

## Pets Helping People

*Shared by Brittany Backus and Maggie*

Yesterday, while visiting at Claridge Court, we had two good interactions that stick out to me. One was with a couple, where the wife was a resident and the husband was visiting. The husband said, "WOW, honey, it's the best part of your day. Your favorite visitor is here and it's not me!" And the wife answered, "Yea! It's the dog!" It was a very sweet interaction. Her husband knows how much his wife loves dogs and wasn't afraid to joke around with her.

The second interaction was again a husband and wife, but the husband is a resident and the wife was visiting. The wife loves dogs and began a conversation about how dogs can learn in various languages. A staff member walked by and asked to come and join the visit. The couple gladly welcomed him and it was a great visit that reminded me how important community and relationships are. It was a longer visit than normal, but Maggie kept going between each person to give her love and get petted in return!! The wife was so attentive to her husband and encouraged him to pet Maggie when she went by him. I've never seen him smile and interact with Maggie as much as he did!! It warmed my heart to see them having a good



time with her and that she was able to spread her joy to them all.

Brittany and Maggie  
Maggie Ready for Work!!



## St. Teresa's Academy Fundraiser During Finals Week

One of the many clubs available for students at St. Teresa's Academy is the P.A.W. Club which stands for Protecting Animal Welfare. The members of P.A.W. wanted to have a fundraiser to help a local animal shelter. After doing research on many shelters, the group decided on Unleashed Pet Rescue located in Mission, Kansas. The group made pull toys out of t-shirts to donate to the rescue, but still wanted to do more. Triffin Farrar contacted Pets for Life with an idea for raising money to help the shelter. During "Finals Week" at St. Teresa's, students could donate a small fee in order to spend time petting one of the Pets for Life animals. As a result, the Protecting Animal Welfare club was able to raise \$125.00 additional to donate to Unleashed Pet Rescue.



Thank you,  
Triffin and the  
P.A.W. Club for  
inviting Pets for  
Life to help with  
your project.

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Shared by Norma Spear  
and Lola

Way back in February, 2019, before pandemic became a household word, Lola, a Lhasa Apso mix, was busy being a Pets for Life volunteer, visiting Armour Oaks Skilled Nursing Unit for Senior Living and St. Luke's Hospice on a regular basis. She had been rescued from a shelter for this very purpose, five years earlier and she loved her role. However, she was also a "Dog on Call" at St. Luke's Hospice, so when they called and requested a visit one evening, she was ready to go!!

Two nine year old twin brothers were accompanying their parents daily after school while they were visiting their grandmother in hospice care. The boys were delighted to have a fluffy diversion to play with and Lola was very generous with her "kisses." After



the belly rubs and performing her tricks, Lola was ready to go home. Although it's never easy to say goodbye



to loved ones, Lola and I hoped that we made one evening a little less sad for these young boys and their family.



Lola visits as a Pets for Life volunteer are few and far between these days because

of Covid-19 precautions, and she is approximately 11 years old, but when an opportunity to brighten someone's day comes along, whether it be as a relief from school exams, to be a diversion when there is sadness or pain, to break up the monotony of a lonely day, or a child to have a willing companion to read to, Lola will always be ready because she is a Pets for Life!!!

## Pets for Life Facilities Requesting Volunteer Teams

For additional information on any locations listed below, specific requirements, or to schedule a visit, please contact Mary in the

**Pets for Life Office.**  
816.363.3665

### KPC Promise Skilled Nursing

6505 W. 103rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66212. – visits once a month and must be Covid-19 vaccinated.



### Heritage Avonlea of Olathe

625 N. Lincoln Street, Olathe, KS  
This is a small facility looking for visits any weekday from 10:00 – 4:00.



### The Grand Royale

29090 NE Kendalwood Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64119  
This is a brand new facility looking for visits in a common area and room to room.



### KAW River Care and Rehab

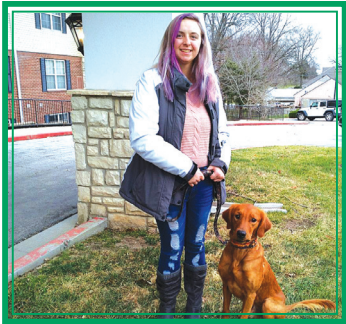
750 Blake Street  
Edwardsville, KS 66111  
This facility offers services to adults recovering from serious injuries or affected by chronic illness.



### Waterford South

11515 Holmes Road  
Kansas City, MO 64131  
This is a small assisted living facility requesting volunteer teams in the community room and room to room. They are flexible on days and times.

# Welcome to Pets for Life's Newest Volunteer Teams!!



Kylie Penderast and Kodiak



Hayley Wallace and Ellie



Rachel Lavender and Riley



Hope Green and Otis



## Thank You for Your Support

Janet Dubrava .....	\$250.00
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	
Susan Kaufman Fund .....	\$500.00
Oppenstein Brothers Foundation .....	\$4,000.00
Tommye B. Dodd.....	\$1,500.00
J.B. Reynolds Foundation.....	\$5,000.00
Dr. Hires Gage.....	\$100.00
Fairway Animal Hospital.....	\$120.00
Native Digital Jackie Romero.....	\$667.00
David Rusch.....	\$750.00
In Memory of Dr. Ed Hall Jennifer & Kent Hall.....	\$100.00
Amy Bumpurs.....	\$25.00
Chris & Marsha Wilson .....	\$250.00
Susan Glatter Judy.....	\$50.00

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY VISITS!!!



Prior to the holiday season, Hyman Brand Academy invited Pets for Life Volunteers and their pets to visit their students. All the smiles seem to show that everyone had a GREAT time. Thank you Pat and Gary for sharing your precious Tassi and Kikki with these students!!!

## Happy New Year to ALL Pets for Life Teams and Staff from the St. Luke's Hospice House DOC Teams!!!

*Shared by Alexis Martin*

We are very close to beginning the St. Luke's Hospice House Pets for Life Dogs on Call visits. These visits are so important for patients, their families and friends, the staff, nurses, doctors, and even the St. Luke's Hospice House volunteers. Unfortunately, several pets, previously volunteering with our Dogs on Call program, have passed away. So we are in need of additional teams to meet the needs at St. Luke's Hospice House. If you are interested, or would like to know more about Pets for Life's Dogs on Call program, please contact Alexis Martin. You can reach her at [913-652-9358](tel:913-652-9358) or [alexisamartin@hotmail.com](mailto:alexisamartin@hotmail.com).

**Safe, Happy, and Healthy**

# 2022 New Year

**DVM**

**“DOC Visits Matter!”**

**Conrad** says, “We are ready to do what we do, awesome visits at St. Luke’s Hospice House!”



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<http://www.kcpetsforlife.com>

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<http://www.kcpetsforlife.com>

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