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"Come to our Pet Adoptathon and Wellness Fair!" says Yosie Yamaguchi who will be there as an ROP™ Team!

Announcing 3 Great Events... Come for Fun & Volunteer!



PET ADOPTATION AND Wellness Fair

*** SUNDAY, APRIL 29 FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ***

Paradise Pet Resort • 5800 Commerce Boulevard

<p>FREE ADMISSION Vendors! Shopping!</p> <p>BLUE GRASS OF THE LEG LIFTERS</p> <p>Family Pet Parade</p> <p>SNOOPY SIGHTING</p> <p>FIND A PET TO ADOPT</p> <p>k-9 demos & behavior advice</p> <p>Readers of the Pack™</p> <p>HOLISTIC THERAPIES</p> <p>microchipping</p> <p><i>Sponsored by Paradise Pet Resort 4Paws Learning & Wellness Center</i></p>	          
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For More Info: 707.206.9000 www.4pawscenter.org

4Paws and Paradise Pet Resort are sponsoring Rohnert Park's own Pet Adoptathon and Wellness Fair on April 29. Want to help? Sign up by emailing Michelle Lua at MANNLUA@aol.com

We also hope you'll come for the events, (including a pet parade contest!) great food by Charlie Bruno's Chuck Wagon, shopping, and maybe finding that new family companion you've been looking for!

Vendor Concierge Helpers: 7 am - 9:30 am

Assist vendors and rescues to find their space and then direct cars or trucks from event area.

4Paws Booth: (3 Shifts) 10 am - noon; noon - 2; 2 - 4 pm

Talk to people about what you and your teammate do for others; hand out info; relax with your pooch. Family/kids are welcome to be with you.

Pet Parade Helpers: 11:45 - 1 pm

Sign in and line up participants, maintain safe distances between pets, distribute prizes and ribbons. Emcee: Bob Bellus and ipo.

Rescue Parade: 2 - 3 pm

Assist rescue groups to line up their adoptable dogs for parade. Give numbers, pass out

Please turn over to the back of the newsletter for more information—



Why is Whitney (r) Smiling?

Because she's going to Sonoma State's Doggy Days on April 28 from 11:30 - 1 pm!

The event has attracted state and even national attention for its proactive approach to student

stress. For a few hours, students can find comfort with 4Paws therapy dogs and enjoy a respite from stress before final papers, reports and exams.

Doggy Days is open to all 4Paws volunteer teams. It is very casual and a chance to hang out with the students. Please email Sharon Marshall for details and to sign up: shartish@sbcglobal.net

Play Day at Santa Rosa's Children's Museum — ROP Teams Invited

Chanel Brock, a 4Paws and Americorps volunteer at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, invites our ROP teams to participate in a May Play Day on the 6th from 2:00-4:00 pm.

The all-day event is for children and emphasizes "Health from Head to Toe." There are lots of activities, including a treasure hunt, obstacle course, healthy lunches, potato sack race, zumba, yoga and our ROP dogs.

If you are interested, please contact Chanel or Kathy Exelby at SRMH's volunteer office. Their direct line is 707-522-1598. It is a wonderful opportunity to spark a child's curiosity about reading and learning through our therapy dogs.



Reading to dogs boosts children's confidence and abilities. Kasey helps SSU student (below) feel renewed.



"If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around." — cowboy wisdom

Adoptathon & Fair, cont.
ribbons.

Clean-up Assistants: 4:30 - 5:15
Assist vendors in moving cars or trucks into event area for packing up and leaving.

Flyer Brigade
Let us know if you are willing to post flyers in and around Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Cotati, Petaluma... anywhere there are dog-loving people.

The Pet Adoptathon and Wellness Fair is the first major event that 4Paws is sponsoring with Mike Campbell and Paradise Pet Resort. Our goals are 1) to provide a venue for local rescue groups; 2) to introduce a larger audience to local vendors; and 3) to educate people about the many ways to enrich their relationship with their pets.

Please help spread the word. If you know of local vendors who might like to participate,



Kathy & Finn

NEWS FLASH

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital presented Kathy Exelby, 4Paws Vice President, with the Values Award of Justice on Monday, March 19.

The Justice Award is one of four given yearly to the employee who best represents the hospital's mission and vision. Kathy is honored for attending to the needs of the most vulnerable, calling people together to serve the community, and modelling the integrity of the organization. *Heartfelt congratulations to you!*

May Training May 19, 20 & 23

This is our last training until August. Please send your forms in ASAP as class is filling up quickly. Go on-line to 4pawscenter.org to download the application.

Welcome to Our New Teams

Nine new volunteer teams are visiting patients, working at libraries and schools with their canines. It is a pleasure to coach so many of our new teams because they all have different talents and experiences to connect with patients and children. Their gentle sense of humor and respectful attitudes make it easy—even for those who are very ill—to feel some release and relief. And children who are shy or afraid of dogs, instantly warm up and smile.



Laurel & Seamus



Kathy & Riley



Candace & Ollie



Glenda & Leo



Tricia & Millie



Yvonne & Buddy



Sharilyn & Lily



Diane & Riley