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The Pet Connection



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Message from our Director

Hello Everyone,

The New Year has just started and TPGC is still growing. The nice thing is we are growing in Kentucky! George Kent has arranged for Robin, George and myself to conduct talks in 3 of the Kentucky Hospitals. We will also have a large workshop. We also had 2 successful corporate events that resulted in generous donations.

Thank you for doing all the volunteering at so many facilities. We have a lot and are continuing to add more, especially schools. Lisa Ackels does a great job coordinating visits with the area colleges as well as welcoming new members. Suzanne Malenfont has brought on Mariemont schools; Sharon Newman—St. Veronica. Betty McCord does a phenomenal job keeping track of our members and shepherding new members to mentors.

As I reflect back to the very beginning, the first group I joined was run by the United Way. It was just me and Terri Ralenkotter. In 2003, we joined Delta and in 2004 we created our own non-profit. Now we are a Pet Partners Community Partner with close to 200 members.

Thanks to you all.

~Glenna Mockbee, Executive Director
Founder. TPGC

GLENNA'S CORNER

1. Name all the officers on the Board: Executive Director, President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 trustees
2. Before you can take a picture, what do you have to do?
3. Who do you submit your TPGC hours to?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 1, 2018 ,Noon-1PM
Stress Relief for UC Students
UC Clifton Recreation Center
Contact :Lisa Ackels
513-675-7818

Feb. 3, 2018 ,9:30 AM-2PM
Pet Partner/TPGC testing
3730 Cobb Rd., Williamsburg
Must have gone through a work shop, or renewal
Contact: [Karen](#) Howell

Feb 6, 2018, 6PM-8PM
Science Night at Boyd E. Smith Elementary in Milford

Contact: [Glenna](#)

Feb. 9, 2018, 10-10:45AM
Reading at St. Veronica School 4475 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd.

Contact: [Sharon Newman](#)

Feb. 17, 2018. 9Am—3 PM
Pet Partners/TPGC testing
Locust Corner United Methodist Church
Must have gone through workshop
Contact: [Karen Spradlin](#)

Feb 18, 2018 9AM-3PM
Pet Partner/TPGC testing
Bethesda North Hospital
Must have gone through a workshop.
Contact: [Glenna](#)

See therappetsofgreater-cincinnati.org for more events

FEED & PET FOOD JOINT CONFERENCE

Dear Members,

Alice Sturgeon and Luke, and Mika and I had the wonderful opportunity on October 24, 2017 to attend the Feed & Pet Food Joint Conference meeting in Louisville, KY.

The Feed & Pet Food Joint Conference brings together the makers of food for cats and dogs, the makers of feed for livestock and other animals, and the companies that supply both industries with ingredients, manufacturing equipment, and a wide range of services. 300 attendees were expected.

We joined Pet Partners at a special Comfort Corner exhibit area, where conference attendees could learn more about therapy animal teams and their life-enhancing role in our communities. The conference is planned by the Pet Food Institute, who is a generous sponsor and partner of Pet Partners.

It was held at the Seelbach Hilton in Louisville, Kentucky. We had a great time, and everyone we met was so nice, loved our dogs, and was super friendly. It was a pleasure to help out Pet Partners share the wonderful Human Animal Bond, and the feelings that can come from Animal Assisted Interventions!

Sincerely,

Robin Daniels & Mika

About PFI

The Pet Food Institute and our members, who make 98% of all U.S. pet food and treat products, are committed to helping dogs and cats live long and healthy lives. As the voice of U.S. pet food makers for nearly 60 years, we provide factual information about pet food and treat safety, nutrition, and health to pet lovers, and advocate for a transparent, science-based regulatory environment for our members.

PFI is dedicated to:

- *Advocating for legislation, regulations and technologies that support the domestic manufacture and global distribution of safe, quality pet food and that provide for consumer choice;*
- *Promoting pet food safety innovation in manufacturing and handling practices;*
- *Delivering information about issues impacting pet food makers, their suppliers and distributors, pet lovers and other relevant stakeholders; and*
- *Communicating the benefits of pet ownership to the general public at large.*

Our offices are based in Washington, DC.

