

“Paws & Hearts”

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NEWSLETTER

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Half way through our 18th year and time for our Summer Newsletter. This newsletter will be a wrap-up of sorts, highlighting the grants and special donations we have received so far this year.

In January we received another grant from the Petco Foundation (more on them on page 3), and in February we received our portion of the funds from the Barry Manilow 2017 Holiday Concerts at the McCallum Theater. We are so honored to have been placed on that list of charities for the third time.

We are also highlighting our yearly donation from Chevron Human Kind and our Board Member at Large, Drew Marefos.

A pretty good six months, and just five months until the 18th Annual Dog Walk-Fundraiser!

Richard Waxman

Upcoming Events to Put on Your Calendars!

Pet Bereavement Support Group

Monthly Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month, 1 pm

18th Annual Dog Walk/Fundraiser

Saturday November 24th

Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa

“Maddie’s” Views (“Lucky” & “Scruffy” in thought)

I guess I have to admit that having “Bingo” along on my visits is a big help. As much as I love being in the spotlight, it is nice that little Bingo is getting some of the attention.

He now visits Desert Regional Medical Center twice a week with me, and he visits the Lucy Curci Cancer Center on Wednesdays and Brookdale--Rancho Mirage on Friday's. These two visits are done with Uncle Drew. After all, Dad does have some work to do in the office!

So many of the patients comment that we look like brothers or sisters, but Dad has to keep telling everyone that we are related by last name only. Because Dad keeps adopting Terrier mix dogs, Bingo and I do look a lot alike! The most important thing is that together we are making a lot of people feel just a bit better with our visits.



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Chevron Retirees Association

Chevron Humankind matches financial contributions made by U.S. paid employees and eligible retirees to nonprofits and provides grants for volunteer time. Chevron Humankind makes matching financial contributions, for yearly donations as well as volunteer time to eligible 501C3 Non Profits.

Drew Marefos has been active with "Paws & Hearts" for ten years. In that time he has served as Board Member at-large, Dog Walk Committee, Valley-wide spokesperson, trained countless volunteers, and currently does weekly visits with Maddie and Bingo at the Lucy Curci Cancer Center and Brookdale.

Drew has been kind enough for many years to make a monthly donation which is 100% matched by Chevron Humankind. Not only that, his total volunteer hours are also recognized with a donation from Chevron, and we are always grateful for the check that arrives at the beginning of every year!



Drew, "Bingo" & "Maddie"

BARRY MANILOW'S A GIFT OF LOVE IV 5 Special Concerts Benefitting 25 Special Charities

MCCALLUM THEATRE

Pop culture icon and music legend Barry Manilow returned with A Gift of Love IV, five special concerts benefitting 25 special local charities. A Gift of Love IV featured his hit songs, along with holiday favorites. His past holiday concerts have surprised audiences with a children's choir, Santa Claus, and even snow!

"Paws & Hearts" was one of the lucky 25 local charities who benefited from the 2017 Holiday Concerts. We can't thank Mr. Manilow enough for including us on that list.

"You are quite the mensch Manilow—the Coachella Valley is lucky to have you!!!!"



"Bob" & "Zoso"

About the Petco Foundation

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$170 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 5 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.

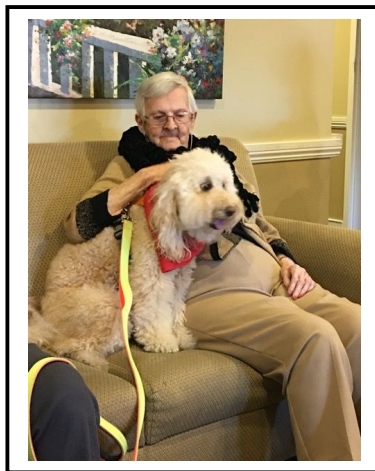
How the Petco Foundation is helping "Paws & Hearts"

For another year, the Petco Foundation has been very kind and provided us with a grant to increase the number of *Canine Ambassadors* on the program. There is such a need for our services in the Coachella Valley and we are blessed that the funds will enable us to recruit and train new teams. We truly provide the best Pet Therapy visits in the area and the pictures say it better than words.

