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# Pets on Wheels

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## What's Happening!



### ELECTRONIC LOG SHEETS

We are happy to announce that the data base has gotten started and Q1 log sheets can now be entered electronically.

Electronic log sheet submission is **MANADATORY**. *The hours that you visit and the number of people you see are paramount to Pets on Wheels receiving funds to continue the good work we do.* Also, it is required by the insurance company that is keeping you and your pet liability free.

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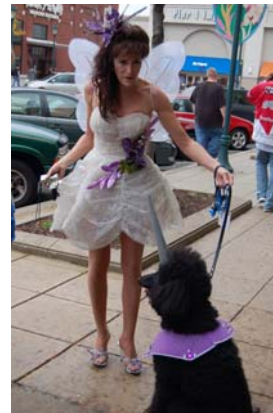
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Spring is a very busy time for Pets on Wheels and we have many wonderful events coming up that volunteer teams can be involved in.

SPCA March for the Animals April 18th.

29th Annual Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival April 30th-May 2nd.

Preakness Parade of Lights May 14th. Bus from White Marsh—space must be reserved ahead of the event.



Anne and Josie Fairy and Unicorn

Fairy Tale Festival at Central Branch of Enoch Pratt Library April 10th-April 11th.

## The Stats:

No. of volunteers with Pets On Wheels: [249](#)

No. of animals with Pets on Wheels (including dogs, cats, a ferret AND a goat): [260](#)

No. of facilities currently being served by Pets On Wheels: [107](#)

## Volunteer Spotlight

Dawn Bosley has been a volunteer with Pets on Wheels since 2008. Her dog, Buddy and she have won the Presidents Award the last two years. Dawn is active in the monthly screenings and was a consequential part in making the 3rd and 4th Annual Dog-A-Thons a huge success by making the baskets for the silent auction look very pro-

fessional. She also provided the signage for the Dog-A-Thon. Dawn and Buddy participated in just about every activity that POW was involved in during 2009.

Mick Bowers has been a volunteer with Pets on Wheels since 2003. He and his dog, Bandit have won the Presidents Award

the last two years. Mick and Bandit moved to Mexico this Spring and they will be missed.



Dawn, Mick and Bandit

## More of What's Happening



**Reading PAWS** April 6-Mary 18th. This wonderful program helps children who are having difficulty reading have the opportunity to read to an animal that is not judgmental. This is a weekly event from 3:30-4:30.

**Celebrate Your Style** Family Fun Day at the Avenue at White Marsh May 23rd 11-5. All are welcome to attend this event as a team. Costumes are encouraged.

**Oriole games**—starting in May. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to let the public know the good that we do lickin' loneliness. Look for an email with the dates .

**The Pet CPR/ First Aid class** has been scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm. The cost is \$25/person. Checks should be made out to Pets on Wheels and Vicki will write a check for the group. They can accommodate 25 people. The first 25 people to sign up and send a check will be added to the list. If we need another class, we can schedule it at a later date. Knowing CPR and First Aid can save your pet's life.

The date for the 5th annual **Dog-A-Thon** has been set for Saturday, October 2nd. It will be held at Oregon Ridge (rain or shine). We are in desperate need of a corporate sponsor and vendors. Non-profit vendors \$40, for profit vendors, \$75. If you have anything for our silent auction, please let Vicki know. It's time to start asking local businesses if they can donate something for a silent auction.

Restaurant gift certificates, baskets of cheer, dog/cat related stuff all works well to bring in the bids. Also, we will need help with the bake sale that was a huge success last year. Look for an email about the upcoming planning meeting to be held this Spring. We're getting an early start this year so with many volunteers helping, we can make this our best Dog-A-Thon fund raiser ever!

Need some **help getting started on your visits** and would like experienced company until you are comfortable? Please do not hesitate to contact Vicki—[Vicki@petsonwheels.org](mailto:Vicki@petsonwheels.org) ( 410-913-5569) or Nancy—[Nancy@petsonwheels.org](mailto:Nancy@petsonwheels.org) (410-663-9733). Either one would be glad to accompany you and your pet on your visits. They will happily share their experience so that visiting is a positive experience for you and your pet.

Here's what one volunteer said about having company on their first visit:

"Thank you so much for going with Murphy and I yesterday. We really enjoyed your company. You made us feel very comfortable and gave me an insight on how to approach and talk to the people we visited. Murphy did better than I anticipated. I also found it very satisfying sharing my pet with others. Thanks again for going with us."



POW Ambassadors at Orioles Game



Photo: Dog-A-Thon 2009

## Facility Spotlight

### Genesis Cromwell

is located off of Joppa Road near Lock Raven Blvd. and provides long term and short term care along with rehabilitation therapy, Alzheimer's care and dialysis. I've been visiting there with Shiloh, a ten year old Golden Retriever for over three years. Shiloh and I have been lucky enough to make many good friends there and we look forward to visiting with them weekly. In December, Shiloh's sisters, Dakota and Oakley were also certified to become Therapy Dogs with Pets on Wheels and now all three dogs are visiting at Genesis. Once a month my sister, Lin, and I are able to take two dogs together. The residents really love this as they can spend time with two dogs at once. Many of the residents keep treats for the dogs and Shiloh has one special friend who he seeks out each time we go. When we get off the elevator on the second floor, he goes right to her room, without any prompting from me. He knows exactly where to go to get special attention.

