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Founder Sue Fischer gave a presentation on the history of Therapets-Therapaws.



Board members Gale Marcoux, Karen OConnor, Margy Goodnoe, Mary Ann Trainor, and Jerry Nordblom attend to details.



Lana Berry, Barbara Michniewicz, and Karen OConnor share stories.

## Therapaws celebrates 20th anniversary

Therapaws celebrated its 20th anniversary at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub on Sunday, March 3, 2008. About 50 attendees were treated to a history of Therapaws (originally Therapets) from Founder Sue Fischer; a Power Point presentation featuring Therapaws teams at work and play, and delicious snacks and beverages.

Members shared some of the very touching experiences they have had as Therapaws teams at local hospitals, schools, and other facilities, and were presented with 20th anniversary coffee mugs and other gifts for them and their canine partners. (See page 2.)



Ken Ray and John Hansen enjoyed the presentations.



Diana Gasek talked about her visits with Sophie at Mott.



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^ *Photo top left:*  
From left are Mary Anzalone, Jim Crichton, Jane Crichton, Sandie Langbehn, and Sue Fischer.

*Photo top right:* ^  
From left are Happy Jolliffe, Alexandra Breeding, Mark Breeding, and Lana Berry.

< *Photo left:* Board member Margy Goodnoe sets up keepsake mugs and scarfs.

*Photo right:* >  
Board member Robin Petrillo checks changes to the guest list.



## In loving memory of our pet partners

Four more of our Therapaws teammates have passed on since the last issue of The Woofers. Along with their handlers, they were responsible for bringing many hours of comfort and care to patients, residents, and school children in our communities.

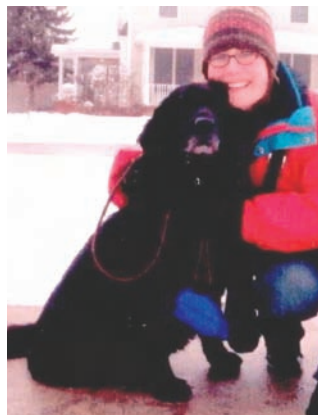
Cathy Leadley and Dixie spent much of their time at StJM visiting the “sickest of the sick” in the Select Care unit. (Dixie was photographed here just as she finished chewing on the newly carved family pumpkin).

Katie Richards-Schuster and Billy visited various sites at UMH. Kathè and Dolly Fogleman were regulars at Cornerstone Elementary School as a R.E.A.D. team. Dolly is shown here (barely visible) listening to a second-grade reader. Ann Szlinis and Billy spent many years at StJM hospital, where Ann was the Therapaws coordinator.

This is a sad time for all Therapaws members, because we feel the pain of our grieving teammates. We join in mourning their loss and celebrating their lives.



“Dixie” Leadley



“Billy” Richards-Schuster



“Dolly” Fogleman



“Billy” Szlinis

# UMHS celebrates "Therapaws Awareness Day"



**Callie and Sue Fischer were traffic stoppers.**



**Callie (gold) and Emmet (black) convinced a staffer to get on the floor with them.**

Volunteer Services at the University of Michigan Hospital celebrated "Therapaws Awareness Day" on Tuesday, May 6th, at Towsley Triangle. Ten different Therapaws teams came and went throughout the day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), charming, patients and staff alike. With the sale of Therapaws stuffed puppies and coffee mugs, and many donations, Therapaws received \$357 to help further its programs. (Lots of exposure: Priceless.)

Thanks go to Lana Berry, Therapaws UMHS coordinator, and Alfreda Rooks Jordan, director of Volunteer Services at UMHS, for making this important event happen.



**^ Above: Lana Berry and pet partner Casey amuse patients as they travel through Towsley Triangle.**



**Judy Street and pet partner Faith take a break.**



**Right: > Emmet, pet partner of Dee Luttermoser, makes a house call.**

**Below right: v Susan Contratto & Neka; Jerry Nordblom (Cori hadn't arrived yet); Chuck Blackmer & Norman.**



**Golda, teammate of Jay Mahler, charms a little one.**



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



### **Therapaws Welcomes New Members**

**Chuck Blackmer & Norman, UMH;**  
**Anna Folsom & Artemis,**  
Chelsea Retirement Center;  
**Anne Henler & Luigi, StJH;**  
**Dee Luttermoser & Emmet, Superior Woods;**  
**Judy Street & Faith, StJH;**  
**Christina Wall & Kharma,**  
Riverview of Ann Arbor;  
**Erin Wiley & Ola, R.E.A.D.**

## **Therapaws Picnic and Annual Meeting to be held June 28, 2008**

**Attention all Therapaws Members  
Please save the date and join us**

**Saturday June 28, 2008  
2 to 4 P.M.**

**at**

**Central Shelter  
Dexter-Huron Metropark  
on Huron River Drive**

**Watch for your invitation in the mail  
Dogs and family members welcome**

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