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What's Happening in May!

A PET FIRST AID/CPR CLASS was held on May 7th. It was a wealth of information.

On May 14th, a **DOG-ATHON PLANNING MEETING** will be held in Perry Hall. Please contact Vicki to let her know you can attend to help get this year's Dog-A-Thon off to a great start.

STRESS FREE ZONE
May 16th-18th, volunteer teams will be at Towson University to help the students deal with the stress of finals.

Let's make this month's **FUNDRAISER MEAL** the best ever at Tidewater Grille on May 17th. Get your friends and family to join us as we raise funds.

.May 22nd is the **FAMILY FUN DAY** at White Marsh Mall. This annual event draws a lot of attention and we want our pets to be part of it. Please contact Vicki if you will be able to attend.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CHARM CITY SCREEN PRINTING WHO WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK TO GET OUR SHIRT ORDER COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE MAY SCREENING!

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Volunteer Spotlight

We had a true breakthrough with our visit yesterday at Brightview. There is a lady who simply wanders the halls and has little or nothing to do with anyone or anything. This day she was sitting in the living room where Nala and I visit. Nala knew she had not made friends with this person and went to her. I was reluctant to allow her contact since we were not sure if the lady liked dogs or even knew Nala was a dog. The lady, staring into the air, was not frightened by Nala laying her head on the her lap. A second or two went by and noth-

ing, I thought okay Nala lets move on, but Nala kept her head in place. Another second and the lady lifted her hand and began stroking Nala's head. Her expression did not change nor did her body language. One of the workers said she had never seen her make contact with anything before. She usually just walks and stares. Nala was brighter than all of us with her determination to keep her head in place until she got her petting in. We made a new friend. As we were ready to leave Nala went back to the lady to

say her goodbye's and without hesitation the lady began to pet Nala as soon as she felt her head on her lap. Pam who works at Brightview said and I quote " You read or heard about therapy dogs making a difference or bringing people out of their shells and here is my proof", she took Nala's head in her hands and said "Nala you are doing your job and you do it very well". I almost cried. Making a difference is the most heart warming experience I have had in a very long time.
Barbara Waskiewicz

The Stats:

No. of volunteers with
Pets On Wheels: [274](#)

No. of animals with
Pets on Wheels
(including dogs, cats, a
ferret, a rabbit AND a
goat): [325](#)

No. of facilities currently
being served by
Pets On Wheels: [134](#)

Past Events (Cont.)



PET EXPO

The weekend of January 28th, 29th and 30th found 30 volunteer teams starting off the year with one of the biggest events that Pets on Wheels participates in. It was the 10th annual Maryland Pet Expo held at the Timonium Fair Grounds. Our booth was as popular as ever and we received a lot of inquiries about becoming a POW volunteer. So many, that we added 25 new teams in March. Our largest screening EVER. Thanks to all our volunteer teams who made this a successful event.

COLGATE ELEMENTARY READING PROGRAM

Once again, we have ten volunteer teams who are “reading buddies” for elementary school children who are having difficulty reading. The students each get a dog that will attend every week for six weeks to read to. This program has been extremely successful as the children find the dogs non judgmental and it easier to read to them than to people. Thanks to the ten volunteers who make this program so successful.



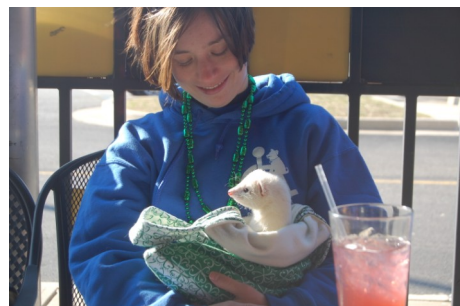
Rocco listening patiently



FLEMISH RABBIT named Jameson after the famous Irish Whisky. Thanks Jennifer for sharing him at the parade.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE

On Sunday, March 13th, 32 volunteer teams marched in the Baltimore City St. Patrick’s Day Parade. This is a huge event that attracts a lot of attention. With green spray paint, and little hats, the animals and their handlers are decorated for the day and the crowd loves to see us.



