

P E T P A L S

Animal-Assisted Therapies and Activities throughout the Cedar Valley

Fall 2022 Newsletter

Celebrating Our Best Friends

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. is excited to once again be able to celebrate the reopening of many facilities as our volunteers return to visiting. Along with this, our organization has been involved in many activities in 2022 as you will see in this newsletter.

We are happy to again host our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in which we will be honoring Bob Schrader. The annual event will take place on October 3rd at the Waterloo Center for the Arts at 5:45.

This year, we are planning a pasta bar with a choice of two kinds of sauces served on the pasta along with meats that may be added if people wish. A salad, garlic toast, dessert, and drink are included. We are again asking those attending to pay \$5.00 with P.E.T. P.A.L.S. covering the remainder of the cost of the meal.

We have chosen “Celebrating Our Best Friends” as our theme this year. In keeping with this, we will have a series of inspiring true stories shared by members and guests. Our yearly short business meeting will follow along with the drawing for door prizes.

Reservations are needed for the dinner. These can be made by emailing us at petpalsnews@gmail.com or leaving a phone message at [319-610-7379](tel:319-610-7379). Include your name, phone number, and how many people will be attending. Feel free to bring family members or guests (who will also need to pay the \$5.00). **Reservations must be made by September 16th** so that we can let the caterer know how much food to prepare. **Please respond quickly.**

It will be wonderful to welcome people again as we renew friendships and meet new members. **A great evening is guaranteed. See you there!**

Have Questions? Contact us at (319) 610-7379 or at PetPalsNews@gmail.com
Don't forget to visit us online at petpalscedarvalley.org or facebook (cedarvalleypetpals.org.)



Pet Condolences

It is so hard to lose a special friend. We extend our sympathy to Ashley and Steph and thank them for sharing some special memories.

Steph Carmicheal in memory of Cooper

We said goodbye to Cooper on July 5, 2022. He used to visit at the Boys and Girls Club in Waterloo. He loved doing the UNI de-stress days and the reading events at the Cedar Falls Library.

He loved the kids reading to him and they knew he was a great listener. He didn't judge them or try to correct them. Just listened. That's exactly what they needed!

Everyone that met Cooper loved him. He would kiss you on the first meeting and just wanted your attention. I hope he made an impact on some kids' lives. He will be greatly missed!

Ashley Aneweer in memory of Gus

Our sweet 8 year old basset hound left us all too soon on June 27th, 2022. Gus was a volunteer with me at Friendship Village for 3 years. He loved everyone, 2 legged or 4 legged. You couldn't help but smile when you looked at him. He loved his belly rubbed and would lay in the sunshine all day if you let him. We will all miss him greatly.



P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Glimpse of Our Funds for the Year

I wanted to share a few of our needs as an organization throughout this past year so you will understand why we fundraise:

Expenses:

1. Banquet costs - \$1,016.40 (includes rental of room, decorations, food to name a few)
2. Newsletters (2X/yr) - \$1,104.87 (cost increases due to postage and printing usually yearly)
3. Office expenses - \$552.53 (phone, various costs to make Pet Pals work)
4. Insurance - \$1288.00/yr total (1/2 pd every 6 months) covers the P.E.T. P.A.L.S. organization and the board
5. PO Box - \$118.00/yr. (To receive mail for Pet Pals)
6. Name tags/Educational materials - \$448.20

Revenues:

1. Fundraising - \$1881.49 (Sturgis; Pizza Ranch; Sale of homemade Goods to name a few)
2. Membership - \$632.00 (varies each year)
3. Donations - \$3007.10 (Includes Memorials; Cash Donations; Designated Donations (Sturgis; Banquet); Specific organizations (Benevity, Amazon Smile, United Way))

Arlene Prather-O'Kane, Treasurer

Spring and Summer Happenings

Spring and summer are busy times for P.E.T. P.A.L.S. volunteers as you will see in the following articles.

De-Stress at UNI

In May, we had a good time helping UNI students "de-stress" during final exams. The students love our pets and our pets love all the attention they get.



