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Therapaws members heed the call for canine blood donations



Several Therapaws members heeded the call for canine blood donations on Nov. 3, 2007 at the Midwest Animal Blood Services (ABS) facility in Stockbridge, MI. Karen OConnor, Robin Petrillo, Mickey Sloan, Gale Marcoux, and Ken Ray not only brought their Therapaws dogs to the site, but also their other dogs from home (at left). Robin brought two dogs and Ken brought his four dogs. Each donated one unit of blood.

According to Midwest ABS, blood donation is a simple procedure that does not require anesthesia or sedation and takes only about 15-25 minutes. Your pet does not need to fast before giving blood and the procedure does not hinder his or her normal activity. The blood is processed into packed red blood cells and plasma so your pet actually will be helping two dogs for each donation.

You and your pet also benefit because the screening process includes examination by a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician, who reviews the health history with you from a form you fill out; drawing blood for a chemistry profile; screening for tick borne disease, weighing, and blood typing. Complete results are mailed to you within three weeks after donation.

To give blood, your dog should be healthy and friendly; weigh 50 pounds or more; be between one and seven years old; be free of parasites; current on vaccinations; taking no medications except for heart worm and/or flea preventative; no heart murmur.

If you wish to participate in this important program, call Midwest ABS at (517) 851-8244 to make an appointment or watch for email announcements from Therapaws. It is a very worthy cause.

Tattle Tails



Mary Anzalone and Tinker visited Peg Chizmar at Chelsea Hospital after Peg's hip replacement.



Tracy Dunbar talked to a group of youngsters at the Hikone Community Center in Ann Arbor about how dogs are used in therapy work. Tracy and Spencer also gave a demonstration of the R.E.A.D. program. A week later, the same youngsters joined residents at Willow Creek Assisted Living, where Spencer does his therapy work, for a joint activity.



Sandie Langbehn and Sedona visit with a resident at Towsley Village during a Halloween celebration.

Therapaws Welcomes New Members

Alexandra & Judi Breeding & Sasha, UMH;
Jane Crichton & Mocha, StJM;
Michelle Devine & Emmy, StJMH-Livingston;
Nada Obrenovich & Cooper, UMH;
Erin Shugard & Rocky, American House;
Pat Schutte & Buster, UMH;
Janette Villalobos & Spanky, UMH.



Sue Machin and Sandy joined patient Ron Eagle during the kick-off of UMH's "Investing in Abilities Week." Several other Therapaws teams participated in the event.

In loving memory of our canine partners

Once again we have the sad task of reporting on the passing of some of our Therapaws teammates, who, with their handlers, have contributed precious time serving residents, patients, and school children in Ann Arbor and surrounding areas: Karen OConnor and Kaylee at UMH, Towsley, and R.E.A.D.; Jan Kosta and Lucy at

UMH; Sue Fischer and Ripley at UMH, StJM, and Superior Woods, and Deb Stern and Madison, formerly of UMH. All of the teams were among the first to volunteer for other community events as well. We mourn the passing of our canine partners and salute them for their tremendous contributions.



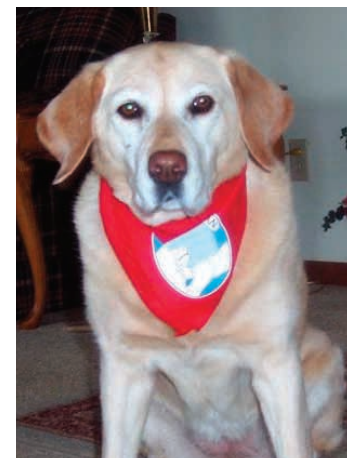
"Kaylee" OConnor



"Lucy" Kosta



"Ripley" Fischer



"Madison" Stern



Picnic in the Park with Pets, June 16, 2007



< Photo left: Future Therapaws members at the picnic were Jasen, son of Tracy Dunbar, with therapy dog Spencer in foreground, and Meredith, daughter of Anna Marie Anzalone with therapy dog Jester, at right.



Photo right: > Current Therapaws members Susan Carpenter (left) and Mickey Sloan, with Shara and Torie, enjoyed the gathering.



The clean-up crew at the June event were (from left) Robin Petrillo, Mary Ann Trainor, Karen OConnor, Barry OConnor, and Jerry Nordblom. Canines were Kaylee, Ben, Tank, Babe, Sadie, and Cori.



A river runs through it
Dexter-Huron Metro Park

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Therapaws to celebrate 20 years of service

**Attention all Therapaws Members
Please save the date and join us
in celebrating our 20th anniversary**

on

**Sunday, March 2, 2008
4 to 6 P.M.**

at

**Conor O'Neill's Traditional Irish Pub
318 South Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(Free parking in rear on Sundays)**

**Watch for your invitation in the mail
Bring a guest but, sorry, no canines.**

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