

Message from Pets for Life Director, Kim Southard

Happy New Year!!! With the new year, some new things are happening at **Pets for Life**. For starters, the veterinarian's office where Pets for Life rented office space has grown to the point where they needed our offices, therefore, we are leaving the nest!! All of our staff is now working remotely, so we are on trend with the rest of the world! **Our phone number has also changed to 913-378-7462.** Volunteers will have the ability to text with Mary in the office. In addition, Pets for Life has new evaluators and new space for the pre-test workshops and volunteer team evaluations. Skip Daiger and Kay Lampe, who operate Daiger Dog Training, LLC, will conduct all of our therapy testing. We welcome them to our team!! The testing will take place in the Education Pavilion of the KC Pet Project Building in the Swope Park area. So, whenever your therapy team is due for re-evaluation, you can enjoy the coffee shop in the lobby and perhaps adopt a new animal before you leave!!



Pets for Life has also changed the certification process in a few ways. The Pre-Test Workshop is now optional, but highly recommended for prospective volunteer teams. The workshop is not a pass/fail test, but rather, an opportunity to put your dog through the official evaluation without the stress of failing. Skip and Kay will provide valuable feedback to volunteers to help prepare for the team evaluation. A successful evaluation is our goal for all the volunteers and their human partners! Secondly, **Pets for Life** has adopted the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification for potential volunteer teams. The CGC test mirrors our own evaluation, so we will accept that certification, earned within the last two years, for our purpose of certifying therapy animals. Looking ahead, we have a fundraising event with the Kendra Scott Store on the Plaza on April 1, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Their program, Kendra Gives

Back, provides **Pets for Life** with a percentage of sales occurring during that time frame. The store has asked for volunteers to bring their dogs, so join us at Kendra Scott and suggest a little jewelry shopping to everyone that you know!!

As always, thank you for what you do!! *Kim*

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Thank You for Your Support

Jared Silvera	\$100.00
Susan Glatter-Judy	\$ 50.00
Scott Dixon	\$ 100.00
In honor of Kylie Dixon	
David Rusch	\$600.00
Morgan Family Giving Fund	\$1000.00
Roetheli Lil'Red Foundation	\$25,000.00
Connie Mayta	\$100.00
Bill Ward	\$50.00
Larry Grogan	\$200.00
Missouri State Employee Charitable Fund	\$192.00
Fairway Animal Hospital	\$400.00

Our New Mailing Address



Pets for Life Inc.
1221 West 103rd Street #217
Kansas City, MO 64114

NEW PHONE NUMBER
913-378-7462

Thank You,

Larry Grogan.....

On January 19th and 20th, author Larry Grogan, took part in the NASPA, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators convention at the Loews Hotel in Downtown Kansas City. Larry became an advocate of pet therapy through his own personal experiences performing visits at a children's hospital with his dog Scrappy. Larry wrote, *A Tail of Love, Life Lessons from Scrappy*, a Pet Therapy Dog, and was invited to NASPA to promote pet therapy to the convention attendees. Larry asked **Pets for Life** to accompany him since, "seeing pet therapy" has much more impact than just talking about pet therapy. Larry's goal in talking to NASPA is to assist educational institutions in setting up their own in-house pet therapy teams to the school to relieve stress surrounding final exams. Larry firmly believes students, especially freshman, experience anxiety more than twice a year during finals week and would like schools to establish year round access to therapy animals as part of their student wellness program. Several **Pets for Life** volunteer teams joined Larry in his mission to spread pet therapy!!



Larry Grogan,
Mel Payne, and Phil



Larry Grogan, Pat & Gary
Bridgford with Tassi
and Kikki



Larry Grogan,
Kathy Madsen & Marley

DOGS ON CALL

Shared by Alexis Martin

Recently, I came across a short article **"Therapy Dogs Offer Pain Relief"** by Julie Mazziotta in People Magazine. This is what **DOC** Teams do during every visit with patients, families, friends, and nurses at the St. Luke's Hospice House.

