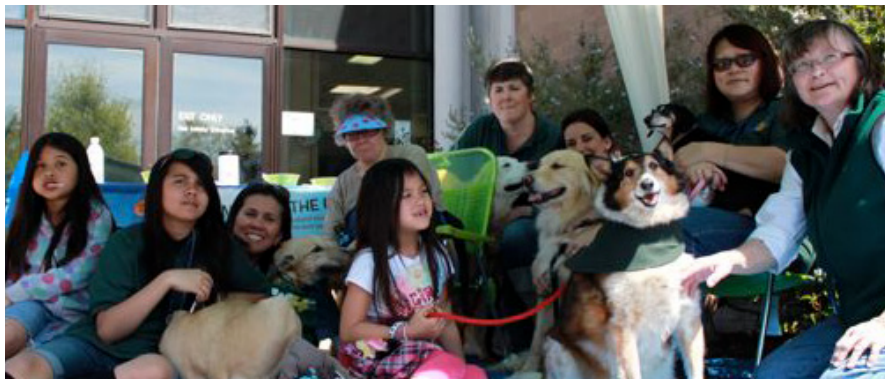




## LEARNING AND WELLNESS CENTER

*Mission: To enhance the lives of pets and people through education, understanding and love.*



YMCA Healthy Kids Day! Lots of fun, Zuke's Treats, and best of all, Reading to the Dogs!

### Doggie Days

**May 14** at Sonoma State University. Noon to 1:30 pm. Certified Therapy Teams only.  
 • Join us for this award-winning event to help students de-stress and conquer finals week! Contact **Sharon Marshall** for details: shartish@sbcglobal.net

### Certification Class:

**May 21** at Life Learning Center, Memorial Hospital, Santa Rosa

### Canine Evaluations:

**May 22** at Memorial Hospital, Santa Rosa.  
 • If you are interested in helping with class or evaluations, or if you want to recommend a new team, please email info@4Pawscenter.org We'll send the info and application forms.

### Bow-Wow WOW-Workout

**May 22;** 11 am. Starts at the Life Learning Center, across from Memorial Hospital's main entrance.

- Dog trainer and fitness advisor, **Patty Malnick**, will turn an ordinary walk into a mental and physical workout for you and your pooch. Lots of laughs, good company!
- Volunteers and hospital staff are free; community members \$5 donation. Please help by signing up: happidawgs@gmail.com
- All dogs must be on 6- ft. leashes (no retractables) and must also be dog and people friendly.

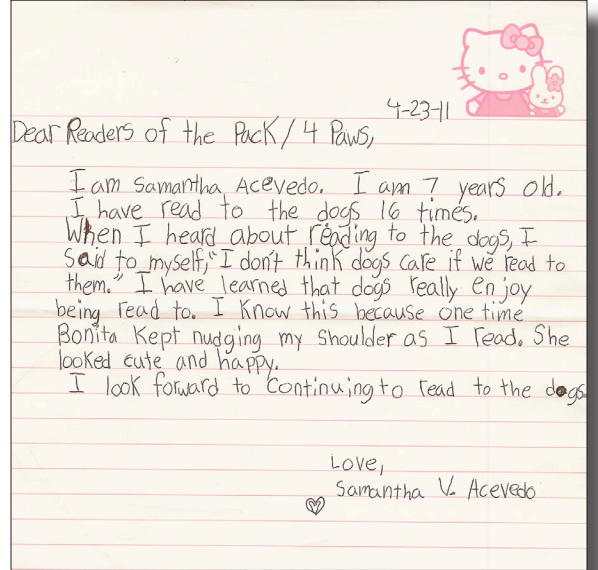
### Pet Nutrition

**June 15,** 5:30-6:30 Life Learning Center at Memorial Hospital.

### IT'S OFFICIAL—

4Paws was granted nonprofit 501(c)(3) status with the rights and responsibilities of serving our communities. The stewardship of 4Paws' goals and principles is a sacred trust and we are extremely grateful to all our volunteer teams for the important work they do. One affirmation is the letter we received earlier last week, to the right. 🐾

**Samantha** is one of the students who reads to teams at the St. Helena Library. **Bonita** is the star—a black Pomeranian who is nothing but loving, alert and “all ears”. Thank you, Bonita, and mom **Tania Duncan**, for making reading and dogs so important in Samantha's life. We appreciate your dedication to the program and all that you bring to young readers.



**Acknowledgments** As a fledgling organization, every bit of support is deeply appreciated and cherished. Our heartfelt thanks go to the following companies and individuals:

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Patty's first Bow-wow WOW class helped Coi with Christina Tempesta learn to jump obstacles together.



- Nutritionist and chef **Karen Schuppert** takes the mystery out of providing wholesome food for your pets. Volunteers and Memorial Staff free; community members \$5 donation. RSVP suggested: info@4Pawscenter.org

*“The test of our worth is the service we render.”* President Theodore Roosevelt

### Website News

First off, 4Paws wants to thank **Lonnie Bowling** for the design and launch of its initial website. His work helped hundreds of people learn about the mission and goals of 4Paws.

In January of 2011, 4Paws was selected by Santa Rosa Junior College's Computer Studies Department to build an even bigger site! Instructor **Linda Hemenway** guided senior students **Imelda Estrada, Barbara Evans, Brandon Giovannino** and **Daniel Baggett** in the construction of a new site that will be launched later this month.

Imelda, Barbara, Brandon and Daniel: we cannot thank you adequately for your belief in what our volunteer teams do and the importance of their ongoing work. May you find the clients you deserve! We highly recommend you all.

### Volunteers—

Thanks to **Norma McLaughlin and Ryder** for mentoring our newest team at Sonoma Valley Hospital: **Nancy Duren and Oliver**.

Check out Memorial Hospital's latest health publication featuring **Shelby**, a gifted trippawd who brings very special healing to patients and staff. Thanks to **Jack and Cindi Crowder** for sharing her with others.

Kudos to **Liz Herman and Roni Buerhner-kemper** for their dedication (and that of teammates **Taz and Serena**) for all their time and work with the **Boys and Girls Club in Healdsburg**.

Our many volunteers make life a little better for people and pets by sharing their love and time. This column will grow to acknowledge their work, but until then, know that you are **all** deeply appreciated.