

# P.E.T. P.A.L.S.

Pitter Patter Newsletter

September 2018

## Paws to Remember

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. has reached a remarkable milestone: our 35th birthday! Get ready to celebrate the big event on October 15, 2018 at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. Serving will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.

The theme for the dinner is "Paws to Remember," and that is exactly what will happen as some of the founders of P.E.T. P.A.L.S. reminisce about the early days of our organization. Committees are busy getting decorations ready for a party atmosphere. Lots of work is being put into the event so that everyone has a memorable evening.



Now for the important details. You do not need to bring anything. In celebration of our birthday, P.E.T. P.A.L.S. is going to provide a catered dinner for everyone. Just decide whether you want chicken cordon bleu or vegetarian lasagna as your main dish and indicate your preference when making your reservation.

Due to meal planning, we will need reservations by **October 5**. We want current members, past members, and friends of P.E.T. P.A.L.S. to join us in our celebration. You are all special to us, so please come and spend a wonderful evening recognizing our organization and its volunteers.

## How to RSVP:

Choose one of the following ways to let us know if you are coming.

- Send an email to **petpalsnews@gmail.com**. State your name, the number of people attending, and whether they want chicken cordon bleu or vegetable lasagna.

Or...

- Call (319) 610-7379 and leave a message. State your name, the number of people attending, and whether they want chicken cordon bleu or vegetable lasagna.

Or...

- Respond to the Evite sent to your email or go to <http://evite.me/T8McmguytX>. Indicate the number attending and their meal choice.

## UNI Destress Days: May 2018

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. visited UNI students at the Rod Library in May 2018 to help them de-stress during final exams. The students love our pets and the pets love all the attention and petting they get from the students. Everyone benefits from this activity!

If you're interested in helping, there will be a sign-up sheet at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for the Fall semester final



## What We Did This Summer

### Reading Pals

Once again our pets joined the kids at Cedar Valley Preschool and Child Care Center and the Hudson Public Library. In the Reading Pals program, the children read to animals to practice their fluency and expression.

### Pizza Ranch

On July 23, members of P.E.T. P.A.L.S. bused tables at the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch. Our organization received tips and 7% of the evening's sales. Thank you to the manager and employees for all of their help.

### Farmer's Market

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. participated in two Cedar Falls Farmer's Markets where we had informational booths. We handed out helpful information such as pamphlets about keeping animals safe in the in the summer heat and also shared information about P.E.T. P.A.L.S. in effort to recruit new members.

### Sturgis Falls

Pictured are Jan Thompson and Sue Lund at the Arts and Craft Booth P.E.T. P.A.L.S. had at Sturgis Falls on Sunday, June 24.



## P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Socials

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. members know how to have fun, so we try to get together as often as we can. Since the last newsletter, we've held two P.E.T. P.A.L.S. socials. Good food, conversation, and many laughs always accompany us at our socials. Information will be shared about our next one soon. Here are a few pictures of us getting together.



In April, we met at Old Chicago in Cedar Falls. What a big group of us there turned out to be!



Members also got together on August 30 at The Other Place in Evansdale.

## Saying Good-Bye

We send our condolences to our P.E.T. P.A.L.S. members on the loss of their pets.

- **Jon and Lori McNamee on the loss of their dog, Sunny, who had been with P.E.T. P.A.L.S. for 13 years.**

- **Diane Hensley on the loss of her cat, Maui. She shared the following with us:**

"Maui is at the Rainbow Bridge waiting until we meet again. She was 17 years old and lived 16 of those with me. She visited at Parkview Nursing Home when she was a member of PP, but after a few years, made it clear to me she preferred to stay home where she was a constant companion whenever I sat down. She was a good nurse kitty and would flop for a belly rub if she felt I needed to relax. She was a sweetheart."

- **Bruce Coleman on the loss of his dog, Brody. Bruce shared the following with us:**

"We held a going away party for him a week ago Friday and Saturday and we buried him on Monday...Brody will be missed by the Waverly Health Center, Bremwood Children's Home in Waverly, and all of the Coleman family, including my 87 nephews and nieces. Such an intelligent animal comes along rarely. Peace to him and may the P.E.T. P.A.L.S. organization thrive in giving such a service to the Cedar Valley."



