

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

Pitter Patter Newsletter

May 2018

Oh, What a Night! Volunteer Appreciation Banquet a Success

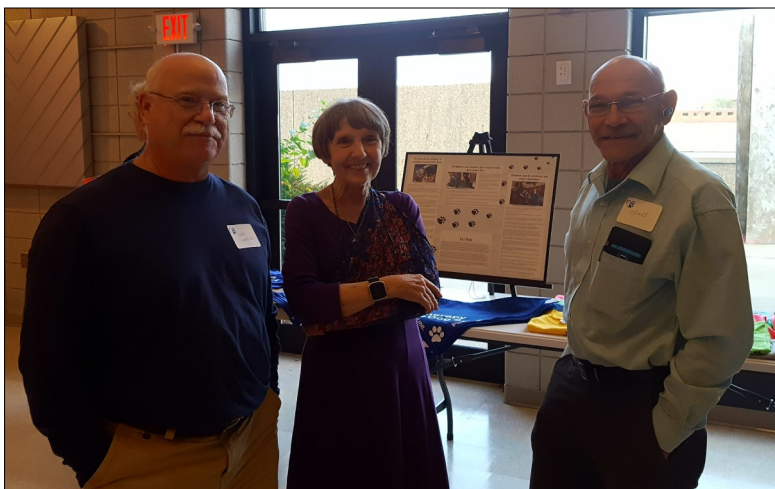
On October 23, 2017, P.E.T. P.A.L.S. celebrated its 34th birthday with a dinner at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. Volunteers and special guests entered a room filled with colorful fall decorations. At each place was a paw print mug created by Denise Sears.

Following a delicious meal of lasagna, a program was presented by Chris Ferguson of Waterloo Fire Rescue. Radar, the department's accelerant detection dog, was introduced and information was shared about training and using this amazing dog. He also talked about the pet oxygen masks that P.E.T. P.A.L.S. donated and how valuable they have proven to be. Of course, the always popular door prizes completed the evening. We want to thank everyone who donated prizes and those who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

If you enjoyed this celebration, just wait until October 15, 2018 when we will celebrate our 35th birthday with a very special evening. Be sure to SAVE the DATE!



Chris Ferguson and Radar demonstrate the different tasks accelerant dogs can perform.



Bob Hertges, Linda Nebbe, and Bob Schrader enjoy conversing before dinner.

Dear Donors, Thank You!

We have been so fortunate to receive various monetary gifts given to our organization. Some have been given in honor of a loved one while others have come from those who recognize the work we do in our community. We'd like to take the opportunity to thank our most recent donors for their generous gifts.

- Tamra Bartelt
- Doug Funke and Wendy Willenbring
- Pat and Bill Ludwig for Tally
- Douglas and Margaret McInroy
- Eric Mixdorf in memory of Sharon
- Janet Rives for Chloe
- Janice Rogers for Garfield

If you or someone you know would like to provide a memorial gift, please send any donations and information about the pet or person to us at our mailing address. We will acknowledge memorial donations in each newsletter.

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Gordman's Sponsors National Pet Day

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. was chosen to participate in Gordman's National Pet Day on April 7 at Crossroads Center in Waterloo. We had an informational booth to tell others about our organization and recruit new members.

Fifty-nine Gordman's stores nationwide participated with animal-related activities. Shoppers were invited to bring their pets along to celebrate. Customers also had the opportunity to designate our organization for a donation at checkout throughout the month of April. Thank you to Gordman's for the opportunity to join them in this year's celebration!



Mia and her owner chat with Jan Thompsen during Gordman's National Pet Day.

Thank You, Bette

Bette Nee-Williams resigned from the board earlier this year. She and her spouse, Leslie, have moved to Monterey, California. Bette did an excellent job as our Board secretary. She, along with her sweet dogs, Charlie, Cocoa, and Cedar and their three cats, will be missed. Thank you for all you did, Bette, and best of luck in this new chapter of your life!



Leslie Williams and Bette Nee-Williams with their dogs, Cedar, Cocoa, and Charlie.

Summer Events Preview

Winter is finally gone (we hope) and summer is quickly approaching. This is always a busy season for P.E.T. P.A.L.S. with booths and activities. Of course, we will need volunteers to help, so please say yes if you are asked. Some of the upcoming activities include:

Sturgis Falls:

Sturgis Falls visitors will find us with a booth on Sunday, June 24. We will be selling pet-themed hand-made items. This is always a fun event so be sure to stop by.

Farmer's Market:

The Cedar Falls Farmers Market allows non-profit organizations to have a booth or two each summer. We will be there on June 16 and August 4. We'll use this as an opportunity to share information about our organization and recruit new members.

Reading Pals:

Reading Pals is an opportunity for children to individually practice their reading fluency and expression. Animals used for this must be willing to sit or lay beside a child for 15 minutes at a time. Each animal is asked to spend one hour with three different children. This is a program that takes place during the daytime. If you are interested, please contact Jan Thompson (thompsonj@q.com).

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.!

