jackson with so many. Thank you, Jackson, for letting anyone who needed you snuggle up and for making us smile - even as we miss you!



Trinity Grace Taylor

September 2018

We celebrate the life of Penny Peterson Taylor's wonderful English Cream Retriever, Trinity Grace, who passed away in September. Penny and Trinity joined PAWS in May of 2007 and Trinity's sweet personality made her a perfect fit for visiting. Penny and Trinity visited many sites together including the Early Learning Center, Christiana Care Health System, and A.I. duPont Hospital for Children Nemours. Trinity was also very popular in the PAWS for Reading program as her thick, soft fur made her the perfect pillow. Penny & Trinity were an advanced team and achieved their Master's certification. Thank you, Penny, for sharing Trinity with PAWS. Thank you, Trinity, for gently snuggling up to everyone you met!



Shoal Deakne

September 2018

We celebrate the life of Shoal, Caryn Deakne's Saint Bernard/Great Dane mix. As an Advanced team, Shoal and Caryn visited Cadia Rehabilitation Renaissance and the South Coastal Library. Caryn first joined PAWS with Bodie in March of 2012 and added Shoal to the team in 2014 as a PAWS for Reading therapy companion. They retired from PAWS when they moved out of the area and Shoal focused his pet therapy on family and friends. Thank you, Caryn, for sharing Shoal with us. Thank you, Shoal, for sharing your love with so many.



Jaxon West Moran

September 2018

We celebrate the life of Jaxon, Cathy West and Brian Moran's Golden Retriever. Jaxon, like his mother Chenin before him, was a PAWS Therapy Companion and shared his love with those who needed the sweet snuggles of a gentle giant. During his time with PAWS, he participated in a study conducted by the University of Delaware and worked with children diagnosed with Autism. Thank you, Cathy and Brian, for sharing your lovely boy with us. You are in our thoughts. Thank you, Jaxon, for all of the love and comfort you gave. You are missed.

Members

In Loving Memory (continued)



Sam Cavanaugh

March 2018

We celebrate the life of Sam, Michele Cavanaugh's beautiful golden-doodle. Sam and Michele joined PAWS in June of 2011 and participated in PAWS in the Workplace at Christiana Care as an Advanced team. Michele shared, "I witnessed the benefits of pet therapy in the faces of others. I noted that lonely people talked and smiled when Sam was with me. He had a significant calming effect on anxious folks." Sam retired in 2016 and focused his love on his family and friends. This past March, Michele said goodbye to Sam. Thank you, Michele, for sharing Sam with so many. Thank you, Sam, for helping to calm those who were anxious, encourage those who hadn't felt like sharing, and make everyone who saw you smile.



Tilly Trout

September 2018

We celebrate the life of Paula Trout's sweet Lab/Corgi mix, Tilly. Paula and Tilly joined PAWS in June of 2010 as it combined two of Paula's passions - a love of animals and a desire to bring happiness to others. The two were a wonderful fit for the mission of PAWS and brought great joy to so many. They began their PAWS career in Cecil County, MD and later continued their visiting in Sussex County, DE. In both locations the team was often found at community events of all kinds where Tilly never met a stranger. They earned their Master's Certification in 2016. Thank you, Paula, for sharing your sweet, gentle girl with PAWS for over 8 years. Thank you, Tilly, for sharing your tail-wagging love with everyone you greeted.

Master's Certification

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



Mary Hancock
& Gracie



Bev Parnell
& Lexi



Kim Kienzle
& Norman

Members

Master's Certification (continued)



Michele Bickling
& Zoey



Vince Sgro
& Carlo



Ben Franson-Wright
& Sadie



Rhonda James
& Sienna



Maggie Bagnol
& Jackson



Kathy Finckel
& Simon



Katie McGrail
& Cinder



Lauren Rhoades
& Dmitri



Denise Lopes
& Roger

Programs

Correctional Centers Update

Both Vaughn (men's) and Baylor (women's) Correctional Centers have approached PAWS about visiting with their clients. Fourteen PAWS teams have confirmed that they want to make the visits, so we are in the process of determining what each site needs and preparing our teams to do this type of visit.

