

# Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association



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## Spring 2022 Newsletter

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finally, spring has sprung. I hope you are looking ahead to the warmer, dry weather. It has been a real challenge keeping my two goof balls clean this winter. Spring classes are in full swing. We can always use helpers in the classes.

I hope you have all had time to explore our new web page. Kelly McMullen worked very hard with our current web designers to get a web page that works for us. Thanks Kelly for a job well done.

I want to encourage anyone visiting to post pictures to our Facebook page and group. We all love seeing the joy you and your pet bring to others. Don't forget a photo release form is required for anyone pictured.

We are once again going to have a **Summer Picnic June 12<sup>th</sup>**. This year the picnic will be held at the Fairborn Senior Center. We are moving it inside so if it rains we won't have to reschedule. Pets are welcome. **If anyone wants to help plan the picnic please give me a call or shoot me an email.**

Speaking of help we are gearing up for Pet Fest 2022. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings and give us a hand. More information is available on how you can help on page 9.

In closing, I want to extend our sympathy to longtime member Bill Alles who recently lost his dear wife Cindy Alles who was also a long time member.

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## LOOKING FOR TEAMS!

### **Beavercreek Library**

**Paws to Read program** from 11:30am-12:30pm. It is held the **third Saturday** of each month. If you are interested in participating, or have questions, please email Jean Kenworth at [kenworthyjean46@gmail.com](mailto:kenworthyjean46@gmail.com) or call her at 937-252-6664.

### **Austin Trace Health and Rehabilitation**

Located at 250 W. Social Row Road in Washington Township. They are a nursing home that has adults receiving rehab and also long term care. They would love to have any pet therapy teams visit their facility and are flexible when the visits take place. The visits will be done bedside or group visits and if the weather cooperates it could be done outside if you would prefer. It is required that you wear a mask, have a TB Test and a COVID rapid test prior to visiting.

### **Kingston of Miamisburg**

Located at 1120 Dunaway St in Miamisburg. They are a nursing home facility that would love to have pet therapy teams visit their residents in bedside or group visits. They are open to having any type of animal come and visits can take place any day or time of the week. All visitors must wear a mask and have a COVID test if you are not vaccinated. Also, depending on how much visiting your are doing you may need to complete a background check and TB test.

### **Piqua Manor**

Located at 1840 West High St in Piqua is a nursing home that would love to have bedside and group visits. They are open to having any pet therapy animals come to their facility. The visits can take place any day or time of the week. All volunteers must complete their volunteer form and submit a vet check form. Volunteers must also wear a mask and have their temperature checked prior to visiting.

### **Ohio Hospice of Dayton**

Has resumed pet therapy visits. All employees and volunteers at Ohio Hospice of Dayton must have a COVID vaccine prior to visiting. Ohio Hospice of Dayton is located at 324 Wilmington Ave in Dayton.

## SET IT AND FORGET IT!

*If you shop with Amazon or Kroger, you can easily support MVPTA with a just few initial steps.*

### AMAZON

Sign up for the Amazon Smile Program, [smile.amazon.com/charity](https://smile.amazon.com/charity), and choose MVPTA

- **\$646.69** has been donated thru Amazon Smile

### KROGER

Sign up for the Kroger Community Reward program, [kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards](https://kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards), and choose MVPTA (Organization # IC988)

- **\$552.51** donated in 2021

### BIRTHDAYS

If you use Facebook, consider creating a birthday fundraiser for MVPTA.



### ***DID YOU KNOW***

*Sigmund Freud included his Chow Chow, Jofi, in his counseling sessions in the 1930s. In addition to assessing the mood of patients, Jofi knew exactly when 50 minutes had passed and it was time to end a session.*

### **Non-Board Positions**

Linda Gillis & Pam Killingsworth, *Pet Fest Co-Chairs*

Kristin Bull-Freeman, *Sunshine*

Karen Parsons, *Memory Stone*

Cheri` Davis, *Facebook*

Kelly McMullen, *Administrative Specialist, Events coordinator, Website, & Facilities*

### **Fundraising Committee**

Gerry Coen

Cheri Davis

Michele Eilerman

Linda Gillis

Amie Jones

Pam Killingsworth

Kathryn Price-Hoehl

## MEMBER NEWS

### PASSING

**Cindy Alles**, a loyal member of MVPTA, passed away March 15, 2022. She certified with 2 dogs, Jasmine Jewel (in 2007) and Zoe (along with her husband Bill, in 2013). She enthusiastically served in many capacities for MVPTA, including President, Vice President, At Large, Howl Walk chair, and Education Staff member, sharing her knowledge and humor as an evaluator and instructor.



