

DoveLewis
Canine Therapy Teams

PORTLAND AREA CANINE THERAPY TEAMS

**March 2025
Newsletter**

Canopy Wells Visit

“Thank you so much for coordinating the PACTT visit yesterday. Our staff absolutely loved it! One mental health counselor on our team said, ‘My day is definitely better now than it was when I walked in this room’ after spending about 20 minutes with Rocket.

Please also thank Kim and Miranda; they were so gracious in answering everyone’s questions and just as personable as the animals!”

- Anna at Canopy Wells



Presidio at Canopy Wells for Wellness Visit



Presidio Getting Comfy



Rocket Happy to Spread the Love



Wagging into Spring



Bonnie with Facility Dog at OHSU



Gershwin at Reading to the Dogs at Sherwood Library

Jen DeFrances taught the Class of 2025 in second, fourth and fifth grades.



Jen DeFrances reads to her two therapy dogs in the David Douglas High School Library. DeFrances works as a librarian now, but taught the Class of 2025 in elementary school.

Elizabeth Miller / OPB

Jen DeFrances, David Douglas Librarian, Reads to Elfie and Lady



Kappa and Bonnie at Their Visit to Home Forward



Meg Being Cuddled



Pippa at OHSU-PSU School of Health



Rosey at Washington County Court



Piccolo Taking a Break at Oak Hills



Rosey Sharing the Love

Message From Kathy

Hi Everyone,

I am back full-time! It has been quite a journey, and while I still have some healing to do, I am so happy to be able to move forward with all of you. It wasn't easy to just lie back and wait to heal. I am used to going in 10 different directions, and staying still was difficult. Marvin was the perfect therapy dog—he stretched out along my bedside every day with his head across my ankle. What would we do without these great dogs?

Many of you stepped in to help me in so many ways to keep everything on track. I never worried that we weren't still giving our best. Your dedication and professionalism make this program the gold standard that it is. I appreciate all the support, cards, DoorDash, and good wishes from you, DoveLewis, and our partners during the months I was on the injured list. It made a huge difference and lifted my spirits!

We weren't taking on new visits while I was out, but we now look forward to a full month in April of one-day events and new locations. We currently have 106

teams, with 56 recertifications this year. There are 6 prospective teams in training that should be able to test by the end of summer. We just added 4 new teams to our PDX group and will be out in a large group at PDX on April 30 for National Therapy Dog Day!

Thank you for all you do to make this program what it is. You and your dogs continually bring joy and comfort to so many! It is a special world we live in!

- Kathy and Marvin



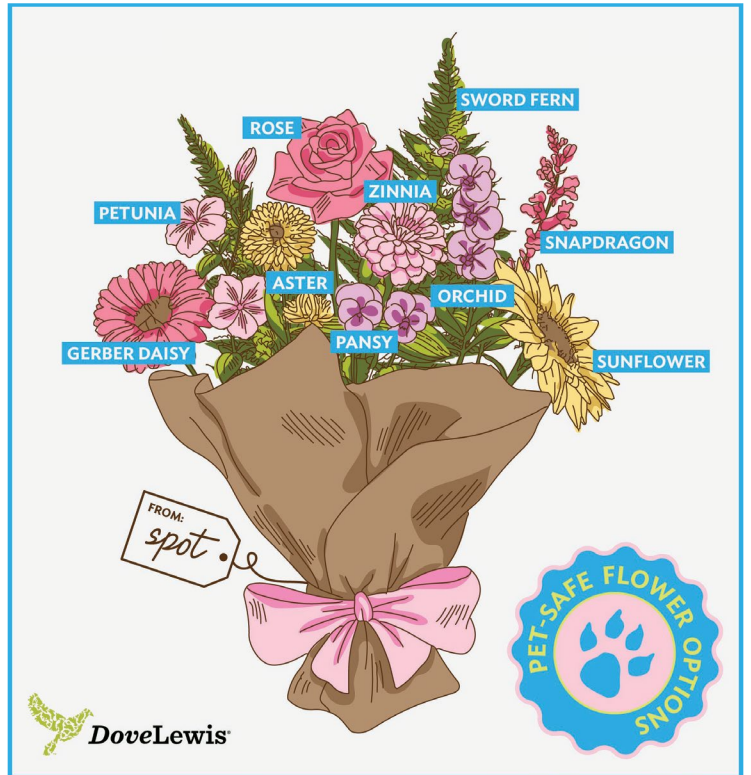
Hanna Andersson Corporate Visit



Spring is in the Air!

Spring is in the air, and flowers are blooming! While some, like roses and orchids, are pet-friendly, others like lilies can be dangerous. Before planting or picking out a bouquet, take a moment to check which flowers are safe for your pets.

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