

THE DisPPatch

DENVER PET PARTNERS



March 2016

Team of the Month

Congratulations to Joan Myers and Cloud!



My name was called and an 8-week old puppy named Cloud was placed in my arms. The “Guide Dogs For The Blind” Puppy Truck had come from the San Rafael, California Campus to pass out new puppies to the awaiting Puppy Raisers in Colorado. This little butterball of yellow fur melted my heart at first sight. Cloud proved to be a joyful little sweetheart and learned quickly

and willingly all the important things a Guide Dog Puppy needs to know. It is important for Guide Dog puppies to be socialized, which means they get to go everywhere you go in their little green coats. When Cloud was four months old my father had a severe brain injury from a fall and was in St. Anthony’s ICU for a month after brain surgery. He was paralyzed on one side and in a semi-coma. Cloud and I would visit every day and he gradually started waking up. One day I placed Cloud next to him in his bed. She gave him a lick on his face and all of a sudden he raised his arm that had been so still to pet her. They became fast friends from that day on. Cloud was there encouraging grandpa in rehab and would walk by his side next to his walker. All she had to do was walk in his room and his face would light up.

Read the full story [here](#).

March 12th Team Meeting

What: Team Meeting on Saturday, March 12th

Where: Swedish Medical Center, 501 East Hampden 80113

New In This Issue

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- Celebration Book
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From Our Chair

I want to send out some special thanks this month to some of the many people who help make Denver Pet Partners such an outstanding organization.



For the first time, I volunteered to help with evaluations. Thanks to the evaluation team of the day – **Linda Forsyth**, **Alyce Blevins**, and **Patty Standley**, and to **Sandy Langley**, who coordinates the effort – for educating me on the behind-the-scenes of evaluations and for their dedication to make it a meaningful experience for evaluating teams. I really encourage everyone to volunteer to be part of the crowd for an evaluation session, especially if you and your team-mate are coming up for recertification. It's a wonderful reminder of the

Second floor in Pine Rooms
When: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Guest speaker, Adam Clark, will kick-off our quarterly team meeting. **Adam Clark**, LSW, AASW is a Licensed Social Work graduate from the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work in which he specialized in receiving his Animal-Assisted Social Work Certification.

Adam found himself focusing on pet loss and bereavement during his tenure at the Colorado State Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Argus Institute, as a Clinical Counselor.

Adam has since moved into the realm of human hospice as a Medical Social Worker at Suncrest Hospice in Denver, Colorado, to continue his growth and learning of the bereavement process. He is also the founder of Love Loss & Transition, LLC., his private counseling and consulting practice, whose focus is on reducing the cultural stigma associated with pet loss, supporting pet owners, and educating professionals.

More information on Adam and his current projects can be found at www.lovelosstransition.com or <https://www.psychologytoday.com/experts/adam-clark>.



Celebration Book for DPP's 15th Anniversary

Following are initial thoughts about a book to celebrate the DPP's 15th Anniversary, to be completed by Ken McQuarrie and Arne Ray in collaboration with DPP's board, funded by Elizabeth Ray's Memorial Fund, to be ready for DPP's 15th anniversary celebration in October.

The concept is for an informal (non-technical) publication with 24 to 40ish pages, including a short history of animal assisted therapy, history of DPP, anecdotal stories of AAT & AAA, and a page each honoring Betty Ray and Diana McQuarrie. The primary target markets are DPP members, DPP clients, prospective DPP members and clients, and the donors to Betty's memorial fund.

We will likely use blurb.com for the formatting and publication of the book, using available content and photos as well as additional anecdotal stories, photos and drawing contributions from DPP members. Initial production costs will be minimal and it will be possible to order a single copy or multiple copies at a time at

skills you need.

A special thanks to **Marcia Hanes** and **Nanette Shelley** for joining me on the planning team for the celebration of Denver Pet Partner's 15th anniversary this fall. Remember to send in your ideas for the event.

Olivia Simon, the daughter of DPP member Erika Simon, celebrated her eighth birthday by raising \$148.00 in contributions to Denver Pet Partners. Awesome work, Olivia!

Mandy Bell, our membership chair, is going the extra mile again, coordinating another Holiday Paws at Denver International Airport on April 1-3. Mandy coordinated the December Holiday Paws event that raised \$3,000 for Denver Pet Partners. Thanks to all of you who made that winter event possible, and to all of you who will be helping at DIA in April. It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase and fundraise for DPP and to calm and cheer busy travelers.

Arne Ray and **Ken McQuarrie** are teaming up to produce a commemorative book that will honor DPP's 15 years of service; Diana McQuarrie, our emeritus executive director and leader through those challenging and exciting years; and Arne's wife Betty, who, with their dear dog Bailey, was a tireless worker for DPP. Thank you, Arne and Ken, for what will be a major undertaking, and to you, Arne, for creating the Betty Ray Memorial Fund that will make it happen. Arne and Ken would welcome other volunteers to join them.

All of you do so much for DPP. Thanks to you all, and I look forward to telling more of your stories.