She loved providing comfort and support to residents at the Widow's Home and Hospice of Dayton. Cindy and her husband enjoyed having children read to their dogs in Paws to Read programs in area libraries - Burkhardt, Wilmington-Stroop, and Beavercreek. When she was unable to go on visits, she joined the "Paws to Help" team, calling members to provide support to those who may have questions. She is survived by her adoring husband, Bill, also a member of MVPTA.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:00am, at Byron Cemetery & Mausoleum, 3256 Trebein Road, Fairborn, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, her family requests any memorials may be made in Cindy's name to her most cherished organizations, the Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association (MVPTA) or the Gem City Dog Obedience Club.

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*"Everything I know, I learned from dogs."*

Nora Roberts

## MEMBER NEWS

### RAINBOW BRIDGE

We are sad to report the following bridge crossings:

**Sophie Sue (Sandy & Bob Godwin)** - At nearly 14 years old, she earned her title "Best Dog Ever". Always eager to please made her the perfect Pet Therapy Dog. She always had her toenails painted and that brought many smiles to the faces of the people she was visiting.



**Belle (Kat and Rob Hoehl)** - Belle was a therapy dog with the MVPTA for six years. She had participated in several emergency relief situations right here in the Miami Valley including the 2019 Oregon District mass shooting and the devastating Memorial Day tornadoes. Belle also volunteered at Miami Valley Hospital, Spectrum Call Center, Ronald McDonald House in Dayton, and the Juvenile Detention Center.

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*“Dogs’ lives are too short. Their only fault, really.”*

Agnes Sligh Turnbull

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## EDUCATION

### Classes

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a class evaluator? Here's your chance to find out.

**Participate in fall classes as an Education Assistant.** You'll get to be actively involved with lessons and evaluation.

**Fall class dates: September 5 through October 31**  
**Contact Denise Siwecki at [dsiwecki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dsiwecki@sbcglobal.net)**

If you enjoy participating, you'll have an opportunity to become an Apprentice Evaluator.

### Socialization

Spring is a great time to start getting our future or current Pet Therapy partners out into the world after being cooped up all winter and after dealing with COVID restrictions.

Some of the great places to go include garden centers, outside sports, some festivals, The Greene, home improvement stores, bike paths.

## SPOILED DOG BIRTHDAY CAKE



**SPOILED DOG CAKE RECIPE**

	<b>1 cup flour</b>	
	<b>1/2 tsp baking soda</b>	
	<b>1/8 cup vegetable oil</b>	
	<b>1/4 cup peanut butter</b>	
	<b>1/2 cup applesauce</b>	
	<b>1/2 cup pumpkin puree</b>	
	<b>1 large egg</b>	

Full printable recipe at: [lovefromtheoven.com](http://lovefromtheoven.com)

We're not saying we know people who spoil their animals but we're not NOT saying that either.

If you're looking for a yummy treat for your pooch, check this out.

In about 30 minutes you can make this easy-to-follow recipe with dog appropriate ingredients.

Visit [lovefromtheoven.com](http://lovefromtheoven.com) for this and other dog friendly recipes.

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*"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them."*

**PHIL PASTORET**

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## WHO RESCUED WHO?

**Belle**, an Old English Sheepdog, was adopted at age 1 ½ years old out of Atlanta, GA from South Eastern Old Eng. Sheepdog Rescue. She celebrated her 10th birthday on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Belle is a member of Dayton Dog Training Club and participated in obedience trial in March for 1 more win (leg) to get our Open A CDX American Kennel Club 4<sup>th</sup> title! Belle enjoys visiting once a month at St. Leonard.

