



# Pets On Wheels

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## The Stats:

- \* # of volunteers with Pets On Wheels: [211](#)
- \* # of animals with Pets on Wheels (including dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and chinchilla): [220+](#)
- \* # of facilities currently being served by Pets On Wheels: [101](#)

## What's Going On Next!

Pack up the dogs and the car and get ready to head out to Quiet Waters Park on August 12th for a Pets On Wheels social gathering that is guaranteed to be a great time. Guests will bring food and family members (both human and canine) to enjoy all this pretty park has to offer. The park has a dog beach sure to keep

the dogs cool on a hot August day. There is also a fenced in off leash dog park for the dogs not so fond of water to enjoy. If you have not yet RSVP'd for this event, please email Nancy (nmetzger1018@comcast.net) who volunteered to take on organizing this event! Of course we cannot forget about our 2nd annual dog-a-

thon. The event will take place on Saturday, September 29th at Oregon Ridge Park. Although official sign ups have not begun yet, help from all our volunteers will be appreciated that day. However, for now, see if you can get local places to donate items for the auction. The more money we raise now, the more fun we can have over the next year!

## What Have We Been Up To?

In March, about 50 volunteers gathered together at the conference center at Oregon Ridge for an appreciation luncheon. The event featured a delicious catered lunch, lots of talk and socializing amongst volunteers, and perhaps most meaningful was the awards given to the four volunteers who had over

100 hours of service last year. A beautiful tribute to Nora's dog who passed away that week was also very memorable.

Volunteers and people around the world all had the opportunity to bid on featuring their furry friend on the 10,000 pamphlets being printed for the dog-a-

thon. POW volunteer Heather Perkin won the bid and we'll soon see Indigo, a Newfoundland, advertising the event!

More doggie swim parties were planned and will be planned soon as well!

Do you have ideas for future fun events? Please email Vicki and share your ideas!!!!!!

## Volunteer Spotlight

**Name:** Noel Nowowiejski

**Length of time with Pets On Wheels:** 1 year

**Occupation:** Student; will be a senior in high school next year

**How'd you hear about Pets On Wheels?:** We found the organization on volunteermatch.com

**Animal family (those that do POW and those that don't, and please specify):**

Radar - a Great Dane who does POW

Figaro and Belle - cats who don't do POW

Princess - turtle who doesn't do POW

**Human family (spouse, kids, etc.):**

Mom - Stephanie who does POW with me

Dad - Wayne

**Other interests:** Photography, drawing, writing, modeling, acting, swing, latin, and ballroom dancing

**Favorite thing about Pets On Wheels:** Seeing the looks on people's faces and knowing that you made them happy for a short time, even if they won't remember it in the morning.



Noel and Radar :)



## Help Needed for the Dog-a-Thon!

Call local businesses, rescues, pet supply stores, etc and ask if they would like to get a booth at the Dog-a-Thon. Vendor agreements can be printed from the website and should be sent to the PO Box. All vendors who send in their vendor agreement will be listed on our website along with a link to their website.

Those who send in the vendor agreement before the brochures go to the printer will be listed on 10,000 brochures. We also need many more items for the raffle table. Please make some calls and try to get donations. Ask Vicki for a donation letter if you need one! Some ideas are: Gift baskets from a pet supply store, liquor store, candles, etc. Gift cards/certificates from restaurants, gas stations, book stores, etc. Misc. items—can be pet related, but it doesn't have to be!

## Fantastic Facility of the Month

**Facility name:** Oak Crest

**Length of time with Pets On Wheels:** 8 years  
**Type of facility (nursing home, assisted living, etc.):**  
 Continuing Care Retirement Community

**How'd you hear about Pets On Wheels?:** Department of Aging

**What do your Pets On Wheels visitors do?:** Visit residents (primarily in assisted living and skilled nursing)

**How often are you visited?:** We are visited by 4 teams weekly

**Any funny or good stories about a Pets On Wheels visit you'd like to share?:**

One of our visiting teams on a skilled nursing unit became quite close to a couple. When the husband passed away, our team began visiting the wife in independent living as well as their weekly visits to skilled nursing. Our resident buys special donuts for her four-legged friend and cuts them up in small pieces for him to enjoy

while they visit.

**Favorite thing about Pets On Wheels:** The compassion the volunteers have for the residents and their willingness to share their family pet with others. The bond that develops between the residents and the Pets On Wheels volunteers team is amazing. I hope that the owners know how much joy they bring to others.

**Don't forget log sheets are due at the end of the month. Check with facilities you visit to make sure they are sent in! If they do not do it, you should!**

## Welcome to the Newest POW Volunteers!

### March:

Bluma Bier & Kody  
 Crystal Bravo & Sneakers  
 Susan Glasgow & Lily  
 Elizabeth Benson & Priscilla  
 Clinton Zundel & Daisy May  
 Elaine Strong & Tiffany  
 Allen Strong & Andy  
 Katie Gilbert & Emma  
 Amy Buchanan & Sam  
 Kristi Ross & Dakota  
 Kelly Bystry & Reese  
 Lyndsay Ames & Travis  
 Terri Loar & Haley  
 Ellen Jones & Brinkley  
 Angela Vadala & Princess Noel

Kristin Novak & Lulu

### April:

Christine Clevenstine & Beau  
 Pamela Halligan & Titus and Lucky  
 Joe Webster & Sadie  
 Becky Stafford & Jake  
 Ann Smolinski & Emma  
 Kim Pritt & Sophia Loren  
 Robin Burges & Baxter  
 Janice Tate & Toby  
 Debby Morrell & Buddy  
 Yvonne Majewski & Jackson  
 Remi Emdur & Samo  
 Judy Franz & Boise  
 Dana Dunleavy & Hudson

### May:

Eleanor Konzman & Noodle  
 Rosie Rue & Gypsy  
 Mick Bowers & Bandit  
 Joanna Bach & Roxy  
 Terri Stafford & Lulu  
 Jenna Los & Tasha  
 Amy Bowden & Roxy  
 Mary Hippensteel & Maggie  
 Randy Low & Maddy  
 Krista Lesniowski & Neiko  
 Lynn Cragg & Roscoe  
 Cheryl Fruhling & Joy  
 Catherine Kansler & Tank  
 Lisa Doering & Murray  
 Brigitte Wilke & Petey  
 Kacey Clayton & Bella

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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.

## What's on [www.Petsonwheels.org](http://www.Petsonwheels.org)?

A recent visit to the group's web site had me wondering how many people actually visit the site regularly. Admittedly, I guess I visit about monthly or so. But, on my last visit, I realized there was some new stuff!

I loved reading the stories about the dogs on the *Stories* link. I can't wait to have a good story to send in about one of Zoe's visits. Also, tears came to my eyes as I read the *In Memory Of...* link. Though I was at the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon when the movie of Leo was shown, reading about him again brought tears down my face.

Check out the photo section for a link to group photos on Snapfish as well as some picture high-

lights of our volunteers.

The *Events* page will keep you updated months in advance so you can mark your calendars ahead of time.

Also, don't forget you can print out all the necessary forms from the web site.

And, last but not least, Pets on Wheels has invaded MySpace! Check out the group message board at <http://groups.myspace.com/baltopetsonwheels>.