



Pets On Wheels

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What's Going On Next!

Summer has come and gone and Pets on Wheels celebrated with the best of them! From a picnic and dog swim at Quiet Waters Park, a day at the Perry Hall Fair, and a fantastic Dog-a-Thon, POW was having tons of fun. Don't worry though! Even though the cooler weather is finally here, the fun is still happening!

Coming up next month are two fun holiday parades. The first is the White Marsh Holiday Parade, Saturday, November 10th at White Marsh Mall. The following week, on November 17th, we'll board a bus from White Marsh and head to the Baltimore Thanksgiving Parade!

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for the Pet Expo January 25th through 27th at the Timonium Fairgrounds. Pets on Wheels will have a booth there along with all the other fun shopping and exhibits!

Don't forget to keep visiting your facilities and spreading smiles!



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The Stats:

* # of volunteers with Pets On Wheels: **242**

* # of animals with Pets on Wheels (including dogs, cats, and rabbits): **265**

* # of facilities currently being served by Pets On Wheels: **113**

Dog-a-Thon a Huge Success!

This year's Dog-a-Thon, held on September 29, 2007, was a great success. Guests and volunteers all had fun on the beautiful fall day at Oregon Ridge Park. Pets on Wheels raised a grand total of over \$10,000!!!!

The grand prize winner for raising the most

money was POW volunteer Nancy Bushover! She won a \$300 gift certificate towards a weekend away at the pet friendly Lazy L Bed and Breakfast in Lewes, Delaware. A great big thank you goes out to Nancy and all the other volunteers who raised money and helped make

the Dog-a-Thon a huge success.

Some of you may have recognized the cute dog on all the brochures too! POW volunteer Heather Perkin won the Ebay auction to have her dog, Indigo, on the cover of the over 10,000 brochures printed for the 2nd annual Pets on Wheels Dog-a-Thon.

Volunteer Spotlight

Name: Jo-El and Eddie Mehalick

Length of time with Pets On Wheels: since September 2006

Occupation: Jo-El is an accountant with Medstar Health, Eddie is a Stationary Engineer with Unilever

How'd you hear about Pets On Wheels?: I heard of Pets on Wheels from a bumpersticker.

Animal family (those that do POW and those that don't, and please specify): They are the proud parents of three wonderful dogs. Sadie, who works with POW, is a 7 y.o. English Setter, Kayleigh, who also works with POW, is a 7 y.o. Great Dane, and Pete, who currently does not work with POW, is a 3 y.o. deaf English Pointer. They have been teaching him sign language for the past two years and are currently working to socialize

him more with other dogs so that he can eventually become a member of the POW family. They were all adopted from the SPCA.

Human family (spouse, kids, etc.): Jo-El and Eddie are married and have a 20 year old son who lives with them.

Other interests: Outside of work and POW, they boat, crab and fish.

Favorite thing about Pets On Wheels: POW gives to others what we all hope to receive in our time of need...unconditional love. When we visit the facilities with our dogs, we hear all of the stories about pets that have long been gone but not forgotten. If we can make someone's day a little brighter and bring back a very happy memory or two, it is well worth it. If I ever become unable to have my dogs at my side, I will look forward to any contact that someone is willing to give to me with these wonderful

creatures. In addition to those in living facilities, we also visit Port Discovery. Kayleigh has become quite the attraction. Kelly, at Port Discovery, told us that they actually get phone calls asking if Kayleigh is going to be there. She is 180lb, big, black Great Dane...very intimidating to look at...but as sweet as they come. By being at Port Discovery, she has helped several children overcome their fear of dogs.



Sadie, Pete, and Kayleigh

A Nice Note About a Volunteer...

Meghan Hill from FutureCare Cherrywood sent this note about POW volunteer Judi Fishman and asked that it be included in the newsletter this month.

Our facility has a volunteer that not only shares her own time but the time of her golden retrievers and calico cat. Once a week she brings in one of her three therapy pets to visit, comfort, and give love to our residents. Most people know the effect that animals can have on those with dementia. One resident that barely speaks or makes eye contact begins petting and talking to the animals with no prompting. Our volunteer also took a special interest in a resident in the late stages of Huntington's. This resident had large dogs all her life. When the therapy dogs visited, our volunteer took the resident's hand and placed it on the dog's head. Almost instinctively, the resident would pet the dog. Her face would relax, her body would be less tense, and she would look at our volunteer saying "thank you" with her eyes. This volunteer brought in our first official pet therapy dogs and through working with Pets on Wheels has helped bring in two more volunteers. She, even without her animals, is a bright light. She always has a smile on her face, a fun story to share, and lots of love to give.

Isn't this what Pets on Wheels is all about? Great job!