Meet The Pet Food Community

PFI's members make 98% of all U.S. pet food products. Click through to learn more about our member companies, Board leadership, staff, and other organizations in the pet food community.

For information on PFI membership, please email info@petfoodinstitute.org



SEVEN HILLS DE-STRESS



Several therapy teams visited Seven Hills School during exam week before Christmas break. Our teams have participated in the stress relief at Seven Hills for several years now. The children always enjoy seeing and loving on the dogs and look forward to us returning again for final exams in the spring. TPGC teams have been very busy this year attending stress relief at local schools, UC, Xavier University, Miami University and many others. The power of pet therapy is spreading not only in the schools and colleges but also stress relief for businesses!
~Alice Sturgeon



NEW VISIT OPPORTUNITY



The Clermont County Juvenile Detention Center Therapy Animal Program

Karen Spradlin is proud to announce a new venue for Animal Assisted Interaction. The Clermont County Juvenile Detention Center located in Batavia, OH now has a Juvenile Detention Center Therapy Animal Program; it is the first of its kind in the state. The time is 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. every Saturday with the “meet and greet” at 9:45 a.m. Handlers can choose to visit once a week; once a month or only one time if they just want to see want to see the facility. The resident’s ages vary, 11-17. A correction officer is in the room at all times with us; all of them are personable and very happy to see us. If you have any questions or want to sign up for a visit, please contact Karen Spradlin at kspradlin@fuse.net or you can contact her by phone at: 513-753-7537.



UNEXPECTED THERAPY

We sometimes might forget that simply the presence of a therapy dog even when not on an official visit can really make a difference in a person’s life, because they are so well behaved from their continuous training and just seem to know what each person needs, even someone as famous as Santa Claus. Certainly stressed as the toy making deadline approaches, Santa told me as his eyes truly lighted upon seeing Kivrin at a recent visit to the mall this year, that this is the reason he does what he does, because of the dogs.

Submitted by Mark Smyers & Kivrin

Letter from the President

Hello fellow TPGC Members,

A few topics I'd like to highlight in this edition of the Newsletter:

WEBSITE

I hope by now you have had an opportunity to visit our new and approved TPGC Website

<http://www.therapypetsofgreatercincinnati.org/>

Thanks to Christine Dauenhauer and her husband Dave for their efforts in making this come alive. Also, a big thank you to Sharon Newman for her robust review of the website for user friendliness and content.

First, the website provides a new, up to date look highlighting the many things we do in our community as well as some of our members. We now have a calendar that shows dates for training and evaluations and Therapy Visits. Our list of facilities now provides links to the member who coordinates visits at those sites. Please contact them if you are interested in visiting.

There is much more we would like to do going forward. We are considering adding a capability for signing up for events on-line, having a "members only section with contact information", and continuing to add facilities/contacts where we may be visiting. Please contact me if there is a facility that you currently visit that you would like added to the list.

To make these future changes, we are looking for somebody with technical expertise in web design and functionality. If you or someone you know has these skills, please contact me.

We will continue to make changes to enhance the website as we gain more experience with it.



Letter from the President Continued

MENTORING

Mentoring is now a requirement for all new TPGC members. This requirement was reinstated in the Fall of 2017 as part of an update to the Standing Rules.

After recently tested and approved teams complete their registration with Pet Partners, they will send their information to Betty McCord, our Membership Chairperson. Betty will determine what facilities the team is interested in visiting and will facilitate connecting them to a mentor at those facilities. The individual will complete 2 visits, the first without their dog. After completion of their mentoring visits, they will reconnect with Betty who will then add them to the TPGC Members Distribution List.

The purpose of mentoring is twofold: it is helpful for a new team to get a feel for the environments they are interested in visiting to better determine if the facility would be a good fit for the team; second, being a new Pet Partner Team can be overwhelming and spending time with a seasoned team can make the transition to a visiting team go smoothly.

EVENT GUIDELINES

After the many de-stress events held at the end of the year, some members suggested a need for guidelines for events such as this, particularly when some of the schools have very large numbers of students. Several of these members met over the holidays to suggest these guidelines. It was determined that we needed guidelines for the facilities we visit, the TPGC coordinator/for the event as well as our general membership. A draft of these guidelines was shared with the board at our last meeting and will be reviewed by the guidelines team for any other suggestions. We will then send these out in a separate email.