Belle was rescued by Iris Carter

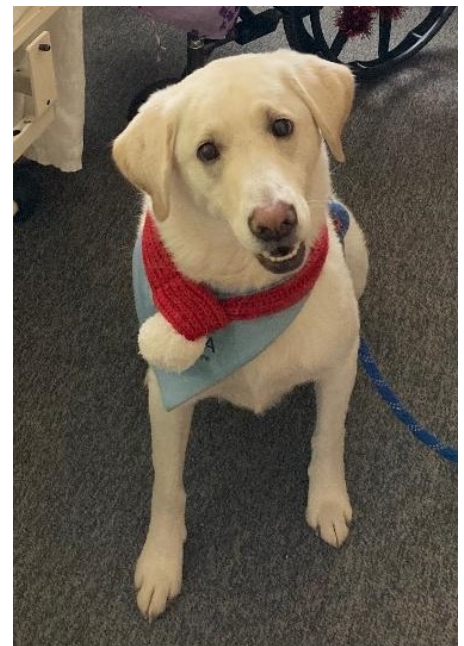


**Kia and her twin sister Lexi** were adopted from what was then Brown's Rescue, Northeast of Cincinnati. Kia is almost 13 and doing well. She is so people friendly that her vet does her dental hand scaling without anesthesia (same with her sister Lexi). She mostly works at NASIC and the WPAFB Med Ctr. Occasionally she goes to Soin Med Ctr, Miami Valley Hospital, Honor Flight and some library reading programs.

Kia and Lexi were rescued by Rene Oyola

**Nick** is a 4 year/old Great Pyrenees/Lab mix rescued from Greater Dayton lab rescue. Nick enjoys visiting at Stone Spring Nursing Home. Nick has learned how to speak and barks on command to the delight of Stone Spring residents.

Nick was rescued by Cindi Heck



## WHO RESCUED WHO?

**Jax** is approximately 7ish and was adopted 5 years ago. He was originally found as a stray dog running down the street in Indianapolis.

I caught him to keep him safe from getting hit on the road... and there were fireworks that night. It was a bit tricky since my rescue chocolate lab is dog reactive. I posted him on the main Facebook lost pet page for Indianapolis and his owner contacted me. She sent me proof with pictures and even a voice text. Since Jax is so unique looking it was easy to compare and confirm. She was going to contact her husband and they were going to come get him in the evening. After she contacted him, I found out her husband dumped Jax 20 miles from their house and didn't tell his wife. They blocked/deleted comments and never contacted me again but even if they had, they would have had a hard time getting him after I found out all this information.



Fun fact - Jax is a blood donor and donates every 6 weeks. He is a universal donor. His favorite people are my nieces and nephews.

Jax was rescued by Michelle Eilerman



**Tucker (right) and Poppy (left)** are both rescues from the National Great Pyrenees Rescue. Tucker, from Kentucky, is 4 years old and Poppy, from Northern Ohio, is 5 & 1/2 years old. They are pictured here at University of Dayton Law School providing stress relief for students during exam week.

Tucker and Poppy were rescued by Pam Killingsworth





## 2022 PETFEST

Saturday, September 24

Delco Park

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

We are once again hosting a **PET GARAGE SALE** to raise funds in support of MVPTA's mission but **We NEED you!**

### Here's how you can help

- **COLLECT** new or gently used pet items
- **HOST a collection box** in your church, beauty salon, school, community center, or anywhere else you think you can get individuals to donate new or gently used pet items
- **ASK for donations** from pet supply companies and pet stores to see if they are willing to donate items that they no longer can sell to the public
- **FIND a vendor** We still need vendors at our event or businesses/organizations who would like to sponsor our event. **We are asking every member to find just ONE business or organization to sponsor our event.**
- **VOLUNTEER** The PetFest planning committee is open to everyone, please join us! The PetFest Committee meets at the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, and August 10.

**Please contact Linda Gillis or Pamela Killingsworth, PetFest Co-Chairpersons, with any questions: email [lindagillis5@gmail.com](mailto:lindagillis5@gmail.com) or phone 937-361-2880**

# 2021 PETFEST IN PICTURES