## A New “Fur-ever” Home

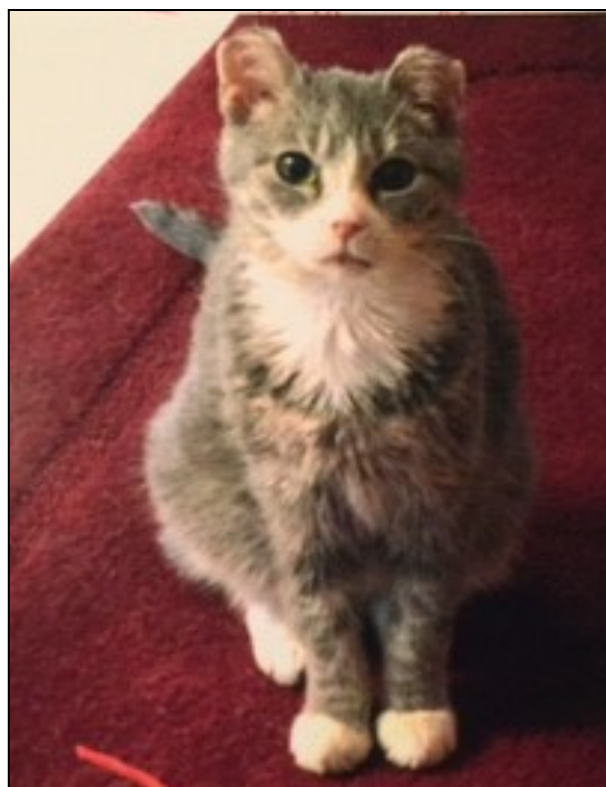
Meet Abby Sue, a petite 10-year old domestic shorthair who lives happily with Sue Lund and her dog, Beau. Sadly, Abby Sue’s story wasn’t always happy.

Last March, her previous owner left her in the basement of a house after they moved. She lost the tips of both ears due to frostbite, was emaciated, and suffered from dehydration.

After being rescued, she was fostered by Abby from the Cedar Bend Human Society. When Sue Lund adopted her, little Abby Sue weighed only 6 lbs. 6 oz.

Today she is a healthy 8 lbs. 9 oz. and loves to eat everything, including applesauce, yogurt, pudding, broccoli, and orange Jell-O and loves everything having to do with water.

Her sweet and loving nature means she will make a great P.E.T. P.A.L. along with her big brother, Beau.



## Welcome New Volunteers

The following people have participated in training and their pets have passed their temperament evaluations. Welcome to P.E.T. P.A.L.S.!

- Stephanie Dicken and her dog, Callie
- Betty Johnson and her dog, Sweetie

## Collar Reminder

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. animals must wear a flat collar when visiting. Gentle leaders are also fine. However, choke collars or collars with prongs are never acceptable.

## Visiting Schedule

If you would like to volunteer at a location, please contact the team leader listed below. You can visit more than one facility.

Site	Contact	Phone
CEDAR FALLS HEALTH CARE CENTER	Mavis Floss	240-5800
CEDAR VALLEY PRESCHOOL-CHILD CARE (day visit)	Jon McNamee	243-0515
COUNTRY VIEW	Jan Thompson	234-8396
COVENANT BEHAVIOR HEALTH & REHAB	Diane Hensley	231-9578
DENVER SUNSET HOME	Jan Thompson	234-8396
FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE	For information	610-7379
HARMONY HOUSE	Sue Lund	233-3624
La PORTE CITY NURSING & REHAB	For information	610-7379
MANOR CARE	Mavis Floss	240-5800
NEW ALDAYA LIFESCAPES	Rachelle Yousefi	277-7418
NEWEL POST* (day visit)	Cheryl Gulden	274-9077
NORTHSTAR COMMUNITY SERVICES	Terry Hertges	239-6865
NORTHSTAR HEAD INJURY	Cheryl Gulden	274-9077
NORTHCREST SPECIALTY CARE	Susan Trower	236-0659
PINNACLE SPECIALTY CARE	Denise Sears	415-8750
RAVENWOOD HEALTH CARE	Sue Lund	233-3624
ROSEWOOD ESTATES	Sue Lund	233-3624
THE ROSE	Jan Thompson	234-8396
UNITYPOINT-ALLEN MENTAL HEALTH/REHAB	Kathy Matthias	235-7667
WAVERLY HEALTH SERVICES	Bruce Coleman	352-1315
WESTERN HOME COMMUNITIES		
STANARD CENTER*	Jan Thompson	234-8396
THALMAN SQUARE	Rita Lynn	277-4212
SOUTH COTTAGE*	Jan Thompson	234-8396
NATIONS COTTAGE	Jan Thompson	234-8396
YMCA	Deb Baker	988-9853

\*More P.E.T. P.A.L. visitors are needed at these locations. Please contact them today to learn how you and your pet can brighten residents' lives.

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