- Joyce Barbatti and her dog, Ellie
- Beth Bobeldyk and her dog, Gabby
- Tracey Boyle with her daughter Samantha and their dogs, Henry and Mason
- Linda Klarman and her dog, Sophie
- Shellie Lytle and her dog, Leo
- Kathy Matthias and her dog, Tessa
- Ginny McDermott and her dog, Coki
- Sharon Moeller and her dog, Molly
- Rachel Rostek and her dog, Bremley
- Van Sederburg and his dog, Riley
- Camden Schneider and his dog, Libby
- Mariauna Staley and her dog, Lucy
- Theresa Stalnaker and her dog, Bo
- Tracy Wilson and her dog, Miles
- Shayla Wipperman and her dog, Captain

Help Needed

- **Visitors:** We are in need of volunteers to do some additional visits. If interested, please contact Jan Thompson at thompsonj@q.com. The following locations need visitors:
 - Newel Post (Tiffany Place in Waterloo)
 - The Rose (Waterloo)
 - Western Home Communities: Stanard Center (Downtown Campus) and two cottages on Caraway Lane in Cedar Falls, Nation and South Cottages.
- **P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Webmaster:** We need a member who is willing to take over as Webmaster for our site. The site is already established, but we need a technology-savvy person to post dates and pictures and make changes as needed. If you are interested, please contact someone on the board.

Younkers Community Day Event Sales, 2017

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. had a very successful Younkers Community Day Event sale last year. We sold a total of 187 books throughout the event.

Many, many thanks to all of you who bought and sold coupon books before the day and to those who volunteered to sell them in the store. We wouldn't have been so successful without your willingness to help. A big thank you also goes to Younkers for providing us with the opportunity to raise funds for our organization.

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Helps Save Pets with Oxygen Masks

Lately there have been stories on television about various fire departments using pet oxygen masks to save animals. In 2008, P.E.T. P.A.L.S. joined with area veterinarians to donate fourteen sets of masks to every fire station in Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and Evansdale.



Since then, representatives from P.E.T. P.A.L.S. periodically visit each station to see if any replacements are needed. Recently, one additional set was donated to Cedar Falls and two sets to Waterloo along with one replacement mask. Area firefighters have expressed their gratitude for these and talk about how often they are used to help save an animal's life. P.E.T. P.A.L.S. is proud to be able to continue to support their efforts.

We purchase the oxygen masks from Wag+N O2 Fur Life. They are “an educational and public safety company dedicated to providing pet oxygen masks to first responders across North American to help them save animal lives following structural fires.” These masks have been used to save countless animals during dangerous situations. For more information about oxygen masks, visit their website at www.petoxygenmasks.org.

Help P.E.T. P.A.L.S. with Amazon Smile & Stuff Etc.

Amazon Smile: When you purchase an item on Amazon, they will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible items to our organization. It's easy! Use the following link to start shopping and helping our organization: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3361571>

Stuff Etc. Consignment: You can clean out your house and help our group at the same time! Donate your gently used items to Stuff Etc. located at 1210 Flammang Rd. in Waterloo. When you drop items off, state that you would like any proceeds from the sale of those to support P.E.T. P.A.L.S. It's that easy!

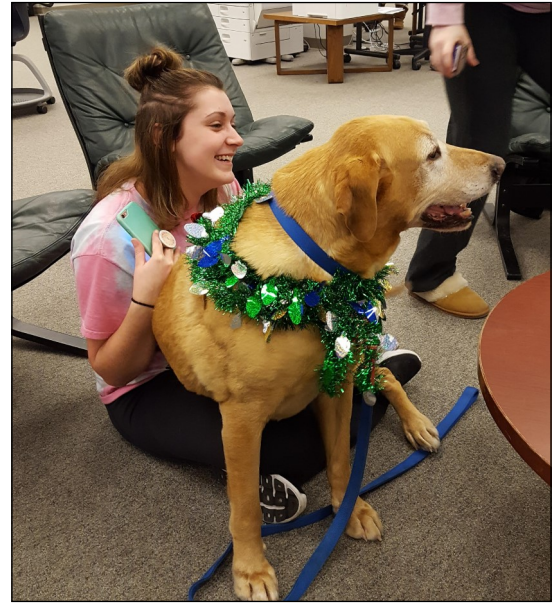
1. Stuff Etc. accepts consignments Monday through Saturday.
2. One medium sized tote or white garbage bag may be dropped off daily without an appointment. Two bags or totes will be taken with an appointment. No drop offs on Sundays. If you bring consignments in a tote, the tote will NOT be returned.
3. Items must be clean, current styles, no garage sale stickers, free of odor, and in season.
4. For a full list of items they accept, visit the Stuff etc. website at www.shopstuffetc.com

UNI Destress Days

P.E.T. P.A.L.S., once again, participated in the University of Northern Iowa's "de-stress" activities during the Fall 2017 semester finals. We met students in the library to help them get through their final exams with less stress. Our pets loved all the attention and petting they received, and the students got a chance to relax during their final exams. We all had a great time!

On March 7, 2018, Diane Hensley (and cats, Kiwi and Koji), Bob Schraeder (and dog, Sebastian), and Diana Harwood (with dog, Myles) joined the students living in Noehren Hall to help them de-stress during their mid-terms.

They returned on March 19, 2018 to watch as the students made blankets to present to the Cedar Bend Humane Society on behalf of our organization.



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
SARTORI SENIOR BEHAVIOR HEALTH	Terry Hertges	239-6865
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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