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A publication for and about the volunteer owner-dog teams of Therapaws of Michigan, Inc. The Woofers also may be viewed online at www.therapaws.org

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A Message from the President

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful work all of you do. The Therapaws organization is growing and flourishing because of your tender and touching visits to patients and residents.

Our reading program, now known as PAWS TO READ, had formal kick offs at both the Ann Arbor (see page 7) and Chelsea libraries. In March, we will begin a pilot program in the Dexter Schools targeting second graders.

Our partnership with the Red Cross has us in demand to help them with one of their new programs. They have asked for Therapaws teams to be present during classes given at their facility for family caregivers. The Houghton School in Saline once again asked for our teams to talk to youngsters about dog safety and responsibility.

We are streamlining our screening process by holding monthly sessions at Northfield Dog Training facility. We can screen several dogs one day a month instead of trying to make individual appointments day after day.

We are continuing to improve and develop our website and are now able to track membership and applications online. We encourage

our members to check the website often to keep up on the latest news and information, calendar of events, volunteer opportunities, and features on volunteer teams.

We have once again been blessed by our anonymous donor with a significant gift in support of our organization and its growth.

As always, special thanks go to our great dogs and owners who make our group so unique!

Karen OConnor



Karen and her Golden Retriever Kaylee.

Painless Performance

Therapaws recently received this Certificate of Excellence from the University of Michigan for its participation in the hospital's Pain Awareness Month. Four Therapaws teams were on hand to demonstrate how therapy animals can help in pain management. Each team also received individual certificates.



Dog Days of winter got you down?

Do you and your best friend have a case of the winter blahs? Perk up!

Join your Therapaws pals at "Go Play Day," on Sunday, March 6, 2005, at the Northfield Dog Training facility, 3676 W. Ellsworth Rd., from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We'll have relay races and a rousing session of "My Dog Can Do That."

You'll need to bring a leash, water and treats for your dog, and human treats to share. If you plan to participate, or you wish more information, RSVP to Karen Eisenbrey at keisenbrey@earthlink.net or call her at (734) 944-5742. (See page 7 for a calendar of upcoming events).



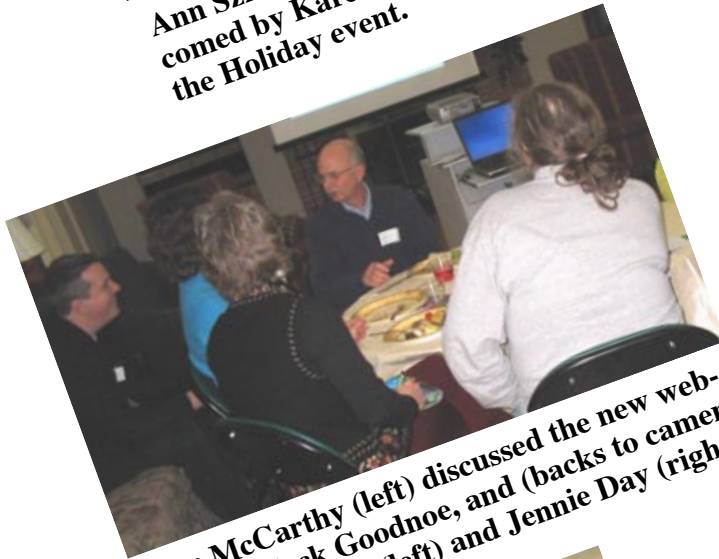
Babe! Wake up, it's time for "Go Play Day."



Therapaws members welcome the New Year at Holiday gathering



Ann Szlinis and her husband Bill were welcomed by Karen Eisenbrey, who coordinated the Holiday event.



John McCarthy (left) discussed the new website with Jack Goodnoe, and (backs to camera) Margy Goodnoe (left) and Jennie Day (right).



Getting acquainted were Cathy Leadley, Lana Barry, Denise Pitcher, Gale Marcoux, and Sandie Langbehn (back to camera).

Therapaws members helped ring in the new year at a holiday party on Friday, January 7, 2005, at Trinity Luthern Church. A couple dozen team members, along with some spouses and children, participated in the event that featured a delicious spread catered by Whole Foods. Canine treats were given to owners to take home to their dogs.

Attendees watched a computer presentation showing Therapaws teams at their work places, developed by Board Member Denise Pitcher. A special demonstration of our new website was given by John McCarthy of McCarthy Computer Consulting, Inc., who donated the new Therapaws website. Mr. McCarthy encouraged all members to visit the site on a regular basis to keep up to date on news and events. The general public can access the website to see the work that Therapaws does in the community and find out how to apply to become a Therapaws team member. John introduced Leslie Jones who will be working on our behalf to keep the website updated.