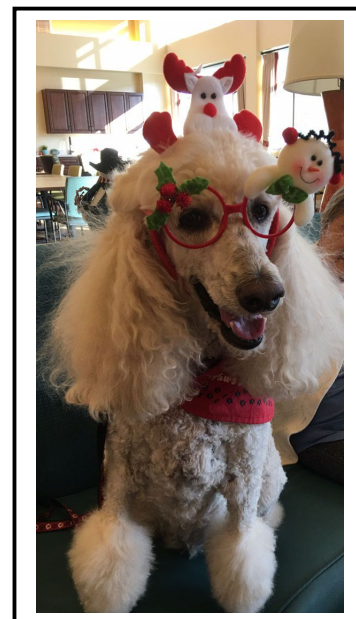
Next time you are in need of dog food, cat food, toys, or grooming, please think of Petco first. They truly give back to the community!



"Bailey"

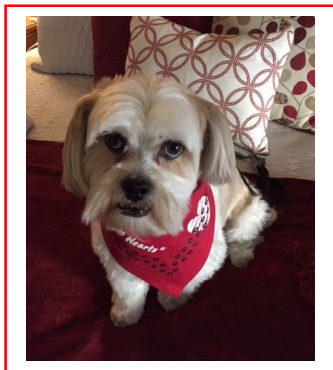


"Breezy"

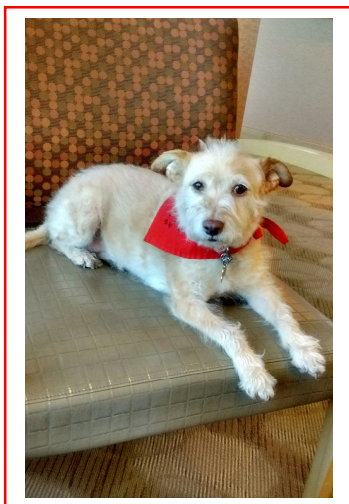


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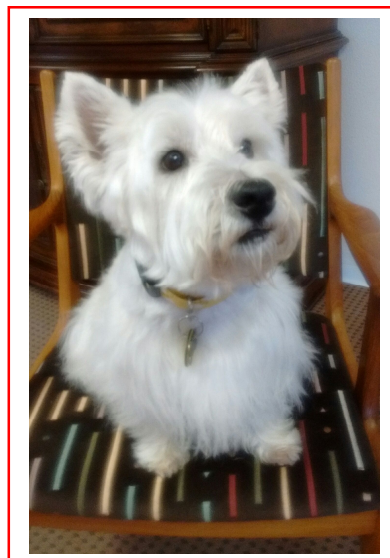
Our Canine Ambassadors from their Volunteer Stories



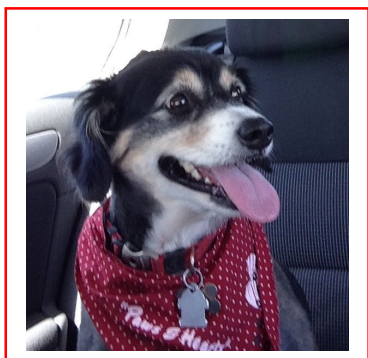
"Toby"



"Maddie"



"Bentley"



"Dunkin"

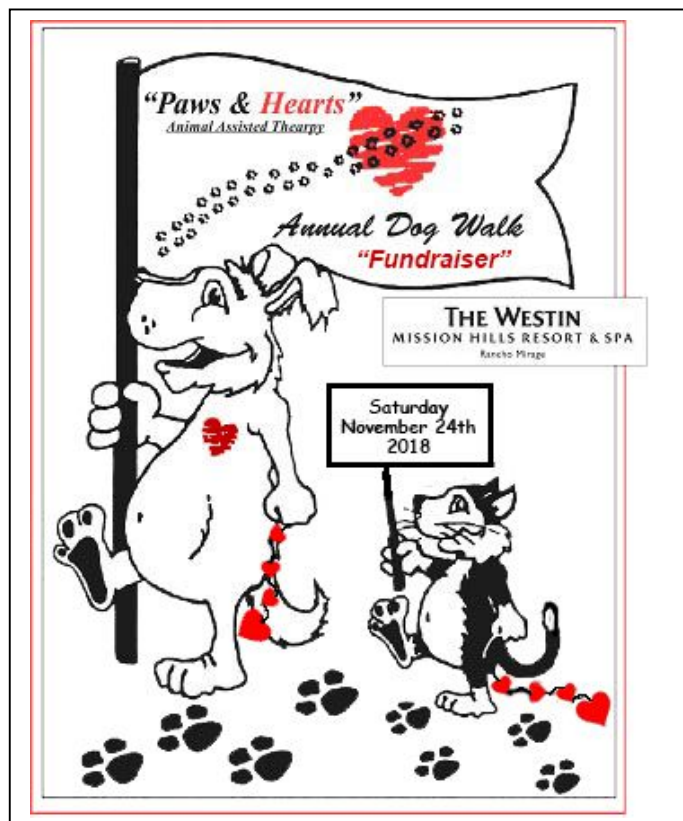
2018 Annual Dog Walk

Can it ever be too early to mark your calendars for our yearly dog walk?