DOC Teams are making an A+ on all their **DOC** visits to the Saint Luke's Hospice House. The **DOC** teams always take the time to stop at the nurses areas. When a **Pets for Life DOC** dog comes "eye to eye" with the nurses, they are all smiles and giggles, and giving tummy rubs.

Researchers have determined that just ten minutes with a therapy dog can help reduce pain, anxiety, and depression with those in hospice nurses.....patients, families, friends and staff

Pets for Life's visits to St. Luke's Hospice House have resumed. **Pets for Life** needs more teams to fill this need. If you are interested or would like more information, or even observe a visit, please contact me, Alexis Martin, and I will be glad to answer all of your questions and/or concerns

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Chisholm Trail Middle School

On Friday, January 27, students at Chisholm Trail Middle School in Olathe, Kansas, were able to use their "positive tokens" to spend time with a **Pets for Life** Therapy dog. They were all smiles, even the dogs!!! Thank you Gary and Pat Bridgford with Tassi and Kikki and Kathy Brock with Ghost. Richard Canida was a little "under the weather" so the students will look forward to seeing you and Penny next time!!



Tassi and Kikki



Ghost and Chisholm
Trail Students

Welcome SKIP DAIGER AND KAY LAMPE

Skip Daiger and Kay Lampe are the owners of Daiger Dog Training, LLC. Skip spent 30+ years in sales management and marketing before retiring to start a career in dog training. He completed certification through the



Animal Behavior College and founded Daiger Dog Training in 2008. He became a mentor/trainer for Animal Behavior College and completed certification through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers. He is a member of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC), the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT), and a founding member of Heartland Positive Dog Training Alliance. Skip is also a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator through the American Kennel Club and served as Director of Behavior and Training for Great Plains SPCA.



Kay completed BS degrees in Business and Psychology from Kansas State University and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Kansas. She spent 27 years at Hallmark Cards before retiring to join her husband, Skip, at Daiger Dog Training. Kay is a certified professional dog trainer through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers. She is a member of the Pet Professional Guild and a Fear Free Certified trainer. She is also a founding member and past president of the HEARTland Positive Dog Training Alliance and a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator through the American Kennel Club.

Skip and Kay began their journey in dog training at a large shelter in Kansas City. They soon realized that just a bit of training – both with dogs and their people – encouraged a happier, more fulfilling relationship and partnership. So, Daiger Dog Training services included teaching public classes, providing private behavior consultations, offering board and train services and fostering shelter dogs who needed behavioral help prior to adoption. Skip and Kay are both committed to continuing education and promoting the benefits of force-free positive training and handling.

Facilities Needing Volunteer Teams

Heritage of Overland Park
10101 W. 127th Street
Overland Park, KS 66213

Highland Rehabilitation and Health Center
904 E. 68th Street
Kansas City, MO 64131

If you are interested in either of these locations, feel free to contact the Pets for Life Office.

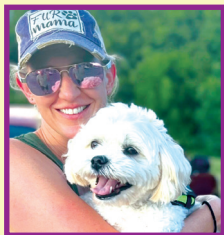
Welcome to Pets for Life's Newest Volunteer Team!!



Hunting Davis and
his best friend Ali!

Two New Pets for Life Volunteer Teams Joining Our Mission of “Pets Helping People”

A special Pets for Life welcome to Alicia Chandler and her best friend Theta. Alicia and Theta are currently visiting KCV Niles.



A special Pets for Life welcome to Laura Smith and her best friend Pinot! They are currently visiting Olathe Hospice House.



Happy Birthday, Eddie!!!



Happy 15th Birthday to Eddie who has been visiting the Kansas City Hospice House for the past eleven years with his best friend Janice Miller.



Don't forget to like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Pets-for-Life-Inc. We post lots of fun PFL updates and trivia, and occasionally we have giveaways! Stay in the loop,



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<http://www.kcpetsforlife.com>

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