*Nancy Kalm*

## Past Events

### WHITE MARSH HOLIDAY PARADE

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, volunteer teams braved the rain, cold and snow to march in the White Marsh Holiday Parade.

Thanks to all the teams that made this another good show for POW.

### HOLIDAY PARTY at GLORY DAYS

A good time was had by all at Glory Days on December 5th. Volunteers brought family and friends to enjoy food, drink, conversation and fun at our annual holiday party. Many great door prizes were won in addition to new friends being made. This annual event is one that should never be missed.

### PET EXPO

Once again, POW proved to be a large presence at the 10th Annual Pet Expo. Thirty seven volunteer teams covered the booth from 2pm. January 29<sup>th</sup> through 6pm. January 31<sup>st</sup>. Special thanks to those volunteers who made it out on the 31<sup>st</sup> despite the snow! This event is a wonderful way to get our presence out to the public, gain volunteers and get donations. Dawn Bosley used it as a great networking tool to get vendors

for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Dog-A-Thon coming up on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks Dawn!

### SWIM PARTY

On February 28<sup>st</sup> volunteer teams met at the Canine Swim Center to participate in a pool party. No one was left dry and the dogs and their drivers had a wonderful time.

### ST. PATTY'S DAY PARADE

Sunday, March 14th teams of volunteers marched in the Baltimore City St. Patrick's Day parade. They "put on the green" and did a great job representing POW in this event.

### SECOND ANNUAL YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

This Spring, volunteers helped raise over \$1,500 by selling Yankee Candle products to friends and family members. Thanks to all who participated and special thanks to the distributors that made it so easy to do. If you didn't participate in this fund raiser, consider doing so in the future. It's easy and we get 40% of the sales.

## Welcome to the Newest POW Volunteers!

### OCTOBER 2009

Meredith Van Den Beemt & Snickers  
Karin Rittenhouse and Blanca  
Laurie Ann Shelsby and Tuffy  
Jenny Rhys and Scooby  
Lynn Molnar and Hero  
Kay Bleinberger and Sailor  
Bonnie Halberstam and Abbie (goat)  
John Currens and Lily  
Debbie Pineda and Roxy  
Lacey Moore and Pyper  
Desiree Jarosko and Seti  
Desiree Jarosko and Trajan  
Aubrey Vincent and Moose

Susan Thomas and Buddy  
Krista Baker and Murphy

### NOVEMBER 2009

Laura Burkhouse and Koko  
Terence Doud and Brotten  
Karen Folk and Dessa  
Amy Lane and Gracie  
Amy Lasarko and Star  
Ellen Long and Rosie  
Sherrie Palmateer and Tasha  
Jen Selba and Bogey  
Rebecca Stein and Bailey  
Susanna Vavrek and Sammy

### DECEMBER 2009

Laurie Burton and Moose

Lin Formwalt & Oakley & Dakota  
Lisa Miller and Reagan & Duncan  
Julie Mitchell and Maggie  
Nora Taylor and Shadow  
Robin Tung and Rocky  
Suzy Zabel and Chamois

### JANUARY 2010

Suzanne Berger and Nigel  
Christine Cogliano & Daphnie & Lola  
Ilene Fidel and Kaizen  
Katie Gallagher and Keno  
Dorothy Hall and Thumbelina  
Teresa Marvel and Tootsie  
Stephanie Maychack and Payton  
Kate Melito and Chloe

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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](mailto:nancy@petsonwheels.org).*

## Welcome to the Newest POW Volunteers!

### JANUARY 2010 (cont.)

Meredith Ruxton and Roxy  
Patricia Sinclair and Ellie  
Angel So and Harold

### FEBRUARY 2010

Carole Andrews & Rosie & Sophie  
Shari Beshore & Hurley & Dusty  
Ed Blatchley and Murphy  
Linda Cooney and Maddie  
Jennifer Devorak and Hero  
Alexandra Franz and Neptune  
Virginia Gadiano and Thurman  
Krista Hanson and Kenny  
Ruth Hulett and Kosmos  
Usman Jan and Marley  
Melanie Kepler and Daisy  
Jo Marvan and Billy  
Mary Beth Michael and Angie  
Kathy Miles and Chauncey  
Jessica Reese and C J  
Aliza Rothenberg and Cinnamon  
Pamela Silberman and Kaya  
Karen Wisniewski and Camy

### MARCH 2010

Lori Trusheim and Boots  
Michelle Worsham & Casey & Bailey  
Carole Andrews and Lizzie  
Sheri Carroll and Chester  
Andrea Cawley and Lola  
Donna Chase and Tyme  
Amy Corselius and Stella  
Valerie Donaldson and Abby  
Bonnie Feldman and Will and Grace  
Nancy Herko and Lily  
Brad Jacobs and Meatball  
Mauricio Lezcano and Max  
Jackie Lunz and Frisco  
Angela McCaden and Kobe  
Winnie McKasson and Daisy  
Anne Nicoletta and Bandit  
Sharon Owens and Jessie  
Gabrielle Perskie and Larry  
Linda Plummer and Millie  
Lisa Poland and Louie  
JoAnne Riemer and Joey  
Erin Saywell and Score  
Tracey Serpi and Kiss  
Chelsea Singer and Dakota

## The Rainbow Bridge

Sparky—Donna Richmond  
Baby Nick-Valerie Donaldson  
Sonny-Pam Cummings  
April-Sue Springer

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

Ollie-Heather Perkin  
Charlie-Nancy White  
Duncan-Joanna Yurkovich

### **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*