FINAL THOUGHTS

See elsewhere in the newsletter for upcoming opportunities/events including a visit from Annie Peters, Pet Partners President/CEO on April 24.

~Susan Steinhardt

Answers to Glenna's Corner:

1. Glenna Mockbee, Susan Steinhardt, Alice Sturgeon, Christine Dauenhauer, Jamie Stewart, Robin Daniels, Deb Newstrand
2. Fill out a photo release form
3. Deb Newstrand

SUPERBUBZ EVENT

~Submitted by Alice Sturgeon

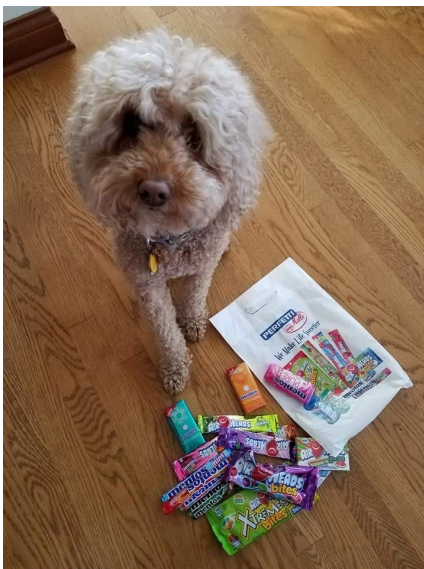
Several teams from Therapy Pets of Greater Cincinnati attended the memorial service of SuperBubz on October 12, 2017. Children and adults enjoyed the time spent with our dogs. They shared stories of SuperBubz, shed tears, smiled through the hurt and thanked us for being there. Each therapy team was blessed with the joy of spreading love and kindness when there was so much pain and suffering. The true meaning of pet therapy was realized that evening.



CORPORATE EVENTS

Perfetti VanMelle

Joy Fotsch and Lucy, Deb Ball and Brady and Alice Sturgeon and Luke attended a wellness fair at Perfetti VanMelle, Northern KY in October. The teams answered question about TPGC, how to become a therapy team and the positive aspects of pet therapy. At the end of the day, Perfetti VanMelle made a generous donation to TPGC for \$500.00! So next time you eat an airhead or chew on some Mentos mints or gum, remember the makers are big supporters of TPGC! Perfetti VanMelle heard about our group from a student intern from UC who loved having our pets there for stress relief, so this is a big thank you to all of the volunteers who donate their time to TPGC.



CORPORATE EVENTS

Fidelity Investments

On November 7-9th, multiple teams attended the employee distress event in Covington, KY. There were over 1,100 employees that visited with our teams over the three (3) day event. Teams answered questions about TPGC, explained the process of becoming a therapy team and answered questions about pet therapy. Employees enjoyed the time with our dogs, shared stories of their animals and some had tears of joy and sadness over the loss of their dog. "This is exactly what I needed today" was a comment heard from many of the employees. The organizers of the event and the employees enjoyed the time with the dogs so much that they have asked TPGC to return again sometime in the Spring! A generous donation of \$1,500.00 was given to TPGC following the event!

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

How Stress Affects Dogs Seminar

Elissa O'Sullivan, Animal Behaviorist

Sunday March 16, 2018

8:30 AM-4:00 PM

QUEEN CITY DOG TRAINING CLUB

Open to TPGC Members

Go to qcdtc.org for registration

MEMBER PROFILES

Terri Ralenkotter and Troi



I have been doing pet therapy for 20 years beginning with my first Basset Hound Chloe. Since then I have had three additional hounds follow in her footsteps, Rain, Seti and my current Pet Partner Troi. Over the years I have been involved with various facilities and therapy dog affiliations and am currently with Pet Partners. Troi and I visit St. Charles Community, Florence Park, Shriners Hospital and participate in the Boone County Library reading program. We also enjoy doing special events where therapy dogs are requested. I also participate in other dog activities with Troi including AKC Rally, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, Lure Coursing, the Hunting Performance Test and we will soon be starting Nose Work and Barn Hunt. Troi loves each and every person she visits and her droll Basset Hound ways endear her to children and seniors alike.

