

P E T P A L S

Animal-Assisted Therapies and Activities throughout the Cedar Valley

Fall 2021 Newsletter

Let's Celebrate, Picnic-Style!

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. is excited to see many of our visiting facilities reopening after some challenging times with the pandemic. Many activity directors have been contacting us with requests from residents for visits.

Building on this excitement is our announcement that we will once again have our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on October 4th at 5:45 p.m. This will take place at the Waterloo Center for the Arts with the theme of "Still Spreading the Love."



A picnic atmosphere will greet guests. In keeping with that, we are ordering boxed lunches from Randall's in Hudson. There will be a choice of three types of croissants: ham, turkey, or vegetarian along with condiments. Also included will be a pasta salad, fluff salad, chips, and cookies. Lemonade and water will be provided. We are asking those who attend to pay \$5.00 with P.E.T. P.A.L.S. covering the remainder of the bill.

A short business meeting will take place prior to a program presented by a representative from Retrieving Freedom. Of course, we will have an abundance of door prizes as we have had in previous years. (Let us know if you are able to help to provide one.)

Reservations are needed for the dinner. Please email petpalsnews@gmail.com or leave a phone message at (319) 610-7379. Include your name, phone number, and which of the croissant options you prefer. Feel free to bring family members or guests but be sure to include their choices as well. **Randall's needs our orders by September 4th so please respond quickly!**

We are looking forward to the chance for people to renew friendships and meet other P.E.T. P.A.L.S. members. See you there! (Note: At this time, wearing masks at the dinner will be optional. We will update you if this needs to change.)

**Have Questions? Contact us at (319) 610-7379 or at PetPalsNews@gmail.com
Don't forget to visit us online at petpalscedarvalley.org**

Sympathy

Cheryl and Mark Gulden had to say good-bye to their dog Rose a few months ago. She was a wonderful visitor who was loved by so many, especially those at Newel Post, Covenant Rehab, and North Star Head Injury. Our sympathy goes out to them. Here is a memory shared by Cheryl.

One special memory was of a man with Down Syndrome at Newel Post Senior Citizen Day Care, who we visited two times a month. He was very afraid of dogs and would never come over to the big room where we visited all of the people. I noticed him one time in the other room and asked a staff member if he would like to see Rose. The staff member told me how afraid he was of dogs and that he will never come to pet Rose. Well, this went on for months, and then one visit I noticed him peeking down the hallway at us. After a lot more visits, I noticed him taking a step closer each time down the hallway closer to the large room everyone was in. One day he was about six feet from the doorway and Rose noticed him, walked over, laid her head against the outside of his knee and sat down. He reached down and started petting her head. Everyone could not believe what they were seeing. A lot of the staff members were crying and taking pictures. Even the residents there were so surprised. Rose just sat perfectly still and let him keep petting her for a long time. After that day, every time Rose and I came, he was waiting by the door for us so he could be the first person to pet her. Everyone loved her so much and was excited each time we would come to visit again. I think of how many people she touched with the care and love she had for everyone and how much she loved her job of making people happy by just petting her.

Feature Your Pet's Photos On Our Website

Have you visited the P.E.T. P.A.L.S. website recently? Check us out at petpalscedarvalley.org. At the bottom of the Homepage is a feature called "Some of Our Pets." Here is a chance for you to showcase your amazing pets. Just write a short bio and include a photo. Send items to Van at webmaster@petpalscedarvalley.org, and he will get them on the website.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. will have a fundraising event at the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch on October 20, 2021. This is a chance for P.E.T. P.A.L.S. to earn 7% of the evening's profits that includes inside meals, carry-out orders, and delivery. Tip containers are also placed in areas for customer donations. P.E.T. P.A.L.S. volunteers will greet customers and set up a display to promote joining our organization. Please mark your calendars and support our efforts that night. This fundraiser helps toward the cost of our insurance.

Reading Pals

Once again, Reading Pals volunteers were active this summer. Pets listened to children read at the Cedar Valley Preschool and Childcare Center and also at the Denver Public Library.



Sturgis Falls

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who volunteered at the Sturgis Falls booth in June. It was a huge success!



P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Shirt Reminder

If you are no longer a member of P.E.T. P.A.L.S and don't want your shirt, please do not donate it to charity or sell it at a garage sale. We want to be sure that people wearing them represent our organization properly.

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