Carol Lynn

This Tuesday! 6:30PM DU Learning Event



approximately \$10 per copy. Immediate requests are for ideas to help make this a unique and engaging celebration of DPP, Elizabeth Ray and Diana McQuarrie.

We would also appreciate offers for editorial and/or graphic expertise to support this project. Ken and Arne expect to request specific anecdotal AAA and AAT stories and photos in the near future (but will welcome any now if you feel motivated). There will necessarily be editorial decisions about content.

Please forward to arnoldray@earthlink.net

List Grant Scholarship Program

DPP was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the List Family Foundation. This grant will establish scholarships for workshop training, cost of joining DPP and a DPP vest for prospective teams. Scholarships would be contingent upon the trainee joining Denver Pet Partners and serving in a client facility for at least two years following completion of the required certification steps.

A portion of the grant will also provide scholarship assistance for experienced, qualified Pet Partner certified handlers to train and volunteer as Pet Partner Evaluators. If you know of someone who would benefit from scholarship help, please share this information.

Please let me know if there are questions or if I can send an application to someone.

Thanks!

[Linda Forsyth](#)
[Carol Lynn Tiegs](#)

Congratulations Rose!

6-Central awarded the **Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) 2015 Medical-Surgical Unit of Distinction**. The Medical-Surgical Unit of Distinction represents the top performing Medical-Surgical Departments within HCA which display exemplary performance in Leadership, Professional Practice and Operations. The award recognizes that it takes a mature performing team of clinical staff that demonstrates a commitment to professional development, positive patient outcomes and adaptation of efficient practices to achieve high performing results. According to Carolyn Melek, RN BSN, Nurse Manager on 6 Central, "having Denver Pet Partners' therapy dogs visiting 6C is a part of taking care of the whole patient and meeting not just physical needs but also the emotional and spiritual needs of our patients".



Please join us for our next collaborative learning session on the DU campus. Our topic is "**Creating a Welfare-Focused Environment for Therapy Animals in Handling and Practice**"

Agenda to include an open discussion on ethics in animal-assisted interventions and specific techniques to help us identify and evaluate stress in our animals. Special guests will be sharing their expertise with us as well.

Space is limited to DPP members and invited guests. Registered Pet Partner therapy animals are welcome and encouraged to attend. For questions, please contact [Marla Yetka](#).

RSVP [here](#).

DPP Logo-Wear Store Now Open!

We have a large selection of shirts, caps, totes, outerwear, and more. Place your orders directly through Lands' End Business Outfitters [here](#). Items will be shipped directly to you at the best prices available. *Please note that DPP does not receive any proceeds from this merchandise.* Contact [Marla Yetka](#) with questions.



LANDS' END

Additionally, if you haven't ordered your partner a new DPP vest yet, you can still order anytime through our vendor Raspberry Fields, by clicking [here](#) for the order form. Contact [Marla Yetka](#) for more information.

Thank you to these amazing teams for their support on 6-Central:

Anne Przybyla & Molly
Teri Fotheringham & Rhett
Mary Henemann & Oscar
Lynn Exum & Magnum
Del Smith & Scout
Laurie Schmidt & Brock
Angelina Nicol & Bella
Marla Yetka & Snickers
Susan Horecki & Lucy



Upcoming De-Stress Events

March 8th: University of Denver
Anderson Academic Commons
Contact: [Marla Yetka](#)

March 17th: Regis University
3333 Regis Blvd. Denver 80221
Contact: [Sandy Langley](#)

April 25th: Community College of Aurora/Lowry

Save the Date

March 1: DU/IHAC Learning Event

6:30pm to 8:30pm at DU

March 2: NEA "Read Across America" Event in Colorado Springs - contact [Susan](#)

March 12 (Saturday): Team Meeting
10am to 12pm at Swedish

April 1-3: DIA Holiday Paws for Spring Break Details TBD. Shift times are not available yet, but will be emailed soon.

May 12-13: IHAC Practitioner's Conference at DU

May 14 (Saturday): Team Meeting
10am to 12pm at Swedish

August 26 (Friday): Team Meeting
6:30pm to 8:30pm at Rose

October (Date TBD): 15th Anniversary & Member Appreciation Party

Courses & Evaluations

March 19: [Handler Workshop](#)

April 2 & 3: [Team Evaluations](#)

July 23: [Handler Workshop](#)

August 6 & 7: [Team Evaluations](#)

October 22: [Handler Workshop](#)

November 5 & 6: [Team Evaluations](#)

Interested in Being an Evaluator?

Have you ever considered being an evaluator? Or you know someone that would like to be? National Pet Partner's is sending an instructor to Denver in June to teach a practicum for future evaluators. We are thrilled to be the host of this

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| | 710 Alton Way, Denver 80230 Contact: Angelina Nicol |
| April 26th: | Community College of Aurora/Centretech 1600 E. Centretech Pkwy., Denver 80011 Contact: Angelina Nicol |
| May 4th: | Arapahoe Community College 5900 S. Santa Fe Dr., Littleton 80120 Contact: Susan Horecki |
| May 10th: | Red Rocks Community College 13300 W. 6th Ave., Lakewood 80228 Contact: Susan Horecki |

IHAC Conference

DPP Bronze Sponsor of "Animals On The Mind" Practitioners Conference

The Institute for Human-Animal Connection at the University of Denver has extended a significantly reduced registration rate to all Denver Pet Partners members in appreciation for our ongoing support and mutually beneficial partnership.

