DoveLewis Canine Therapy Teams

July 2024 Newsletter

PORTLAND AREA CANINE THERAPY TEAMS

Over 14,000 Volunteer Hours Serving Our Communities!

Previous Year: Over 12,000 Hours

A LOOK BACK ON THE YEAR

99

TOTAL TEAMS

27

CERTIFIED NEW TEAMS

37

RECERTIFIED TEAMS

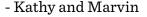
We ended our fiscal year on June 30, 2024, and I am excited to share what we have accomplished!

It is so inspiring because it reinforces what we all witness every day: our dogs bringing joy and helping our community in many ways! We have expanded our role in victim support, specialty courts, first responders, and the justice system in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties. We have teams supporting our youth at risk in courts, in detention, Read to the Dog programs, and in schools each week. Hospice and hospitals feel the impact of our teams who bring comfort with their sweet dogs. Our teams bring joy at the airport to travelers, TSA, airline employees, vendors, and PDX employees. PACTT teams support our communities every day of the week.

There is no doubt that all of you with your dogs make a difference to everyone you interact with. I am so proud of how far we have come. This is due to your professionalism, dedication, and love for your dogs. You

all have made this program so successful in your work supporting many on what may be their darkest day. You bring joy and happiness to thousands.

Each of you plays a part in the success of our program, bringing your own individuality and experiences to make each visit unique. We support and learn from each other with dedication, professionalism, and lots of humor! I look forward to another year with you serving our communities and finding new opportunities to share our amazing dogs!





What a Fun Day to Support PACTT!

The Golf Tournament was a great success this year, raising over \$56,000 for our program! Click Here to View All the Photos.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered for the PACTT Golf Tournament on Friday, July 26!

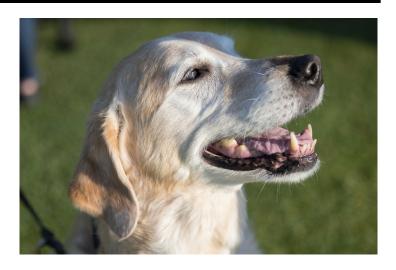
It was so nice to see not just the 30 PACTT teams out on the course, but also DoveLewis leadership, staff, and volunteers. Teams loved stationing at holes to cheer the golfers on with special attention to hole one where golfers got to snuggle with the dogs in their team photos. Such great shots by Matt and Molly! We also had volunteers from facilities PACTT visits out on the course!

I appreciate all the work Development and Marketing did to make this event so successful. A huge shout out to Ellie Lappico, Events Specialist, and Kara Griffey, Senior Development Officer, for their enthusiastic, positive determination to make this event a sellout and fun for everyone. We broke records in dollars raised due to their tenacity and focus. I look forward to what they do next year!

I am grateful for all of you!

-Kathy and Marvin



























Summertime Support

















DoveLewis Pet Loss Support Program

The loss of a pet can be devastating. For many, this is a loss not only of a beloved companion animal but of a best friend and cherished family member. We share our lives, dreams, homes, and affections with our companions. They touch our lives deeply and are deserving of our grief. Grieving a beloved pet is a natural and personal process that deserves expression and acknowledgment.

The DoveLewis Pet Loss Support Program offers free monthly support group meetings, providing a comforting space for reflection, sharing, listening, and healing at your own pace.



Upcoming Meetings

August

Thursday, August 1 from 12-1:30pm (In-Person Meeting) Thursday, August 8 from 6:30-8pm (Virtual Meeting) Thursday, August 15 from 5-6:30pm (Virtual Meeting) Monday, August 26 from 6:30-8pm (In-Person Meeting)

September

Thursday, September 5 from 12-1:30pm (In-Person Meeting) Thursday, September 12 from 6:30-8pm (Virtual Meeting) Monday, September 16 from 6:30-8pm (In-Person Meeting) Thursday, September 19 from 5-6:30pm (Virtual Meeting)

October

Thursday, October 3 from 12-1:30pm (In-Person Meeting) Thursday, October 10 from 6:30-8pm (Virtual Meeting) Thursday, October 17 from 5-6:30pm (Virtual Meeting) Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30-8pm (In-Person Meeting)





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Service of Remembrance

Sunday, September 8, 2024 | 4-5pm | Free Event First Presbyterian Church | 1200 SW Alder St

Join us for a special memorial service and ceremony to honor the memory of your beloved animal companions. The undeniable impact that animals have on our lives is everlasting, and the Service of Remembrance pays tribute to that deep connection. Enjoy words of comfort from DoveLewis staff, a personal message from a fellow pet owner, and live music. This service will be in-person.

Pets welcome in spirit only. This service is non-denominational and is open to any and all who wish to attend.



Click Here to Register



Additional Pet Loss Support Offerings

Grief deserves to be witnessed, and it needs expression. Sharing and giving voice to experiences of profound love and loss through our Pet Loss Support Groups is one way people may find that expression. And for some, it may serve them to find expression by memorializing their beloved companions creatively through art or writing.

Memorial Art Workshop: Saturday, August 17 from 1:00-2:30pm

Past projects have included memorial candles, picture frames, pendants, and flower pots.



Virtual Memorial Writing Workshop: Sunday, October 13 from 3-5pm

In partnership with Write Around Portland.

Provide Support for Fellow Animal Lovers

We are grateful for the contributions from generous donors who make it possible for the Pet Loss Support Program to offer its services to our community of loving families. If it serves you, we welcome you to donate in honor of your beloved companion and to continue to make this space available in the future.



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Virtual Caregiver Support Group

Caring for a beloved companion animal who has special needs or a life-limiting illness is an act of love and can come with challenges and frustrations. While we lovingly provide care to our cherished companions, it can also be a confusing, tiring, overwhelming, and isolating experience. The Caregiver Support Group is a space where people can connect to learn about topics relevant to caring for a companion, as well as yourself, and to find support in community with others.

Free Monthly Meetings on Zoom. Visit dovelewis.org/ events to register. Or scan the QR code.

Beaverton Police K9 First Aid

Dr. Sarah Tauber was featured on KATU discussing our work in training police K9 handlers on pet first aid while in the field with a special inclusion of photos of our teams helping out! Click Here to View Article





Blood Bank Recap 464
IN HOUSE
TRANSFUSIONS

222BLOOD
PRODUCTS SOLD

NUMBER OF DONATIONS



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Get Your Photos Ready!

Enter the DoveLewis Photo Contest to show off your best friends while supporting our blood bank! We want to see the summer activities your pets have been up to, whether it's a long nap in the sun or taking a splash in the river. Get ready to share your pet's best summer snapshots!

- Registration Opens August 4
- Voting Takes Place August 18 August 31





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