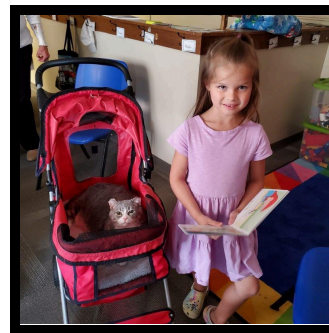
Summer Reading Pals

Our furry animal volunteers were busy during July listening to children practice their reading at the Cedar Valley Preschool and Child Care Center in Cedar Falls. Twice a week a cat or dog sat by individual children who were eager to show how they were improving in their fluency and expression. (Of course, interacting with the pet was very motivational.)

Rascal enjoys the pictures his friend shows while reading.



Abby Sue listens as a friend reads to her.



Sturgis Falls

On June 26, P.E.T. P.A.L.S. had a booth during the annual Sturgis Falls Arts and Craft Fair. It was a beautiful day, and the weather couldn't have been more perfect, which seemed to bring out all the people who were ready to shop! We sold three different sizes of snuffle mats, homemade dog treats, and crocheted mouse cat toys, as well as other assorted items, and made twice the amount of money for the day than we did the previous year. What a successful day! Thank you to all the volunteers who took the time to make the snuffle mats, treats, and cat toys, as well as those who manned the booth during the day. We appreciate all you did to help us have such a great (and profitable) day!



SAVE THE DATE:

Pizza Ranch

Great news! We have opportunities to do fundraising at two different Pizza Ranch restaurants—one in Cedar Falls and the other on Bremer Avenue in Waverly.

So, you have an extra chance to enjoy pizza and chicken at Pizza Ranch and support our fundraising efforts at the same time. The first one will be on September 12th in Waverly with the Cedar Falls fundraiser scheduled for October 17th. Both will take place from 5:00-8:00 with P.E.T. P.A.L.S. volunteers busing tables and assisting the management.



We will earn 7% of the sales for the evening which includes dining-in, carry-out, and delivery. In addition, there are containers for tips which we will receive.

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. appreciates those who volunteer to work plus everyone has fun interacting with other members. If you wish to help, call Sue Lund (319-233-3624). We will need quite a few volunteers at each location so please offer to help.

Those unable to assist could help us by telling their friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, etc. about the event. We look forward to seeing lots of friends at one, or both, of these.

Christmas Greetings on Main

Join us Thursday, December 8th from 6-8pm for Waverly's Christmas Greetings on Main. We will be participating in their live window scenes. There will also be an ice carver, hot spots featuring Nestle hot chocolate, and lots of holiday spirit for the whole family.



Welcome New Members

- Pam Correll with Kimmy
- Marcia Mercurio with Piper
- Gary Mueller with Sunny
- Brittany Roen with Arlo

Rydel

Thanks to Rydel for their generosity and to all who voted! We are so thankful to win the \$500!



Amazon Smile

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. would like to encourage you to shop smile.amazon.com and choose a charity. Search for “Pet Pals-Pets in Education and Therapy” and you’ll find our listing in Cedar Falls, IA. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to P.E.T. P.A.L.S.!

Beau’s Retirement

As of Thursday, July 21st, I have retired. I got to my visit and decided I didn’t want to do this any more so I just wouldn’t get out of the car. No amount of coaxing changed my mind. I’m thirteen and a half years old and have been doing this for the past eleven years. I have enjoyed all of my friends, human and animal, from my visits to Harmony House, Ravenwood, and Rosewood Estates. I want to spend the rest of my life going for my two daily walks, laying in the sun in my yard or in the shade of my patio, and lounging on the couch. My sister Abby Sue (she’s a kitty) will pick up the slack and do all the visiting. She goes in a stroller so she has it made-no stress! Thanks to all of my friends who love me. Beaugard Theodore Lund (Beau)

Written by Sue Lund

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Visiting Sites – For information, call 319-610-7379

Active Minds Early Learning Center
Bickford Cottage
Cedar Falls Health Care Center
C.V. Preschool and Child Care Center
Denver Sunset Home
Friendship Village
Harmony House
La Porte City Nursing and Rehab
MercyOne Rehab
NewAldaya Lifescapes
Newel Post
Northstar Community Services

Northstar Head Injury
Northcrest Specialty Care
Peer Support Recovery- UnityPoint
Pillar of the Cedar Valley
Pinnacle Specialty Care
Promedica (formerly Manor Care)
Ravenwood Health Care
Reading Pals
The Rose
UnityPoint- Mental Health/Rehab
Waverly Health Center
Western Home Communities

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