You might be interested in visiting these sites as well. If you are, please contact Lynne directly to ask for more details (lrobinson@PAWSforPeople.org).

Prerequisites for the program: Advanced Level STEX, experience with the criminal mind OR willingness to learn, Master's Certification, completing our new PAWS U course *PAWSitivity for Prisoners*, an orientation by prison staff, a site visit without your dog, a first visit with your dog and a qualified PAWS staff member.



Making Friends at the Brennen School

Autism Initiative

Ben Franson-Wright, a PAWS member with his sweet dog Sadie, has kindly agreed to oversee our Autism Initiative Program and is working wonders with our connection with Brennan School and its satellite classes of children who have Autism. One of our UD interns, Madison, is working with Ben and our 11 Autism Initiative teams to help coordinate the program.

Many thanks to Ben and Madison for reviving this program and bringing a lot of happiness and satisfaction to our teams who have wanted to work in this area.

PreK PAWS

Our PreK PAWS program, which focuses on pre-reading skills for non- and emergent-readers is fast becoming one of our most popular programs. Composed of 15 (soon to be 20) packets of activities which support a child's love of learning and early literacy skills, this program is currently being used in one HeadStart program in NJ, 1 church preschool in MD, and 2 preschools in DE. We are about to make our debut at Great Beginnings Preschool Center in Bear where we will be in several classrooms.

Contact Lynne to become a PreK PAWS team: (lrobinson@PAWSforPeople.org).

National Guard Partnership

PAWS pet therapy teams had the great honor of joining families of our Army National Guard while they waited for the arrival home of their loved ones during four Homecoming events from November 5-8. According to Rebecca Stowe Price, 166 AW DEANG Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager, the PAWS teams are among the first things that families look for when entering the facilities. PAWS teams shared how the event truly humbled them as they experienced firsthand what these families sacrifice. During this year, PAWS has participated in 3 Yellow Ribbon events, 3 Deployment events, 4 homecoming events and 2 programs with Children & Youth Services to support Delaware National Guard soldiers and their families.



Bear Houghton at DANG Homecoming Event

Celebrations

PAWS' Training Team Recognized

On October 25, 2018, 52 PAWS for People Volunteer Trainers received a Delaware State Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award for their service during 2017. At the Award Ceremony in Dover, Governor John Carney presented the Award to Lynne Robinson, PAWS Executive Director and several of the 52 trainers in attendance. Trainers received the Award in the "Group - Human Needs" category, for roles that include Lead Trainers, Training Assistants, Trainers in Training, PAWS U Instructors, Team Intake Callers, and 1st Visit Assistants.



The Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards program, administered by the State Office of Volunteerism, honors the contributions of individuals and groups in Delaware that have made a positive impact in their communities or across the state through service and volunteering. This is the fourth Governor's Volunteer Award PAWS Teams have won during PAWS' 13 years in existence, and Lynne Robinson's fifth.

"We are thrilled to once again receive this honor and recognition," states Lynne. "This helps to reinforce our commitment to providing caring therapeutic visits to anyone in our community who can benefit from interaction with a loving, well-trained pet. We value all of our dedicated volunteers – their passion and the many ways in which they support PAWS. This year we had the opportunity to highlight the vital contributions of our 2017 Training Volunteers who have been instrumental in expanding PAWS' presence statewide and greatly strengthened our training program. What a tremendous way to recognize the impact of our volunteers and PAWS in Delaware."

PAWS celebrated all 52 of our trainers with a Souper Supper Celebration on November 4th so that everyone could be congratulated for the excellent job they do teaching and training our incoming members as well as our veteran teams. Bravo! Now the whole state knows how great our trainers and our training program is.

PAWS Receives Grant from Discover

PAWS for People is very honored to be the recipient of a \$12,000 grant from Discover. We appreciate Discover's very generous support and desire to build a strong partnership with PAWS.

With the help of Laura Dugan-Bogart, Discover Associate and PAWS member, the PAWS De-Stress program will continue to benefit Discover employees at the New Castle, DE operation center. We also look forward to expanding our relationship with Discover to include additional PAWS pet therapy programs that can change more lives in the communities where we serve.