Therapaws members were asked to introduce themselves and tell everyone about their dog and where they volunteer their services. Reports were given on the reading program, the Paws and Remember program, and the recent contribution from our anonymous donor who has so graciously contributed to the growth of our organization over the last few years.

Thanks go to Karen Eisenbrey for making this a successful event.



Lana Berry, Gale Marcoux, and Sandie Langbehn sample the fare at the Holiday party.



Gale Marcoux (background) Lana Berry, Cathy Leadley, and Sandie Langbehn share dog photos.



Spouses were included in the festivities, but our pet partners were not.



Together, Sue Fischer and Mickey Sloan have nearly 30 years making pet therapy visits.



LEFT: Denise Pitcher, John McCarthy, and Michelle McCarthy sample the food with Celena Pitcher and Joy McCarthy (lower left and right). Denise put together the computer presentation seen in the background; John talked about the new Therapaws website, which he created, and Michelle gave an update on the reading program.

Volunteer apparel and canine accessories available

Therapaws offers for sale a variety of volunteer apparel and canine accessories. On this page are some of the items that appear in the catalog. Two new items not listed are:

°A canvas tote of 100 percent heavy-duty, natural color cotton with contrasting blue canvas bottom and handles long enough to slip over your shoulder. Embroidered with Therapaws logo on outside pocket. Inside is a handy key clasp. Cost \$14.

°A waist pack of heavy-duty nylon-canvas mix in navy blue, embroidered with Therapaws logo. It has three zipper pockets and an adjustable waist strap. Cost \$8.

For a complete catalog with sizes, prices, and ordering information, please call Margy Goodnoe at (734) 769-0576 or email her at mgoonoe@ameritech.net.

Thanks to Scott Kivi, owner of Vivid Graphix, LLC, for creating these items, and for always being so helpful and accommodating to the Therapaws organization.



** Picture shown is a size LARGE on a 105# dog

WOLFPACKS ID Cape™ is designed to be comfortable when worn all day long. This item is made from two layers of durable Cordura® Plus nylon. It slips over the head and attaches on the side with a plastic side-release buckle. All of the ID Capes now come with two upper closed pockets and reflective trim for night time safety.

Sizing Chart for ID Capes

ID CAPE SIZE	DOG'S WEIGHT*	EXAMPLE BREEDS
XSmall	20 - 30 pounds	Welsh Corgis
Small	30 - 50 pounds	Border Collies
Medium**	50 - 90 pounds	Lab's & Golden Retrievers
Large	90 - 120 pounds	German Shepherds
XLarge	120 pounds and up	Great Danes

Standard Color: RED

Webbing, zipper, fasteners, and trim are Black.

* Dog's weight is an approximate figure.

** Picture shown is a size LARGE on a 105# dog

ID Cape w/ two (2) Therapaws patches, one on each side	\$ 29.50
ID Cape w/ two (2) Therapaws patches, dog name or "Pet me" embroidered	\$ 33.50
ID Cape w/ two (2) Therapaws patches, dog name and "Pet me" embroidered	\$ 35.50

Therapaws of Michigan IDENTIFICATION BANDANA

Used for volunteer identification. Bandana is 22" x 22", Red, and displays the Therapaws of Michigan logo. Logo size on bandana is 5 inches and printed in ink.

\$ 5.00

All-American favorites in comfortable 100% cotton Denim.

Therapaws logo beautifully embroidered over left chest pocket. On short sleeve denims "THERAPAWS" is embroidered on right sleeve cuff in dark navy blue. All garments are "Stone Bleach" color, shown.

51098 LADIES' DENIM BUTTON-DOWN with POCKET
SIZES: S, M, L, XL \$ 29.50

71098 MEN'S DENIM BUTTON-DOWN with POCKET
SIZES: S, M, L, XL \$ 29.50
2XL \$ 31.00
3XL \$ 32.50

51090 LADIES' SHORT-SLEEVE BUTTON-DOWN with POCKET
SIZES: S, M, L, XL \$ 26.50

71090 MEN'S SHORT-SLEEVE BUTTON-DOWN with POCKET
SIZES: S, M, L, XL \$ 26.50
2XL \$ 28.00



100% Cotton Heavyweight Volunteer Working Sport Shirt

Therapaws logo beautifully embroidered over left chest area. "THERAPAWS" is embroidered on right sleeve cuff in Medium Blue for identification of the volunteer while wearing a smock. Garment is 100% White Cotton Pique. Available for both Men and Women.

