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Mindful Paws

Creature Comfort May Newsletter



May has brought the warmer weather and the sunshine, while our pet therapy teams continue to bring smiles to the faces of all they meet! In the Creature Comfort Pet Therapy May edition, you will meet our new teams, be introduced to the facility and volunteer of the month, and get to see some adorable pictures from our team's visits. Don't forget to check out the events we have coming up! Enjoy!

Mary Beth Cooney

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Executive Director

Welcome to our NEW therapy teams!



Volunteer Highlights

Mental Health Awareness Month



Laoghaire and Maggie at Volvo
to help celebrate mental health awareness
month!

Quinn providing free pet
therapy at the mental health
fair!



Sarge getting lots of love at Warnsdorfer
Elementary School in East Brunswick!



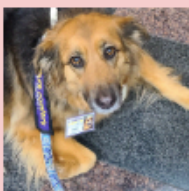
Max making this little girl's day at First
Children's School in Plainfield!



Facility of the Month

The group of teen residents we met at Guardian were over the moon at the thought of a whole hour of pet therapy. Many of them had left behind their own pets and were clearly missing them. Sadie was happy to hang out on the floor of the meeting room and absorb the love and attention. We're looking forward to going back in July!

-Stephanie Neal & Sadie



GUARDIAN
Adolescent

Guardian Recovery Adolescent Center treats teens 13-17 with substance addictions and co-occurring mental health conditions, a demographic often overlooked in the realm of addiction treatment. They provide medically monitored detox and 28-day residential treatment with individual, group, and family therapy. Guardian Recovery additionally offers holistic and recreational therapies for teens in recovery. Their approach is multifaceted and profoundly transformative, focusing on not just the symptoms but the underlying causes of behavioral health issues.

CCPT started visiting the teenagers in March of 2024, once a month.

Volunteer of the Month

Thank you to this wonderful team who continues to spread the love of pet therapy in every visit they go on!
WE THANK YOU!

Volunteers of the Month

Kristeen Kohrs, Keena & Kevin



Favorite places to visit:

My favorite visits with Keena are for Soothing Paws at Morristown Medical Center. People are shocked to see such a big dog in the hospital and we joke that I am going to put "That's a BIG dog" on the back of my uniform shirt.. Kevin's nickname is "Campus Kevin". He has visited several colleges and primary schools and is always a hit. Nobody believes that he is a Chihuahua since he is quiet and friendly.

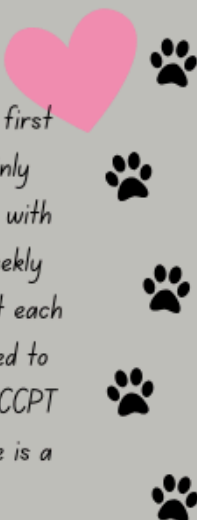


Why I love pet therapy:

I love pet therapy because I get to share the animals that bring me joy with other people. I get to hear their stories about their current and former pets, talk about different breeds and just have an easy conversation with folks I have never met.

Why I decided to get into pet therapy:

I first got involved with pet therapy in 2008 with my first Great Dane, Torre. Torre volunteered until 2014, mainly visiting nursing homes. I went the same training route with Keena. She started out shy, but after a month of weekly visits at Carrier Clinic, she was happily walking to greet each patient. When I retired from working in 2023 I wanted to be able to do more visits, so Kevin got registered with CCPT in addition to Birdie, the Himalayan cat who thinks she is a dog!



Most memorable visit:

My most memorable visit was at MMC with a young boy. He was a big dog lover and had a line of plush dogs along the bottom of the bed. He was told about Keena and said it was "impossible" for a dog to be as big as she had been described. On our first visit, he was a little scared but on the second visit Keena borrowed one of his plushes and that made him laugh. He asked if he could have a picture taken with him, Keena and his whole family. In the picture Keena looked like she was genuinely smiling....

Ways To Donate

General Donation

Show your passion for pet therapy and help Creature Comfort fill the visit requests we receive!

In Honor Of

A way to honor certain people, events, milestones, pets, or sentiments.

In Memory Of

A meaningful way to express your sentiments about a family member, friend, co-worker or beloved pet.

Matching Donation

Many companies set aside funds for philanthropic purposes and allocate these monies through employer gift matching programs.

PLANNED GIVING

There are two simple ways you can give a gift to support our work that costs you nothing now, is flexible (you can alter your gift or change your mind at any time) and will create a legacy for you that ensures CCPT can continue its work well into the future.

First, you can simply include CCPT in your will or Living Trust to receive a specific amount or percentage of your assets after all other debts, taxes and expenses have been paid.

Second, you can add CCPT as a beneficiary or contingent beneficiary to your life insurance, retirement account or other financial assets, so CCPT is included along with your loved ones. This method may reduce taxes and eliminate or avoid the costs and delay of probate.

Creature Comfort Pet Therapy is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, and you should consult a tax advisor for any specific implications in your own situation.

Donation Information Here

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!!



The Living Legacy Gala

October 24, 2024

6:00-10:00pm

Madison Hotel, Morristown

A night to raise funds to continue to support our mission and to honor our beloved co-founders Joan Baer and Annie Murphy.

You will meet our therapy dogs, enjoy delicious food, live music, raffles, 50/50, and special guests!!

Sponsorship opportunities available
email cluciano@ccpettherapy.org



and



YAPPY HOUR



SUNDAY
JUNE 23RD

1:00PM TO 5:00PM

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GIVEAWAY**

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BREWING CO GIFT CARD

**COME LEARN ABOUT PET THERAPY
AND ENJOY DELICIOUS BEER**

THIS WILL BE A DOG FRIENDLY EVENT WITH A
BARKCURIER WORKSHOP, DOG TREAT VENDOR,
AND A MOBILE DOG GROOMER

Become a Volunteer



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I was a patient at JFK Rehab last year and I loved visits from Chance! After I came home from Rehab, I adopted my golden and named her Ruby! One day, I hope to become a volunteer team with my girl and give back! Chance is such a good boy and I LOVED when I saw him as I was getting better!

-Ashley Parse

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PET THERAPY
cold noses warming hearts

Volunteers NEEDED

Why volunteer?

🐾 Make a difference in someone's day by sharing your gentle pet with those that need their loving touch!

🐾 Make new friends! You will see familiar faces if you volunteer regularly. Volunteers get invited to join in special volunteer events!



Want to learn more?
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Feel Good Corner



After many cuddles that put Quinn to sleep, the kids lined Quinn's back with their emotion balls. What a great friend Quinn

is!

Chance supported the First Graders at Lincoln Hubbard School by making their reading session extra fun!

