

Pets for Life Visits Our Savior Christian Academy *Shared by Rachael Vaughn*

Pets for Life has a huge heart for young scholars! On February 13, 2022, several therapy dog teams visited with high school and elementary school students attending Our Savior Christian Academy in Smithville and Platte City, Missouri. Students and staff had the opportunity to learn all about **Pets for Life** and engage one on one with therapy dogs and volunteers. All smiles, the students were inquisitive, asking questions and connecting with the dogs. Many of the students even expressed interest and enthusiasm in the possibility of someday joining the **Pets for Life** team!!

Pets for Life has always been dedicated to demonstrating and encouraging the benefits of dog therapy in the arena of education. It was a joy being part of this event, bringing joy to students, and giving teachers a moment to breathe. One of the teachers told me, "This was the chill moment we all needed."



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

Trustwell Senior Living

(formerly Bickford of Mission Springs)

This facility is located at 5350 W. 61st Place, Mission, KS 66205 and is an Assisted Living and Memory Care facility

KU Medical Center

(Strawberry Hill Campus)

901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101

This campus provides adult mental and behavioral health inpatient services. They are requesting volunteers on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Armour Oaks

This facility is located at 8100 Wornall, Kansas City, MO 64114

Meadowbrook Senior Living

This facility is located at 9300 Parkside Drive, Overland Park, KS 66207. This is a large, new, facility that offers assisted living and memory care. There is ample parking and the facility has spacious common areas,

hallways, and rooms. All visits will be announced and will take place in the first floor common area. They are open to all types of pets and welcome visits weekdays, evenings, and weekends.

Care Haven Homes

Care Haven Homes are small communities of eight or fewer residents. There are six homes in the community. They are interested in having both cat and dog visits.

Care Haven Homes Broadmoor and Southmoor

are located close to one another. Broadmoor is located at 7001 W. 69th St., Overland Park, KS and Southmoor is located at 7010 W. 69th Terrace, Overland Park, KS

Care Haven Homes – Sunflower is located at 9218 Lee Blvd., Leawood, KS 66206

Care Haven Homes – Fontana is located at 10001 Fontana Lane, Overland Park, KS 66207

Care Haven Homes – Overbrook is located at 9833 Overbrook Ct., Overland Park, KS 66206

Care Haven Homes – Wycklow is located at 3 Wycklow, Overland Park, KS 66207

Curtis Bock and Lida Rose Retiring as a Volunteer with Pets for Life

Helen, we'll call her, had recently moved to Piper Living from her home on the East Coast. She was a widow, and she had moved to be closer to her daughter. Her health was fragile. On her wall was a large painting of her former pet, a Lhasa Apso. When Lida Rose, my golden retriever, and I walked into her room, Helen rose from her sofa, and her eyes lit up. The next fifteen minutes were filled with stories of her former pet and how she loved dogs, while she stroked Lida on her head.

Each time I visited her, the stories were the same as she reminisced about her dog, how much she loved him, and about her love for dogs. It was obvious that Helen was growing weaker, physically and mentally. She asked if Lida could get up on the sofa with her. Lida is not allowed on the sofa at home, and as I boosted her 75 pounds up onto the sofa, she looked at me as if to say, "will this be OK? We don't do this at home." Lida stayed on the sofa for a few minutes, getting lots of hugs and petting, and then we left. When I came back two weeks later, Helen's room was empty.

Bill, we'll call him, was disabled to some degree. He was quiet, and when I came in, he would politely pet Lida.

Dr. Bock and Lida Rose

We would talk sports for a few minutes and then we would go. Maybe it brightened his day, I'm not sure.

Fred did not like dogs, and even if we entered any room where he was at the time, I would hear about it. We avoided Fred.

Then came Covid.

You never can tell what you will run into in a nursing home. Sometimes you know you have made someone's day better. Sometimes, you don't know. And, sometimes, nothing helps. You never know. You have to try.

To Dr. Bock and Lida Rose,

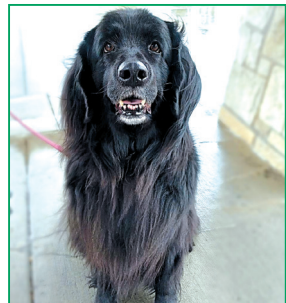
It is obvious from what you have shared with our volunteers and readers, that you will be greatly missed. Thank you for volunteering with Pets for Life and truly sharing our mission, "pets helping people."



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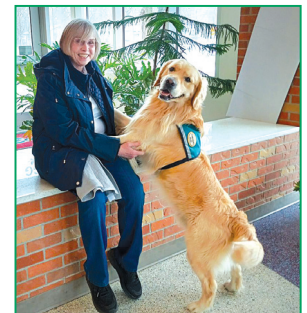
Rachel Crews and Hannah



Georgia Buffington and Teddy. Georgia is a little "camera shy!!" However, we will find her sooner or later!!



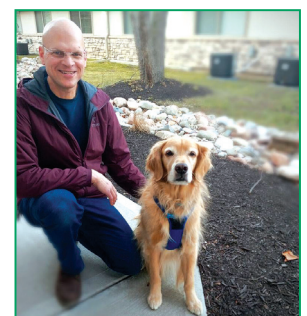
Kim Chulufas and Peter



Julie Krogh and Paddy



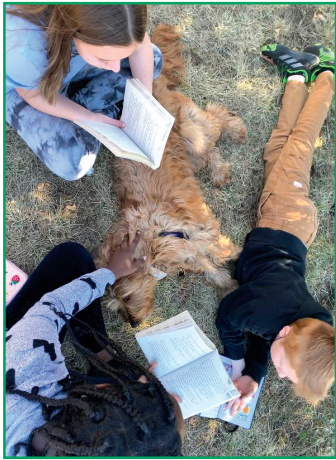
Todd Bachamp and Zana



Van Sederburg and Riley

Celebrating Therapy Dog Appreciation Day!!

April 11, 2022



Hayley Wallace volunteers with her best friend, Ellie.



Jean Hanson volunteers with Clementine and Abigail Rose.



Van Sederburg visits his best friend Riley.



Hope Green volunteers with Ikey, who loves his favorite duck!



Todd Bachamp volunteers with Zana.



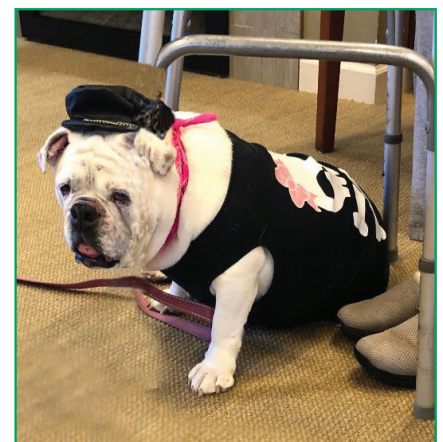
Emily Holt volunteers with Bennett.



Rebecca McMillin volunteers with her "bestie" Abby.



Karen Fitzgerald and every-one's friend, Calvin.



Nothing scares Betty White who volunteers with Cindy Deveaux.

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Dr. Curtis Bock	\$200.00
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“Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet.”

—Colette



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