

THE DisPPatch

DENVER PET PARTNERS



August

2015

Team of the Month

Congratulations to Guy & Susan Wroble and Hathaway!

Hathaway joined our family when she was eight weeks old and a tiny ball of soft fur. As volunteer puppy raisers for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) she had been sent to us to be fostered until she was ready for advanced training. Her life's path had already been penciled in. She was supposed to spend 16 months with us, attend "Puppy College" and then go on to be an assistance dog for a person with mobility issues.



But life has a way of changing plans. Shortly after Hathaway arrived, Guy was diagnosed with cancer and Hathaway became his therapy companion. During chemo induced afternoon naps Guy would fall asleep on the couch with his hand resting on Hathaway. When he awoke hours later, she would still be there. They developed a deep and profound attachment to each other.

Read more of this touching story [here](#) or email [Guy, Susan, and Hathaway](#).

Board Update

So often you hear me talk about our hard-working Board of Directors. A move to a strong Board Chair and active working board is direction initiated by Diana McQuarrie to enhance Denver Pet Partner's long-term viability. In essence it creates a staff and the capability to do much more than any single



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Volunteers Needed for DPP Holiday Party

Our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, at a beautiful new location in Golden. This party can't happen without your help! We need volunteers for the committee to make this happen.



Please contact [Mandy Bell](#) if you have any questions or are interested in joining the committee.

Save the Date

August 22: Whole Foods Market - Glendale

September 12: DPP Team Meeting w/ Guest Speaker, David Haworth, CEO of Morris Animal Foundation

person could alone.



The system of “Operational” Directors provides added dimension to the traditional board roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer — Many of you already know Marla Yetka, our Director of Marketing. Marla’s efforts result in more public awareness of DPP in the media and community. Thanks to the relationship she’s developed with Whole Foods we’ve attracted new member teams and new financial resources. Director of Programs, Susan Horecki, is the link to our clients, building strong relationships and monitoring satisfaction. Melissa Schreiber, our Director of Social Media, launched and maintains our Facebook page, among other things, gaining over 1,500 “likes” in just over one year. Long-time DPP member Mandy Bell is our new Director of Development, setting our fundraising and grant strategy to assure we have financial resources to meet our mission. Our new Director of Membership, Lisa Jonas, will be reaching out to you, our members, to be sure you have everything you need to serve.

As Board Chair, my job is to act as CEO, bringing focus to all our activities and assuring that we’re working within our strategic plan objectives. I will also be working more closely with our Advisory Committee, and in outreach and partnership building.

I’ll be talking more specifically about all our initiatives in upcoming newsletters. Know that each of us is always available by email or phone to respond to your thoughts and questions. It’s always good to hear from you.

Thanks for all you do!
Carol Lynn Tiegs

Save-the-Date: Next Team Meeting - Saturday, Sept. 12

Please save the date for Denver Pet Partners' next Team Meeting on Saturday, September 12th, 10am-12pm, at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, CO. Family, friends, and registered Pet Partner therapy animals are welcome to attend this special presentation from **David Haworth, CEO**, of the **Morris Animal Foundation (MAF)**. MAF is a Denver-based nonprofit organization that invests in science that advances the health and well-being of companion and wild animals around the world.

A formal Evite will be sent out soon!

For more information on the **Morris Animal Foundation**, David Haworth or their Golden Retriever Lifetime Study please

October 3: [Handler Training Course](#)

October 17-18: [Team Evaluations](#)

December 5: DPP Member Appreciation & Holiday Party

Melissa Schreiber & Marley on ABC's The View



Marley got an amazing opportunity to head to New York City this week to represent Denver Pet Partners. He won a contest to participate in The View’s 7th Annual Mutt Show. Marley and 3 other dogs were chosen out of thousands of applicants as one of the country’s cutest mutts. It was a crazy 24 hours that included a hotel stay in the heart of Times Square, some tourist shopping, and an appearance on national TV. During his experience, Marley got the opportunity to meet Whoopi Goldberg and the rest of the ladies of The View in addition to Lance Bass and Jill Rappaport. It was a great trip that won’t soon be forgotten.

The show airs Friday, July 31 (TODAY) on ABC at 10:00 a.m. on Denver's Channel 7. If you miss it, visit us on [Facebook](#) and we will post a link to the segment as soon as it is available.

visit their website [here](#) or on [Facebook](#).



David Haworth, DVM, PhD, joined Morris Animal Foundation as its president and CEO in 2011. David has a diversity of experiences that include corporate partnership development, veterinary research, nonprofit

oversight and clinical practice. He was the director of global alliances for Pfizer Animal Health from 2008 to 2011 and held various other positions with the organization, including director of clinical development at Pfizer Veterinary Medicine Research & Development, now known as Zoetis from 2000 to 2008. While at Pfizer he was also on the board of directors for the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Prior to that, he was an associate veterinarian at a small animal and emergency clinic in Washington State. David received his bachelor of science in biology from the College of William & Mary and his doctor of veterinary medicine and doctorate of philosophy from Colorado State University. He also completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Colorado State University's Animal Cancer Center. He and his wife, Claudia, have two children, Connor and Alaina, and a Labrador, Bella and a Golden Retriever named Bridger.

Check out **Morris Animal Foundation's** newsletter [here](#).