Discover check presentation to PAWS Executive Director, Lynne Robinson, by Laura Dugan-Bogart, Leslee Craig, & Denise Schindler

From the Office



Debbie Christian

Administrative Assistant

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I came on full-time in October as a General Support person and am now an Administrative Assistant supporting the Directors of Community Engagement, Volunteer & Site Management, as well as Training. So, you may be seeing my name show up in your email box. I am very excited to be on staff with such a great group of passionate people. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to meeting and getting to work with you. For those I have met and PAWS Staff, thank you so much for your warm welcome and making me feel like a part of the PAWS family.

Clarice Ritchie

Director of Community Engagement

This has been an amazing year for PAWS participation in Community Events. Thanks to all of our dedicated pet therapy teams, we are on schedule to participate in over 350 events in 2018. A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to participate and spread the joy of pet therapy and educate the community about the programs of PAWS for People. You are amazing!

Please mark your calendars for **PAWS 2019 Annual Conference: PAWS to Learn!** Saturday, February 2nd. (More information about this upcoming event on page 3.)

Laura Garver

Office Manager

It's hard to believe it, but this November the PAWS office celebrates its 2-year anniversary here at the Dawson Drive location.

We love our larger office space, and it continues to serve everyone well for all the trainings, meetings, and events throughout the year. Lynne's golden retriever Tory keeps the PAWS staff company most of the time. It also brings smiles and makes our staff's busy days brighter when our teams and their therapy companions - whether they are dogs, cats, or bunnies - stop by for a quick visit. We always keep treats on hand to share with our beloved PAWS pets (diets permitting, of course).

We wish everyone a very healthy and happy holiday season!

Moira Stephan

Director of Training

New teams and many "hip hip hooray's" are coming to you from the Training Department.

We happily report that PAWS has welcomed 55 new teams during the 3rd quarter. These new folks and furry faces cover all four states in our pawprint; it is great to see that PAWS' magic continues to spread.

We are very close to firming up our 2019 training calendar. Thank you very much to all the volunteers who have helped welcome and teach our new teams in 2018, and thank you in advance to the those who are available to help in 2019.

We are always on the lookout for new trainers, so if you are interested in becoming a new team trainer, please reach out (mstephan@PAWSforPeople.org).

Sammy Taylor

Volunteer & Site Management Assistant

Working at PAWS these past few months has been one of the best experiences of my career. I speak directly to the volunteers when I say it is incredible the waterfall effect of joy you spread when you interact with someone. You make it so easy to come to work - so thank you!

Thank you for the quick responses, the kind attitudes, the flexibility, and the charisma you all have shown.

Give all your fur babies a big kiss from me or bring them by to say hello - I am here full-time now!

Continuous Improvement

PAWS University

PAWS University offers courses to not only help strengthen your visiting skills but also your bond with your therapy companion. Some courses are mandatory for participation in specific PAWS programs; other courses are designed as informational and fun. Each course has a Training/Materials fee of \$20 unless noted.

[Learn about the courses offered and register online.](#)

Anytime – On-Line Courses

PS PAWS – Register on-line and we will send you the link to the Open Learning course

First Visit Assistant – Register on-line and we will send you the link to the Open Learning course - *No Fee*

November

29 (Thursday), 2:00 PM – Bereavement – Learning How to Say Good-Bye (PAWS office)

December

6 (Thursday), 10:00 AM – Dog Body Language (Dover, DE)

6 (Thursday), 12:30 PM – PATHS (Dover, DE)

13 (Thursday), 6:30 PM – Nemours Prep (PAWS office) - *No Fee*

January

7 (Monday), 6:30 PM – Trauma Support (PAWS Office)

17 (Thursday), 10:00 AM – PreK PAWS (Milton Public Library)

17 (Thursday), 11:30 AM – Autism Initiative (Milton Public Library)

24 (Thursday), 6:30 PM – Creative Connections (PAWS Office)

31 (Thursday), 1:00 PM – PreK PAWS (Kennett Square PA)

31 (Thursday), 2:15 PM – PATHS (Kennett Square PA)

February

20 (Wednesday), 10:00 AM – Autism Initiative (PAWS Office)

25 (Monday), 10:00 AM – Trauma Support (Milton Public Library)

25 (Monday), 12:30 PM – Dog Body Language (Milton Public Library)



Dog Training

PAWS is happy to offer obedience, therapy dog, and target training through our partnerships with experienced dog trainers. Whether you are just getting started or you need to work on specific behaviors, we have the perfect class for you!

