

P E T P A L S

Animal-Assisted Therapies and Activities throughout the Cedar Valley

Fall 2024 Newsletter

PETS RULE!

Since we all know that our pets rule our lives, we have decided to focus on that as the theme of our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner this year. The atmosphere will focus on this theme with related decorations and favors.

The annual event will take place on Monday, October 7th. Please note that we have moved the location to Faith Lutheran Church at 1555 W. Ridgeway Ave. in Waterloo. Guests are asked to arrive by 5:45 with dinner served at 6:00.

A few years ago, we had a very successful pasta bar and have decided to offer that again this year. Your noodle choice will include one that is gluten-free. There will be marinara or alfredo sauces along with your choice of meatballs or chicken toppings. A salad, breadsticks, dessert, and drink will be included. Those attending are asked to pay \$10 with P.E.T. P.A.L.S. covering the remainder of the cost. (Please pay at the door.)

A very entertaining program will take place that evening which we believe everyone will enjoy. A variety of P.E.T. P.A.L.S. apparel will also be available to purchase.

Reservations are needed for the dinner. These can be made by e-mailing us at petpalsnews@gmail.com or leaving a phone message at 319-236-3564. Please include your name, phone number, and the number of people attending. Feel free to bring family members or guests (each will need to pay \$10). Reservations must be made by September 27th so we know how much food to order.

Come help us celebrate our wonderful organization and the many friendships we have developed over the years.

Active Volunteer? We need your help.

We're updating our website and would love to have a photo and brief description of your visiting pet to share. Please send the photo and short blurb to Ryan at webmaster@petpalscedarvalley.org

Welcome New Members!

- Macy Barney with Penelope
- Kristina Bravener with Lulu
- Hope Huff with Woody
- Lynne Savago-Brustkern with Josie
- Sally Sherwood with Vivian
- Debbie Strottman with Luka
- Theresa Walton with Cinnamon



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Spring and Summer Memories



Reading Pals- Children read to pets to practice their fluency and expression during Reading Pals.



P.E.T. P.A.L.S. picnic- Great food and friends made for a fun P.E.T. P.A.L.S. picnic.



Sturgis Falls-Volunteers greeted customers at our booth during the Sturgis Falls celebration.



Once again, we went to UNI to help the students "de-stress" during their final exams during the Spring Semester 2024. Our pets love all the attention and petting they get! It's always a fun time!

Donations

We are very fortunate for monetary donations given to our organization. Thank you to our most recent donors for their generous gifts. We encourage you to use the enclosed envelope with a donation to P.E.T. P.A.L.S. We greatly appreciate your support of our mission and organization.

- Dalila Amend
- Bernice Einck

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Memorials

P.E.T. P.A.L.S. sends their condolences to the family of Peggy Chari who passed away in January. We appreciated her involvement in our organization.

In memory of Bonnie and Rick Sines a bench has been placed on the walking path at Cedar Bend Humane Society. It was purchased with donations to P.E.T. P.A.L.S. of which Bonnie was a co-founder and Dick was a devoted supporter.



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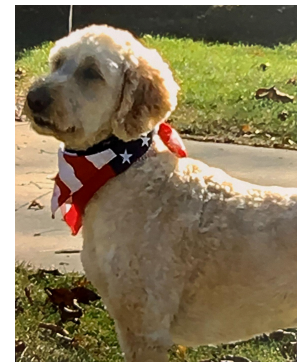
In Memory of Reba Trower by Susan Trower

On July 3, 2010, we met with a lady at McDonald's by the CR airport, who had two Shih Tzu puppies for sale. Although we thought about adopting both, one look at Reba's face and witnessing her personality, we knew Reba was coming home with us. Although stubborn, a true Shih Tzu trait, Reba loved everyone and showered them with kisses. Reba was a wonderful volunteer at Parkview and later at Northcrest Specialty Care. She loved scarves, but when I put on her "blue" P.E.T.P.A.L. one she knew it was her time to volunteer. I always told people that Reba was the volunteer, and I was just the driver. Sadly, just after her 14th birthday in March, she was diagnosed with nasal cancer. Due to complications that followed, our sweet Reba passed away on May 25. There is not a day that goes by that we don't miss and think of her, but we know she was greeted with open arms and endless love when she crossed over the special Rainbow Bridge.



In Memory of Cami Lake by Jan Thompson

Cami Lake, Cami Girl, Camilla Rae, Lovey - just a few nicknames for my favorite girl for the past 15 years. Cami was owned by my neighbor Monica but Cami owned my heart. When I no longer had pets, Cami became my volunteer companion with P.E.T.P.A.L.S. What a pro! She had such a patient nature while residents of Harmony House, NewAldaya, and children at North Cedar Daycare stroked her curly coat and told her what a sweet pup she was. Residents and children were delighted when she obediently sat and shook "hands" before getting a treat. She was a big hit with UNI students when we joined them during finals week. Whenever we exited the car for a visit she walked very purposefully, as if she knew she was on her way to work. Monica was so generous to let me accompany Cami on visits and to keep her for sleepovers. Her gentleness did not extend to rabbits, squirrels, or chipmunks that dared to come into her yard. They learned very quickly how fast she could chase them into hiding. Cami was a masterful car companion, traveling many times to Lake of the Ozarks where she showed her love of the water. Thank you Cami for being a wonderful ambassador for P.E.T.P.A.L.S. for being Monica's loving companion, and my best four-legged friend. We miss you very much.



[P.E.T. P.A.L.S. Visiting Sites – For information, call 319-236-3564](#)

- Active Minds Early Learning Center
- Bickford Cottage
- Cedar Falls Health Care Center
- C.V. Preschool & Child Care
- Denver Sunset Home
- Friendship Village
- Harmony House
- LaPorte City Nursing & 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
- Harmony Waterloo
- Ravenwood Health Care
- Reading Pals
- The Rose
- UnityPoint- Mental Health/Rehab
- Waverly Health Center
- Western Home Communities

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