

Pets for Life



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Meet Sharon Woodrum *Pets for Life's* New Program Director

Although Sharon may be new to the Pets for Life organization, she is not new to the dog community. Sharon established her dog training business, *Personable Pets Dog Training*, in 2003. Over the years, she has hosted several special training events for our volunteers, including the "Teach Your Dogs to Read" sessions in 2010.

But Sharon's passion goes beyond training. She is an advocate of dogs being included in everyday life activities. She understands that this means society should understand dog behavior, dog body language, and dog safety – even if they don't own a dog. This led to the creation of the Dog 101 "What is that Dog Saying?" seminars for in-home nurses, children and any industry whose employees come into contact with the other people's dogs.



When Sharon is not working, you will find her at home with her two dogs, two cats, and 4 goats in Louisburg, Kansas. Her dog Olive, an 11 year old Dane mix, is the namesake of Olive's Hope Pet Rescue in Miami County, Kansas. Sharon helped establish the rescue and continues to support their efforts to this day.

Welcome to the team, Sharon!



Surprise for **Nancy and Pepper**

Pets for Life Volunteer, Nancy Burton and Pepper, make regular visits to Carnegie Village Rehab Center in Belton, Missouri. Pepper, the canine half of this amazing team, lives at Missouri Puppy Mill Rescue, where Nancy regularly volunteers. On this visit, the Carnegie Village residents surprised Nancy and Pepper with homemade dog toys for the rescue!!!

A Big THANK YOU

to our Wonderful Donors

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We all Know



Our canine buddies are special, but here is a fact to prove it: their nose print is unique and can actually be used to identify them beyond doubt. Much like fingerprints on humans, the ridges on dogs' noses form single patterns that set them aside from any other dog, past, present, or future. As if the touch of their little muzzle wasn't special enough, now we know we are also blessed with their unique mark.

THEY WILL BE MISSED.....

It is with much sadness that we share with our Pets for Life family the pets that have recently passed away. They all were amazing in so many ways and adored by so many residents, kids, staff, and families. We send our condolences and share in your grief. They will be greatly missed.....

Duke loved by Kate Tilden
Pal loved by Donna Amato
Teddy loved by Mark Cummings
Mattie loved by Susan Stull



From Church of the Resurrection....

"Our sincere thanks to Pets for Life for the great turnout today for our Community Health and Wellness Fair. I loved meeting the teams and I think we were the biggest hit of the morning! I think many of them stayed around for much longer than their shift. It was great to partner with you. I do not have a count for the number of people who attended yet so it is hard to estimate how many lives we touched today but it was a great opportunity to connect to the community for both COR and Pets for Life."

Linda Haney



Ron Guthrie and Barley Bear



Sue Freshman and Daisy
Judy Thomasson and Mo



Carolyn Patterson and Cash



*Thank You
Note
from
HopeKids*

"I just wanted to send a note to thank you SO MUCH for organizing the dogs and volunteers to come out Tuesday night! It was truly such an amazing evening; there were a couple of times I had to walk away because I got teary eyed watching the kids interact with the dogs. These kids are all going through so much and to see them be able to relax and connect with the dogs was just so heart warming. Not to mention every dog handler was so engaged with the kids and loved reading with them, telling them stories and handing out their dog cards! I cannot wait to host another event just like this!"

I've attached a few pictures for you to see the smiling faces you all created."

Best,
Whitney



FUN FACTS ABOUT DOGS AND CATS!!

Let's talk whiskers!! Here is a fun fact about both dog and cat whiskers you might not have known!



Dog whiskers have different names! The horizontal whiskers on the dog's muzzle are called Mystacial Whiskers, because they somewhat resemble a mustache. The whiskers on the dog's cheek are called Genal Whiskers. The whiskers that are under the dog's chin housed in a mole like spot are called Interramal Tufts. Last, but not least, are the whiskers above the dog's eyes and they are called Supraorbital Whiskers.

A cat's whiskers are so sensitive that they can detect changes in air currents, which helps them to maneuver in the dark. Inside your house, the cat's ability to feel the air flow around objects helps them avoid bumping into things. Outdoors, being able to determine changes in the air around them can help cats escape from predators.



Remember our New email address is:
petsforlife@kcpetsforlife.com

BREAK TIME!!!



During Finals Week, the students attending Cleveland University – KC were able to take a break from studying and “chill out” with a few of the Pets for Life canine volunteers. Looks like Conrad and the student were both enjoying a good stretch!



We received this note from Simone Briand with Cleveland University – KC..... *“The dogs were a big hit! All the teams worked out great and we were glad to have them! We got a very positive response. I think it's more than likely that we will want to use them in the future. Thanks again to you, your organization, all the volunteers and especially the four-legged volunteers!”*

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