Congratulations to DPP's Newest Licensed Pet Partners Instructor



Linda Forsyth recently completed the online training course to be a licensed instructor for Pet Partners and will work with long-time member and volunteer **Ann Rosenwasser** to provide Pet Partners Handler Workshops for people interested in becoming Animal-Assisted Intervention volunteers. It is required that instructor applicants have experience visiting in a minimum of 2 settings, interact with various age groups, and have accumulated a minimum of 100 hours in the last 2 years.

If you are considering filling this important role, you will be asked why. Here is Linda's reply:

When I first began this journey with Pet Partners, I had no idea

WHOLE FOODS MARKET

Saturday, August 22 11AM-3PM

The Whole Foods Market in Glendale - Colorado Blvd @ Exposition (next to Home Depot) is supporting Denver Pet Partners through their reusable bag credit program from now until mid-September. To show our support and spread the word about animal-assisted interventions and the benefits of the human-animal bond, DPP canine teams will be at the store with our new mini therapy horse team, Pamela & "Duke", to meet and greet guests on Saturday, August 22 from 11AM-3PM. Stop by and say hello!



Welcome New DPP Members & Teams



how much this volunteer work would impact my life. It has brought so much joy to me personally, the people I visit, and also to my sweet golden retrievers, Toby and Kenzie. It has helped me understand and relate to people of all races and cultures in all types of medical/educational settings. With Kenzie, I was fortunate to witness first hand the healing effects of AAI activities in Acute Rehab.

I have also learned how to watch for stress signs in my dogs, and have become a better observer of people – their wants and needs. I've learned to be more alert to, and to respect people's boundaries. Not all will benefit from AAI or even be comfortable with my dog. Additionally, I have spoken to community groups, college classes and other volunteer groups about the history and the work of Delta Society/Pet Partners. Along with Pet Partner protocols and procedures, these are some of the many experiences I hope to share as a Pet Partner Instructor.

*Someone opened the door for me to this important work, and I hope I will be able to do that for others. Thank you.
Linda Forsyth*

DPP Logo Vest

A new purple DPP vest is now available if you choose to order one. The basic design with DPP logo on middle panel is \$24.80 + \$5.00 for shipping.

You will have the option to add zipper pockets and/or embroider your animal's name on one or both side pockets if you wish. Pockets are sewed on after the embroidery so they are fully usable if you decide to add your animal's name. You can also specify that your animal's name to be smaller than shown in the example below if you would like space to add patches, etc. The vests are all made custom, to order. If you have a CAT, please specify so your vest will read "Registered Therapy Cat" under DPP logo.

Order Form Instructions [here](#) (must be logged in) or visit DPP website, Member Documents under "more".

If you have any questions, or would like help over the phone, please contact our supplier, Curtis at Raspberry Field: 503-661-2284 or email curtis@raspberryyfield.com.



1st Row (L-R): Arne & Bentley; Greg & Colby; Karen & Colby
2nd Row (L-R): Naomi & Taffy; Everett & Annie; Maggie & Figaro
3rd Row (L-R): Nanette & Louie; Francie & Roscoe; Julie & Ollie

DPP At Englewood Library

On July 16, Denver Pet Partners teams had an opportunity to teach children and parents about the human-animal bond and animal-assisted therapy. As part of the library's summer reading program theme, "Every Hero Has A Story", DPP told stories about our Pet Heroes and also promoted the Paws to Read program at the library.



Mary Henceman & Oscar, Marla Yetka & Snickers, Susan Paller & Bluberry, Susan Horecki & Lucy, Maryann Vogt & Fern

In AAI News

A recently introduced bill in the U.S. House of Representatives proposes to create a pilot program to assess the effectiveness of addressing post-deployment mental health and post-traumatic stress symptoms through a therapeutic medium of



Snickers and Fern modeling our new DPP vests in Large and Extra Small.

TRAINING

**ZOOM
ROOM**



Even the most seasoned teams can benefit from ongoing training and working with your partner to sharpen skills is a fun way to bond.

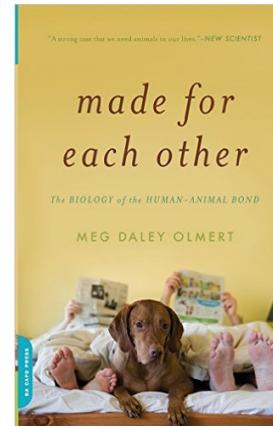
The [Zoom Room Denver](#) is a great place to work with distractions. They offer 10% off any group training for new members that mention DPP.

If you need a little one-on-one, DPP Advisory Counsel Member,

training service dogs for veterans with disabilities. Read more [here](#).

Book Recommendation

Made for Each Other: The Biology of the Human-Animal Bond by Meg Daley Olmert
Order from Amazon Smile [here](#).



Your Newsletter

What would you like to see in upcoming newsletters? Do you have a relevant news article, personal experience, or photo to share? We want your feedback to make this the best that it can be.

We appreciate the feedback that we have already received. Please continue to send your comments, stories, pictures, etc. to Angelina: newsletter@denverpetpartners.org.

Contact Information

Not sure who to contact when you need help? Email info@denverpetpartners.org anytime and your message will be forwarded appropriately for response. Please allow 24-48 hours for reply.

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Melissa Smith has over 25 years of dog behavior/training experience. She takes a positive, relationship based training approach to help owners and their dogs be successful at achieving personal goals. She is an AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator and is well versed in helping anyone prepare for a DPP Team Evaluation or improving your existing skills. She can be reached at 707-695-0007 or www.forwardk9.com.

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