

Pets for Life



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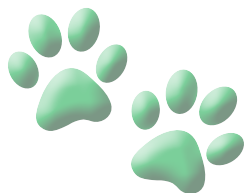
Celebrating our Amazing Volunteers!!!

Our annual Volunteer Pets for Life Appreciation Party was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Sylvester Powell Community Center in Mission, Kansas. The room was full of our wonderful volunteer teams, their families, and guests. There were gift bags for all volunteers and their pets.



Each pet received a special blessing from Sister Sue with Visitation Parish.

Hope Green and Ikey.



Volunteers enjoyed a Mexican Feast prepared by Plaza Caterers.

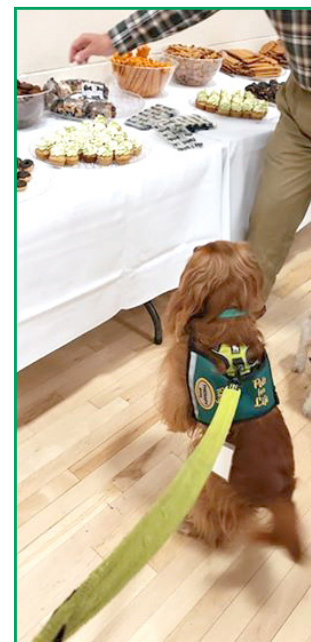
SEASONED GROUND BEEF AND CHICKEN
HARD AND SOFT TACO SHELLS
SOUR CREAM,
SHREDDED LETTUCE
CHEDDAR CHEESE
AND TOMATO
MEXICAN RICE
BLACK BEANS
HOUSE SALAD
CHURROS FOR DESSERT



Thank you to
Three Dog Bakery
for the amazing
"pet buffet!"



RRRRRibbs
Ciao WOW Pizza's
Fetch It! Cheese Sticks
Cold Nose Warm Heart Cookies
Carob Dipped Peanut Butter Beg-Als
BBQ Biscuits
Grain-Free Small Pupcakes



"Rory waiting for a small taste of heaven!"

Pets For Life, Inc. Advocacy Award

In September, 1984, Pets for Life, Inc. was created when Bill and Harriett Snyder filed the Articles of Incorporation with the Kansas Secretary of State in Topeka. Later that fall the Snyders started making limited visits with a handful of "volunteers." Today, Pets for Life has over 200 volunteer teams making approximately 110,000 contacts annually while visiting more than 185 facilities throughout the greater Kansas City Area.

As our organization entered its 35th year of existence, the Board of Directors felt it appropriate to create the "Pets for Life, Inc. Advocacy Award" to honor those who have displayed exemplary governance, financial support or volunteerism towards Pets for Life's mission. A plaque showing the honorees and their induction year, is permanently and proudly displayed in the main lobby of K.C. Veterinary Care's 7240 Wornall Road building, home of our headquarters since 1984.

This year the Pets for Life Advocacy Award recipient is John M. McGee.

John has been a dedicated volunteer with Pets for Life for 31 years. He has helped our organization in many ways. He has served as Treasurer of the Board of Directors since 1988 and manages all insurance matters for Pets for Life. He serves as the liaison between the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation regarding investment strategies. He is also the liaison between the Board of Directors and our bookkeeping analyst. John also trouble shoots locations for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings and manages monthly and quarter scheduling.



Donna Amato, Pets for Life President, said it best....."I think that I speak for the entire board when I say that John analyzes the information until we have the best possible outcomes. Nothing is decided without a great deal of thought and he backs up his decisions with hard data. John listens to other's suggestions and always gives them due consideration. We never doubt his recommendations. I don't know what we would do without him. In all, John is one of the greatest assets Pets for Life has. We are so lucky to have John McGee play such a large part in the success of Pets for Life."

We would all like to say,

"Thank you, John."

A Huge Thank You To.....

Plaza Catering

Three Dog Bakery

Heartland Coca-Cola

Vetriscience

**Steve Barrett
Master of Ceremonies**

**Barbara Ray
Photographer**

Thank you to our Master of Ceremonies, Steve Barrett.

Susan Erunkow and Steve Barrett

I'm Steve Barrett, a Board Certified Music Therapist. This past September I celebrated my 20th year working as a music therapist with clients from the age of 4 to over 100, who have every form of mental and physical disability! I've been a professional musician from the age of 14 and have done everything you can possibly do in the music industry. I'm a self employed music therapist now who works in 30 different facilities and have around 10 private clients.