Dookie (a ferret) and Melissa were in the parade. Dookie needs the help of a “wheel chair” as he’s paralyzed

SPCA MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS

April 17th found several volunteer teams manning (and dogging) the POW booth at this event in Druid Hill Park. It was a beautiful day and we saw a lot of people who were interested in Pets on Wheels. Thanks to everyone who participated.

FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES!

RESTURANT FUNDRAISERS

POW has combined efforts with restaurants to raise money. So far, we’ve been to Bill Bateman’s in Reisterstown, Salernos in Eldersburg and Nino Taco in Owings Mills. The restaurants will donate 10% of the bill to POW on appointed nights. So far we have raised \$74.61 at Salerno’s. Thanks to all that have participated and keep an eye out for an email with the information for the next one. Remember to ask family and friends to join you in this wonderful way to raise funds.

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

We had another successful Yankee Candle fundraiser this year. We raised \$1,194.89. Thanks to the distributors and all the volunteers who submitted orders. This is another easy way to raise money to help us do all the great things we do.

JOE CORBI’S PIZZA

Our Joe Corbi’s pizza fundraiser was a huge event! We made \$1,121.50 and it was relatively painless to organize. These are the types of things we will be doing through out the year to supplement the expenses of attending events, participating in parades, advertising for the Dog-A-Thon and all the other wonderful things we do to lick loneliness.

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*We'd like to feature you in our
next newsletter.*

*Share your experiences with us by
sending your story to
nancy@petsonwheels.org.*

Welcome to the Newest POW Volunteers!

JANUARY

David Bartlebaugh and Penny
Randi and David Brown and Buster
Diane and Robert Jones and Donovan
Jo Kendig and Spriggans
Rhiannon Leies and Theo
Barbara Matthews and Katie
Nancy Morris and Raisin
Shaaron Plate and Annie Muppet
Vicki Rummel and Spock
Lesley Sank and Jasper
Alicia Shelton and Paco
Michelle and Barry Tarbert & Abigail

FEBRUARY

Linda Askew and Peanut
Christine Cusson and Spencer
Sharon Dircks and Rudy
Veronica Gantert and Smantha
Toni Giordano and Big E
Marcie Goldman and Cody
JD Kurzmann and McKenna
Susan Nathan and Nicki & Cobi
Tiffany Nicolette and Kalbi
Sharon Opdyke and Molly
Robin Sturman and Max

MARCH

Beth Albright and Mickey
Charlie Belmore and Bear
Colleen and Patrick Carr and Bartleby
Jan Chapin and Addie
Peggy Crane and Charlie
Claire and Bob Dubit and Niko
Mallory Evans and Shirley
Stacey Friedman and Fletcher
Veronica Gantert and Chase

MARCH (Cont.)

Linda Gilliland and Rocket
Mindy Gottsagen and Theodore
Veronique Hauschild and Masey
Ami Jaramillo-Stuart and Dewey
Holly Johnson and Wug
Sharon Miller and Stitch
Jannifer Price and Moses
Gale Rasin and Emma
Barbara, Blaine and Sarah Mischel & Buddy
Nick Schneider and Amy DiPaula and Kai
Alma Schuster and "D"
Tracy and Bill Serpi and BB
Stacey Friedman and Fletcher
Mary Galleher and Zena

APRIL

Brenda Barteck and Chubbs
Jillian and Jonathon Beam & Reggie
Sandra Bowers and Jashua Daubert & Roxy
Matthew Buecker and Niaa
Carol DeArmitt and Shu Shu Pu
Alexandr Demos and Summer
Terry Lang and Gideon
Twila Marks and Kayla
Kenneth Miller and Roxy
Jean Nussle and Sassy Fras
Sharon Owens and Ellee
Stephanie Petrides and Laila
Karen Phillips and Gromit
Julie Reier and Sequoia
Neale Smith and Chloe
Jan Sorensen and Winston
Martin Spieldock and Gia
Donna Stauffer and Molly Maguire
Robby Wyman and Mossad

The Rainbow Bridge

Unfortunately, some of our members experienced the loss of a loved pet in the past few months. We'd like to recognize these friends...

Wendy & Breezy
Nancy & Casey

Veronique & Sadie
Deb & Barry

Lin, Nancy & Shiloh
Barbara and Chouchou

Lisa & Shelby

The Rainbow Bridge Story (Author Unknown)

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart. Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...