My name is Karen Miller & my therapy dog's name is Bella. We live in Huntington, WV & became members of TPGC in October of 2016 once Bella passed her Pet Partners evaluation in Cincinnati. Bella is a rescue dog, a loving, 7 year old yellow Labrador. Since joining TPGC, we have visited many retirement homes and have also done a reading program at our library. However, our passion for the broken-hearted has led us to our local Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House bringing love & comfort to patients & families facing the end-of-life journey. Bella is the only therapy dog presently but the impact of her visits have been so beneficial that I have now been asked to help towards growing the therapy dog program at this wonderful Hospice House! The moments we have shared with families as well as the staff have been amazing. What an blessing it is to be able to brighten up a room full of people in otherwise dim circumstances, as well as, relieve the stress on nurses caring for the terminally ill with the joy and love of a dog! The investment of time and love shared with others is returned a hundred-fold experiencing first-hand the comfort, joy and companionship a dog brings to our families there. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to be involved in pet therapy with Bella!



Karen Miller & Bella

TPGC MEMBERS EVENT



An Evening with **Annie Peters**, President/CEO Pet Partners

April 24, 2018

7 PM

Bethesda North Hospital

Come meet Annie Peters, President/CEO of Pet Partners
Engage in a conversation . Annie will share with us where
we are heading and will then open the floor for questions.

Send your question to Susan Steinhardt, susan.steinhardt@tpgcpets.org so we
can provide them to Annie prior to this event.

Light Snacks Provided

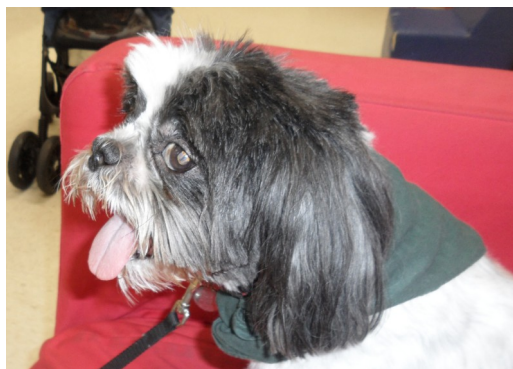
OUT AND ABOUT...



King of Kings



Nadia



Mason Community Center



Mason Community Center



Shriner's—Nadia



Summit Country Day

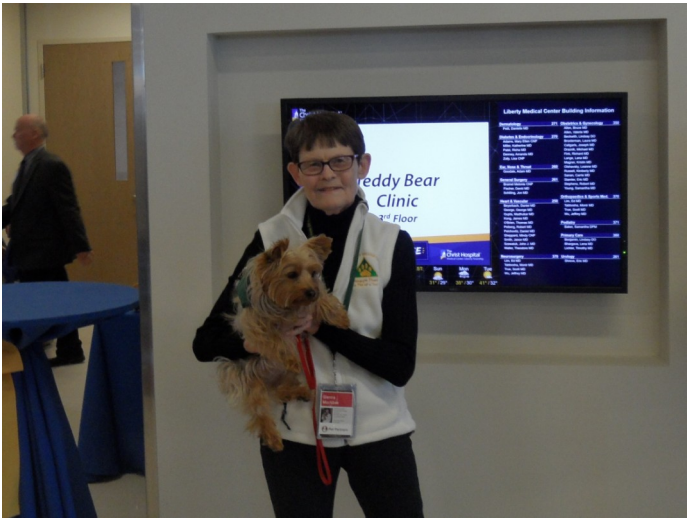


Shriner's

Pages ‘n Paws—Union Elementary School



THE CHRIST HOSPITAL—LIBERTY TOWNSHIP





KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

TPGC is partnering with Kroger Community Rewards to raise funds for our group. All you have to do is register your Kroger Plus card and keep shopping at Kroger! With very little effort and no personal cost, we can make a big difference for our organization. Sign up today!

As of 11/22/17, we have 32 supporters resulting in a contribution from Kroger of \$218.84. It doesn't cost you anything and only takes a couple minutes to enroll. Once you are enrolled, you will begin earning rewards for TPGC every time you shop and use your Plus Card!

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



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