I became aware of Pets for Life when I was working at Rainbow Mental Health Facility. When I left there to work at Marillac Center, I championed bringing PFL there (with a lot of resistance) and also got the READ program to come there too. During my time at Marillac, I met then president of PFL Joe Sanches. Joe asked me to be on the PFL Board of Directors, which I was honored to accept. I have always believed in the power of not only music as a therapy, but also animal therapy! I also co-led a horse therapy program for 8 years while at Marillac.

A few years ago, Donna Amato asked me to MC the Volunteer Appreciation Party as I've always been comfortable speaking in front of people. I thoroughly enjoy the event, love seeing all the wonderful pets and the volunteer/owners. I am extremely proud of the entire Pets for Life organization and hope to be associated with it for many years to come!!!



Service Awards



15 Year Service Award

Toni Hadel and Janice Young-Miller with Donna Amato, President.



10 Year Service Award

Alisa Perry with Donna Amato, President
Others not pictured: Cindy Cowherd and Camie Webb



5 Year Service Award

Ron Guthrie, Dave Miller and Kathleen Falconer with Donna Amato, President.
Others not pictured: Amy Kernan, Diane Yadrich, Mary Williams, Brenda Jones, Jan Dunham, Molly Dwyer, Al Mauro, Michelle Schroeder, Christine Johnson, Barry Johnson, Deborah Carr, and Kay Braudrick.

This year's Volunteer Appreciation Pet Party was organized and planned by the following people.....

Donna Amato
Judy Thomasson
Sharon Wilson
Cindy Cowherd
Jim Schope
Mary Buford
Joni Roeseler
Sharon Woodrum

Thank you for a GREAT afternoon!!!

REMEMBER....

Our annual luncheon is to celebrate YOU our wonderful volunteers. Do you have any suggestions to make our annual party even more successful? Would you like to be part of the planning committee? If so, just contact the office and let them know!



Remember our New email address is:
petsforlife@kcpetsforlife.com

Don't forget to like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Pets-for-Life-Inc. We post lots of fun PFL updates and trivia, and occasionally we have giveaways! Stay in the loop, join us on Facebook!



We are now on Instagram. Further information will be coming soon.



<http://www.kcpetsforlife.com>

Pets For Life, Inc., Executive Committee: Donna Amato, President; Judy Thomasson, Vice President; Marty Letourneau, Secretary; John McGee, Treasurer; Jack Sladkey, Joni Roeseler. Pets For Life Staff: Sharon Woodrum, Program Director; Mary Gorman Volunteer Coordinator.

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Party Time PICTURES



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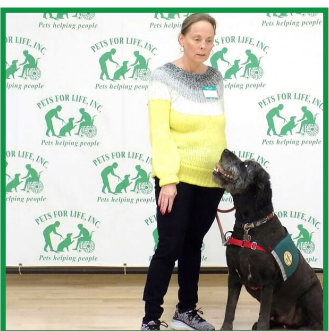
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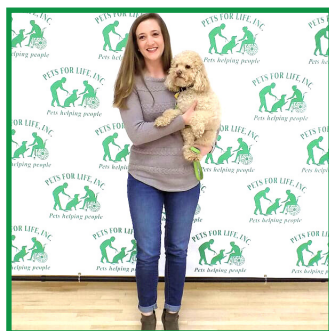
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1 Bob and Joan Sheverbush and Penny

2 Bob and Rita Reid with Bandit and Custard

3 Cheryl Bradley with Baxter

4 Carla Smith family with Trooper

5 Christine Evans with Murphy

6 Christina Alvarado with Walker

7 Cindy Deveau with Betty White

8 Dave Miller with Maddie

9 Deborah Carr with Eugene

10 Edwin Frownfelter with Rory

11 Jean Hanson with Abigail Rose and Clementine

12 Jim Schope with Bobby

13 Joanne Marieno with Sophie

14 Judy Steadman with Rosi

Party Time PICTURES



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- 15 Karen Fitzgerald with Calvin
- 16 Kathleen Falconer with Ozzy and friend
- 17 Kathy and Duane Brock with Ghost
- 18 Kathy Madsen with Marley
- 19 Mike and Marilyn Horsley with Abby
- 20 Nancy Kright with Rayven
- 21 Nancy Stifter with Packer
- 22 Oren and Kathy Swift with Bonnie
- 23 Rich Herz and Fran Lancaster with Otto
- 24 Ron Guthrie with Barley Bear
- 25 Sandy and Joan with Sophie
- 26 Sue Freshman with Daisy
- 27 Trish Moore with Alfie



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