You will see our Denver Pet Partners discount listed under “Registration Categories”. More details will follow as additional guest speakers are announced. Register [here!](#)



We are excited to be the host of this practicum. If you have any interest in being an evaluator, please let me know. I would be happy to send you the Pet Partner Prerequisites, or some more information. Please contact Mandy Bell by [email](#) or 303-523-2355.

Denver Pet Partner Photo Sharing

We now have a Flickr site! It is a photo sharing site. Once you are on the site you can "follow" DPP. When you see us taking photos and have a release for the pictures we have a site to upload the photos. Once they are on Flickr they are yours to enjoy. This site is useful if we have lots of photos. Here is the [link](#) to get you started DPP Photos. Please check it out and support your fellow teams. If you have any questions about the photos or can not access them, please contact [Mandy](#).





As a Bronze Sponsor, DPP will be represented on all marketing materials prior to and at the conference itself. In addition, we will have the opportunity for a table display during the event which will allow us to spread the word about the amazing work we are doing in the field of Human-Animal Interactions in Colorado. We'll be looking for volunteers to "staff" this table in two-hour shifts throughout the conference. Please contact [Marla Yetka](#) if you are interested in volunteering with our without your animal partner.

In AAI News

Horses Can Read Your Emotions

According to this study, you can add horses to the short list of animals that can tell if you're happy or angry (which currently includes only dogs). To test this, the authors showed horses photos of either happy or angry faces and tracked whether the horses looked to the left or right - apparently, looking left tends to be associated with negative stimuli.

Read more [here](#).

Facility Spotlight

Hospitals Prescribe AAI-DPP Supported Programs

The number of short or long term acute care hospitals that DPP members serve is difficult to account for, but let's say that the number is more than 10 at any given time. Many of these facilities run their own AAI programs and have a variety of qualifications and requirements while others rely upon DPP to manage Teams and criteria. When a hospital calls upon DPP to manage their program, it is for many reasons. Some of these are:

- Quality of Teams: Uniformly trained Handlers, renewal requirements, and support unique to AAI volunteers helps to ensure that Teams are qualified on an ongoing.
- Accountability in a Program: Teams that are accountable one



All Metro-Denver WFM locations are participating in the **Change-Creates-Change Bag Donation Program**, which is happening now until **April 10**. Bring your reusable bags to any of the following locations when you shop and 10c per bag will benefit DPP. We will have DPP Teams at the following locations to help spread the word about Denver Pet Partners and Animal-Assisted Interventions. Stop by and say hello.

***We will be looking for teams to volunteer at in-store events at **Glendale-Colorado Blvd.** and **Capitol Hill** locations March-April. Dates will be announced shortly.

2016 Membership Renewals

2016 promises to be another great year for DPP and we hope you will continue to join us. If you haven't already, please use this link to renew your membership [online](#) OR if you prefer to print and mail, use [this form](#).

Note: if you joined DPP after October 1, 2015, you do not need to complete a 2016 application and your membership fee is good through December 31, 2016.

If you have any questions, regarding the membership form, please contact [Mandy Bell](#).

Your Newsletter

to another (they know each other) and to an organization (handlers are a part of a support system) at large through things such as a Code of Ethics and Mission Statement, tend to be more committed to the program in which they volunteer.

- Schedule Management & Recruiting: When a third party like DPP manages AAI volunteers and has new ones attracted to this specific type of volunteerism, the institution is able to be more productive in other areas and generally have a sustainable program.

Right now, DPP has 4 programs that are managed and need teams:

University of Colorado Hospital (UCH)
12605 E 16th Ave, Aurora 80045

The Medical Center of Aurora (TMCA)
1501 S Potomac St, Aurora 80012

Swedish Medical Center (SMC)
501 E Hampden Ave, Englewood 80113

Rose Medical Center (RMC)
4567 E 9th Ave, Denver, CO 80220

Note that every hour our members volunteer, no matter the location, is important and including those which are not managed by DPP! We know that handlers consider a number of things when choosing a location in which to serve. These are usually things like proximity to the facility, hours that are convenient to one's other commitments, and personal connections or interests.

To the degree we are able, DPP would like to honor the confidence our partners have shown in us by continuing to support these 4 primary relationships whenever we can.

For those who have never served with your partner in a hospital environment, know that you will be appreciated by clients/patients, their families, and staff in immeasurable ways each and every visit. Also know that within each hospital, there may be a variety of care being provided. As such, there will be opportunities to comfort and support a range of people and conditions (family waiting rooms/recovery from non-life threatening illnesses/surgeries/the critically ill). It is the responsibility of DPP to help you find the right fit for you and your partner through conversation and shadow opportunities... and we will!

Please take a few moments to consider your current interests and also to mapquest these locations. You may just find that they are convenient to you!

What would you like to share with fellow DPP members? We are always looking for relevant news articles, personal experiences or photos.

Submit to 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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