



SERVING PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

December, 2010
Holiday Greetings from
4Paws Learning and Wellness Center
1241 Adams Street, Suite 1128
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Thank you for your support, good wishes and patience as 4Paws grows and moves into the New Year!

Future Classes, Evaluations and Certification News

4Paws starts 2011 with a calendar of classes for those wanting to volunteer as either social therapy or reading/writing teams with their canines.

Being a certified team means that applicants are screened, go to a 4-hour certification class, are evaluated with their dogs and take a 2-hour specialty class. During this time teams also complete all health screening and background checks as determined by each healthcare or educational facility.

The final phase is completing the two-step mentoring process after which teams receive their badges and canine scarves.

Schedule

Certification Class for all Teams:

Memorial Hospital
Jan. 16; 11-3 pm
(Certified dogs only)

Evaluations:

Memorial Hospital
Jan. 19 (7-9 pm)
Jan. 23 (noon-2 pm)

Reading/Writing Training:

Rincon Valley Library
Jan. 18 (5:30-8 pm)

All 2011 classes will be posted on-line in January.

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Badges, Books, Bookmarks & More

Yes, Readers of the Pack and Social Therapy Teams, you will be getting your badges by the first of the New Year. And those of you waiting for proofs of bookmarks and calling cards will be able to order them and at a very good price from Catprint. You'll be getting email proofs and instructions soon.

Just in case you'd like to know what our volunteer staff and board has worked on since October, here's part of the list:

- ✓ Insurance: all teams are insured through CAN Insurance Services at \$1 million per team.
- ✓ Incorporation papers and Federal ID filed and assigned.

✓ Application for non-profit designation filed and received by IRS (status TBA).

✓ Canines have scarves, donated by Cindi and Jack Crowder.

✓ Children in Readers of the Pack are receiving their earned books donated and mailed by Christine and Alan Holmberg.

Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction Huge Success!

Thanks to over 100 generous donors and just as many guests, 4Paws raised \$3200 at its first fundraiser in November. Don't despair if you didn't attend this time: plans are in the works for a Holiday *Extravaganza* for 2011.

4Paws volunteers created a festive atmosphere with beautiful auction tables (linens donated by Lex DuFrey), while everyone enjoyed lavish hors d'oeuvres prepared by Preferred Sonoma Caterers.

The entertainment was stunning! Theresea Jade and the Jewels of Beladi preformed a variety of belly dance routines—graceful, alluring and all joyful. Lori Bowling coordinated the financial end of the event, while calm, witty DJ Ken Lang kept people smiling and tapping their toes.

4Paws also thanks Burbank Art and Garden Center President, Scott Tree, for making it possible to host our event at the site.

✓ 4Paws is being represented at many Sonoma County holiday festivities to help raise funds, thanks to a good-natured Santa

(Shahin Marshall) and First Elf Nikki Godfrey.

✓ Kathy Exelby, the Volunteer Manager at Memorial Hospital, and Anne Marie Murphy, the Rincon Valley Children's Librarian, have

provided 4Paws space to train and evaluate new teams.

✓ 4Paws' talented and experienced dog trainer and evaluator, Patty Malnick, has evaluated 10 new teams.

✓ Social Therapy teams are doing so well that more sites than ever are asking 4Paws to provide them with volunteers.



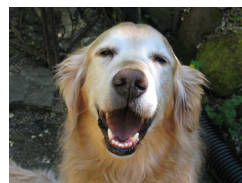
Ryder is a Golden Retriever who went to school just to be with you. He likes to play fetch, is very handsome and loves to hear stories about other animals. What kinds of stories do you like? Thank you for being nice to Ryder and helping him learn new words and ideas!

What's Next?

Lots. While the Board of Directors is creating an effective operating and business structure for 4Paws, the organization needs a fundraising committee to organize events and reach out to potential donors.

Interested in helping 4Paws create its dream of Learning and Wellness Center for pets and their people?

Then please call Joanne Yates at 707-963-0201 to learn what you can do to enhance the profound relationship we share with animals.



Donations — If you, your family or friends wish to donate to 4Paws at the address above, our IRS EIN is 90-0616470. Please speak to your tax advisor about any questions you may have regarding a donation made while the 4Paws' application for tax-exempt status is being reviewed.

All that we do affirms and enhances the remarkable relationship that pets and their people share.



Health Fair

Want to know about the many ways we can help our pets feel and live better through nutrition? Or massage? Curious about therapeutic affects of acupuncture? If you have had to say good-bye to a pet, are there services that might have helped you or your pet?

Then let us know what you want to know by asking for Wellness Center Survey: email shsirene77@comcast.net. Your input will help the Wellness volunteer staff plan for Health Fairs in mid-2011, and more important, a Wellness Center for you.