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Private Sessions with Karen Powell

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. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment.



SUNDAYS (1 session)

December 2

– 11:00 AM: Tricks of the Trade

– 12:00 PM: Basic to Advanced

January 6

– 11:00 AM: Tricks of the Trade

– 12:00 PM: Basic to Advanced

TUESDAYS (5 week classes)

December 11

– 6:30 PM: PAWS Obedience

– 7:30 PM: Target Training

THURSDAYS (5 week classes)

December 13

– 6:30 PM: Attention & Focus

– 7:30 PM: Therapy Dog Prep

FRIDAYS (5 week classes)

December 14

– 9:30 AM: PAWS Puppy

– 10:45 AM: Target Training

SATURDAYS (5 week classes)

November 17

– 10:15 AM: PAWS Puppy

– 11:30 AM: PAWS Obedience

December 29

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– 11:30 AM: PAWS Obedience

February 9

– 10:15 AM: PAWS Puppy

– 11:30 AM: PAWS Obedience

The Power of a Pet Visit

Arlo and I visited Shea and her Mom this afternoon after school. It went very well! Shea is a 10-year-old who is scared of dogs and wants to get over it. I was amazed at her courage in taking on one challenge after another: touching Arlo, holding him, giving him commands, giving him treats, and finally taking him for a walk (double-leashed).

We stayed an hour and have scheduled a second visit for later in the month. Shea would like to visit with Arlo again, and then perhaps she is interested in meeting one of my other PAWS pups.

There are moments when we feel as if we are exactly where we need to be. This afternoon was one of those times for me.

- Janice Baldwin-Hench, PAWS for People Member



Clementine, Arlo, Sylvie, & Luka Baldwin-Hench

“How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong.

Because someday you will have been all of these.”

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What does the staff at an elementary school say when PAWS therapy companions come for a De-Stress visit? "Best day ever at work!"

Archie & Sue Good, Mr. Gibbs & Tawanda Harbison, and Ozzy & Vonnie Iverson-Jock came to Wilson Elementary in early November to provide an opportunity to DeStress. There also happened to be a bridal shower for Arden Miller, Physical Education Teacher (pictured with Ozzy above), the same day.

Staff and teams had a great time sharing the love.



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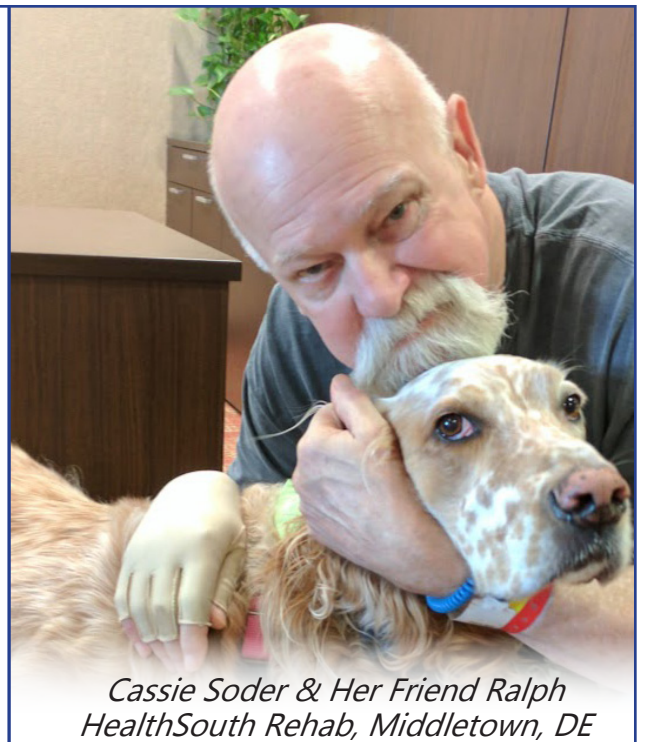
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