Fantastic Facility of the Month

Facility Name: Broadmead, Inc.

Length of time with POW: Pets have been an important part of life on the Broadmead campus since the beginning of the facility more than 25 years ago. Pets On Wheels has enabled residents in Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Care to continue interacting with animals.

Type of Facility: Continuing Care Retirement Community with Independent Residents living in Cottages, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing Care.

How'd you hear about Pets On Wheels?:

Prior connection with visiting pet programs

What do your Pets On Wheels visitors do?:

Visit with residents who have indicated a desire to see dogs and/or cats.

How often are you visited?

Currently, we have three dogs visiting - from tiny to giant.

Tiny dachshund, Nora, comes with Irmagard Hartzelius. She is such a sweet animal and one that residents can hold. Her little pointed black nose checks out everything.

Annie, a golden retriever, visits with Lee Broh Kahn. She strides through the facility with such graceful steps and looks lovingly at anyone who will pet her soft furry head.

Finally, there is Bandit, Mick Bowers' giant leonberger, who astounds everyone who sees him. He is soooo big and totally gentle. He shows such love and affection for the residents.

Welcome to the Newest POW Volunteers!

June

Christopher Tengeres & Nami
 Jessica Taylor & Piccino
 Nancy White & Charlie
 Carin Foster & Andy Edwin
 Sandra Winkler & Cutie-Pie
 Carol Stebbins & Razz
 Emily Levenson & Madison
 Barbara Levenson & Pierce and Scruffy
 Nicole Vikan & Pippi
 George Heidelmaier & Darla
 Michael Moranz & Em
 Wendy Fontanazza & Snickerdoodle

July

Kim Perry & Kenzie
 Nancy Bushover & Moxie
 Allison Jording & Bella
 Key-Key von Lange & Tiller
 Beth and George Rodney & Bryn and Logan
 Mary Krehnbrink & Decklan
 Nancy Kalms & Shiloh
 Laura Feiler & Annie
 Mark Mashburn & Mindy
 Beth Hulse & Eddie

August

Gina Kline & Hershey Bear
 Brenda English & Colby
 Erica Jablonsky & Fantasma and Xylia
 Marci Klein & Caylie
 Janet Moses & Wiz
 Carleen Moore & Rio and Bella
 Nancy Govan & Midnight
 Mervin Fribush & Riley
 Kim Shapard & Odie
 Gretchen Trageser & Libby
 Rita Ghiabi & Simon and Bonnie
 Minnie Love & Henri
 Susan Kallaughner & Marley
 Pam and Jeff Ford & Toby and Bear
 Cindy Lipsitz & Cowboy and Baloo

September

Terry Chambers & Goofy
 Barbara Hecht & Molly
 Kate Guth & Babe
 Debby Perry & Rachel
 Madeline Schoberl & Buddy
 Pat Ditzel & Skye and Asta
 Brenda Kibler & Matisse
 Paula Smith & Spunky

Carey Thomasian & Sam
 Karen Schwartzman & Kaytee Bell
 Carole McKenzie & Greyson and Alex
 Richard Boblitz & Buddy
 Sandra Jones & Eli
 Talya Hord & Bosley
 Kim Friner & Hunter

October

Barbara Forrester & Wiley
 William Vitale & Bogey
 Melanie Wood & Abby
 Karen Leimbach & Beatrix Kiddo
 Jessica Meerholz & Emmie
 Lisa Klingenmaier & Pup
 Dorothy English & Rocky
 Sheila Kestenbaum & Paco and Jake
 Courtney Johnson & Lucy
 Sherry Cooke & Max
 Michele Wolff & Trazz
 Valerie Aumiller & Cindy Lou
 Rebecca Stein & Bailey
 Vida Rohlfing & Cindy
 Peggy Morgan & Ariel
 Linda and Lizzie Johns & BWBC JR (in addition to Stanley)

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Pets on Wheels is a not for profit volunteer organization which provides friendly visits from volunteers and their pets to those requiring the support of an institutional setting.

Visits are most often to nursing homes; however, assisted living communities and facilities for the physically and mentally challenged are also recipients of our visits. Recently, veterans' hospitals, programs for the homeless, and children at risk of home out placement have also been added to our visits. Our emphasis is on residents who have been unresponsive to ongoing activities. Many of these patients have impaired cognitive abilities due to specific illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease, and react to animals with more awareness than to people around them. For instance, repetitive speech behavior or annoying mannerisms may cease while a patient is petting an animal.

Pets love unconditionally, even when a person is no longer attractive, even-tempered, or agile. Their warmth makes a difference to those they visit.

Recent Photos: 2nd Annual Dog-a-Thon, September 2007

