

# **“Paws & Hearts”**

**Animal Assisted Therapy**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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I’ve just finished the Spring Newsletter, Karen has already corrected it and Valerie is just waiting to send it out and I am at work on the Summer issue. I’m guessing I will be pretty busy with the packing and the moving and want to get as much done ahead of time as possible. By the time this newsletter is sent to you all, we should be all settled in our new office in the Berger Foundation Building.

As we work to get more of the volunteer teams back on visits, our weekly Face Book stories will share the new volunteer reports. Hopefully this time when the teams are visiting, they will be able to stay on visits!

There is an article in this issue that is very special to me.....it is all about our first CPA and her husband, Tish and Jeff Gobble. I’ve talked about Tish in prior newsletters, but I wanted to share this update.

And in the Fall Newsletter (I’m always planning ahead I guess) I am going to rerun an article on the topic of planning for your companion pets if God-forbid something happens to us. This is such an important topic to talk about again, and for each of us to take to heart and really make all the plans needed *ahead of time* for our furry family.

Enjoy!

*Richard Waxman*

## **Upcoming Events to Put on Your Calendars!**

### ***Pet Bereavement Support Group***

#### ***Monthly Meetings***

***Second Wednesday of the month, 1 pm***

**22nd Annual Dog Walk/Fundraiser**

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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### ***“Terry’s” Views***

***(“Lucky”, “Scruffy”, “Maddie” & “Bingo” in thought)***

Here I am again a few months older and even more the ‘therapy-dog-in-training’ that Dad keeps telling me about! What can I say? I’m doomed to a career whether or not I want one!

In early April Dad once again put “Maddie’s” old bandanna on me (can’t we afford one with my name on it?) and he took me to a luncheon Rotary presentation. I heard the word luncheon and I was there.....why did we just go up to the podium to talk while the guests were eating? What about my lunch??

Again, I heard that almost 23-year-old story of P & H’s— pretty soon I’ll be able to bark this tale on my own, with no cue cards!

I have to say that the questions from the attendees were all excellent and the little video Dad showed of the Canine Ambassadors at work really demonstrated our amazing program. Okay, having a career as a therapy dog will be pretty cool.....as long as there are dog treats!

***“Terry” Waxman***

### Tish & Jeff Gobble

Bit of a special story to share with you all—you’ve heard me mention Tish Gobble the CPA who I give 100% credit to for turning my idea into a 501C3 Non-Profit by doing all the filing with Sacramento way back almost 24-years ago.

Tish was a local CPA, and Jeff was a financial planner when I first met them, and after P & H’s officially became “Paws & Hearts” Tish was our CPA, up until a year ago. For the first seven or eight years Tish and Jeff were local, and then they relocated to Colorado. It was always a treat to spend a bit of time with Tish after our yearly statement was completed those first few years. She’d offer insight and advice, and getting her opinion was always helpful.

Year after year Tish prepared our statement, did the filings with Sacramento and replied to any of those pesky forms non-profits get from the State of CA. A about a year and a half ago, Tish & Jeff sold their firm. Tish’s health is not quite up to allowing her to spend her days crunching numbers and preparing year-end statements.

However, she and Jeff are very much apart of P & H’s. It may not be in the professional way it started out as, but certainly as major donors and I guess you could say ‘advice givers!’ When we launched our Fall 2021 On-Line Donation drive it was Jeff who championed the idea and donated \$1,000.00. When I started to talk about relocating the office it was Jeff who provided advice and guidance and said, “Richard if there is anything Tish and I can do, don’t hesitate to ask!” Never ask a non-profit if there is anything you can do, they will always come back asking for a donation! I wanted a donation for the new office, but I wanted it to mean something for years to come.

I thought long and hard, and came up with what I had hoped wouldn’t sound too abrasive, I asked Jeff if he would consider making a donation in the amount of the first and last month’s rent on the new office. And in exchange for that I would have a plaque inscribed and hung right by the front door that reads, “First and month’s rent donated by Tish & Jeff Gobble.” Jeff and Tish loved the idea! So whenever you visit our new office you will see the plaque by the door and know the history behind it. This was our way of keeping them involved and making them a big part of the move. And listen, if Jeff wants to keep giving ‘free’ financial advice and the occasional donation, who am I to ever say no?!

*It was my great fortune to come into your Palm Springs office all those years ago!!!*



### Volunteer Stories

*At the time of this issue we had ‘a few’ volunteer teams making visits and were adding more as quickly as the facilities would take them. Here are just a couple of our recent Volunteer Reports.*

Sandie & “Shelby”—Special visits at home! Sandy was in the office the other day for a visit and she was telling me that every couple of weeks she has a women’s group meet at her home and how Shelby visits with each and every member of the group. I suggested that she was just performing her pet therapy visits the same as she did at the Cancer Center. I asked Sandie to put Shelby’s bandanna on and take a few pictures. The pictures say it all—*once a therapy dog, always a therapy dog!!* Happy to report that Shelby is now our **Canine Ambassador** at Vista Cove at Rancho Mirage.



Linda & “Chloe”—Bayshire, Rancho Mirage--Last Monday’s visit was great. Some of the patients have stuffed animals to keep them company so to have a real dog to hug that looks like the stuffed one makes them beyond happy. Sending pictures!



### 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 the frail and special care cases that require the loving attention and affection that only a ‘four-legged’ healer can provide.

We are officially in our new office in the Berger Foundation building at the corner of Cook & Merle!!!!



Packing and getting all moved in was a bit of a chore but all that is behind us and we couldn't be happier in this amazing office. Something about 'new' is quite lovely!

As I always say to all of our volunteers and donors, if you see my car out front, the door is always open, so please stop in to check out the new office!