20799 LADIES' COTTON PIQUE POLO
SIZES: S, M, L, XL \$ 22.00

20490 MEN'S COTTON PIQUE POLO
SIZES: S, M, L, XL \$ 22.00
2XL \$ 23.50
3XL \$ 25.00



Sueded V-neck Sweatshirt

Garment is Navy Blue 80% cotton, 20% polyester with Therapaws logo embroidered on left chest.

SIZES: M, L, XL \$32.50
2XL \$34.00

Full-Zip Fleece Jackets

Quarter-Zip Fleece Pullovers

Garment is a heavyweight, anti-pilling, Navy Blue 100% polyester thermal fleece.

SIZES: S, M, L, XL \$ 37.00
2XL \$ 38.50



Therapaws of Michigan Two-tone Caps

100% cotton. Tuck-away leather strap with antique brass buckle. Khaki main body with Charcoal bill

SIZES: ADULT - ONE SIZE fits most

\$ 9.50

Reading program gets enthusiastic support at Ann Arbor Library

The Therapaws reading program kick-off at the Ann Arbor District Library on Sunday, Feb. 6th, was a huge success with an enthusiastic crowd of about 30 to 40 people.

Scott Sample, who wowed the crowd with Bunny's awesome behavior, gave a presentation about Therapaws of Michigan that really invigorated the room. Denise Pitcher spoke about the reading program, what it entails, and why we believe this is a wonderful form of animal assisted therapy/activity.



A question and answer session was followed by the children and parents coming forward to meet the teams that also included Karen OConnor and Kaylee. At the end of the session, all of our time slots for the next month were filled and we look forward to a successful ongoing program there.

Thanks go to the Ann Arbor Library photographer who provided us with these great photos of Scott Sample and Bunny (above), and of Chase Pitcher with Gianni (at right).



Therapaws welcomes its newest members

Connie Bank and Jazz
Ted Barss and Louie
Lana Berry and Casey
Mary Lou Black and Molly
Charlotte Briggs and Rebel
Taryn Clark and Aidan
Cathleen Connell and Blue
Michelle McCarthy and Leo
Nicole Murphy and Shelby
Robin Petrillo and Ben
Denise Pitcher and Gianni
Jan Treston and Meeko (new dog)
Kathy Ward and Daisy
Cathy Wilson and Jager

Mark your Calendars!

- March 4** Friday: Red Cross "Family Caregivers" program, 4 to 6 p.m., includes Therapaws teams, 4624 Packard Road, between Carpenter and Golfside Roads.
- March 6** Sunday: "Go Play" Day, Northfield Dog Training facility, from 2 to 4 p.m., 3676 W. Ellsworth in Lodi Township. (See page 2 for details).
- April 2-3** Saturday-Sunday: Canine Aggression Seminar, presented by Brenda Aloff, Belleville, MI. Owners only, no dogs. For details call (734) 699-9925 or visit www.positiveway.us.
- April 10** Sunday: TTouch session at Ann Arbor Library (downtown branch), from 2 to 4 p.m. A positive-approach animal body therapy that helps release tension and increase relaxation and awareness, conducted by Manuela Hejna, an expert in alternative healing medicine and behavior therapy for animals. Owners only, no dogs.
- April 16** Saturday: Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI, 1039 S. Rochester Road, is hosting a seminar on the Puppy Puzzle by Pat Hastings, well-known breeder, handler, judge, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details call (248) 650-7113.
- May 1** Sunday: "Tricks for Treats" Day, Northfield Dog Training facility, from 2 to 4 p.m. 3676 W. Ellsworth. Teach your dog some new tricks and then take part in a talent show.

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a canine-assisted therapy program,
is dedicated to promoting and
fostering the human-animal bond
in therapeutic and educational
settings.

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Are you still a member?

You are if your certification with Therapy Dogs, Inc. is current and you have sent the proper papers to Therapaws of Michigan.

For Therapy Dogs, Inc., each member has either a January or July renewal date, which can be found on your Therapy Dogs, Inc. membership card. A signed renewal form (which they send you) and a check is due TD, Inc. on the first of the month of your renewal date. You are given a 45-day grace period, after which your certification expires and you must go through the entire process again.

For Therapaws, you must forward a copy of your paid TD, Inc. renewal statement and a current health certificate to Therapaws at P.O. Box 92, Dexter, MI 48130, by March 31 if your TD, Inc. renewal was in January. If you are not certified by Therapy Dogs, Inc., your dog is no longer insured and therefore should not be making any visits on behalf of Therapaws of Michigan.

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