Saturday, November 24th, (Thanksgiving weekend) will be the date of our 18th Annual Dog Walk-Fundraiser.

With our glorious desert weather walkers will enjoy a very easy 2-mile walk around the grounds of the Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa, a continental breakfast, an amazing raffle and vendor booths.

Santa & Mrs. Claus will appear again this year because last year's holiday photos were the best we've ever had!



So mark your calendars for Saturday, November 24th 2018 for our 18th Annual Dog Walk-Fundraiser!

Volunteer Stories

Many of our readers have asked where our Volunteer Stories come from. Our volunteer teams visit their assigned facility each and every week and part of their commitment is to email into our office a weekly report, complete with their visitation story. Some day, these stories along with photographs will be turned into a book because the stories are heart-warming and the patients/clients we visit truly treasure their weekly visit.

(accompanying photos on opposite page)

The Fountains at the Carlotta—Gayle & “Toby” Audrey is the first person we met on our first Day at Carlotta. We have since seen her several times, and on a couple of visits we met her son and daughter-in-law. The daughter-in-law told me that Audrey has Alzheimer’s, and is very unhappy that she has to be at Carlotta. She is angry and often uncooperative with the staff, but she loves dogs. Today we went into her room, and she smiled and chatted some. When I asked her how she was feeling, she said, ‘better’. Then she added, “I always feel better when you two are here.”

The Lucy Curci Cancer Center & Brookdale--Rancho Mirage—Drew & “Maddie” Maddie did double duty today! After our visit to Luci Curci we ventured on to Brookdale. Maddie had a very busy visit in Memory Care. The majority of residents were all together for a music concert, and the guitar performer made Maddie part of the group! Rehab had a full gym today and Maddie loves “helping” the patients with their exercises. One Gentleman thoroughly enjoyed Maddie cuddling on his bed. As always Maddie’s lady friends in Assisted Living fussed over her Big Time! Good Visits today, and a very tired little dog was asleep in my car on the way back to the office.

Premier Health Care & Rehabilitation—Suze & “Dunkin” We made some new friends this week. A nice man with a broken knee that I could totally relate to having broken my own knee in 2006 (I’m still in denial about that.). We had a nice chat and he was so happy to have a puppy to pet. And with his fresh haircut, well, my boy was looking mighty dapper. Alamera has been fast asleep the last three weeks and so we haven’t seen her beautiful smile in a while. But I think she knows when we’ve been there anyway.

I couldn’t bring myself to go into Virginia’s room just yet as there is someone new in her bed. Dunkin made the same whining sounds he made last week as we neared Virginia’s room. He knows she’s not there any longer. I told him we’d go in and meet the new lady next week. It was a lovely day spent with some of our favorite people and some new friends.

As an aside, I posted about Virginia last week on Facebook and the best comment came from Quentin, a pastor whom I have known since the 7th grade. He said, “*You and Dunkin are compassionate souls. . . Walking someone to their deaths takes tremendous love and care. Thank you for your ministry of grace.*”

It’s what we do every week and I am so very fortunate to be a part of “**Paws & Hearts**”.

Lucy Curci Cancer Center—Sandie & “Bentley” A man who had finished his radiation therapy came to the center, asked the front desk which dog was there that day, and came back to thank us for doing what we do! It was very touching! There were fewer patients than normal, but, as always, everyone was very nice and appreciative. The staff came out to greet us as well. Love visiting here—Bentley does a good job of providing therapy to the clients awaiting their radiation treatments.

Our Mission Statement

“**Paws & Hearts**” is a leader in the field of Animal Assisted Therapy, (AAT) and it is our mission to enrich the lives of frail and special care cases that require the loving attention and affection that only a “four-legged” healer can provide.

Pet Bereavement Support Group at "Paws & Hearts"



We are here to help you get through this.....