



Short Paws

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*Have a
Safe and
Happy
Holiday
Season*

President's Corner

It's hard to believe that yet another year is coming to a close. On behalf of the board, I want to thank all of you for your visits during this past year, for sharing your pets with those in need. The time you spent meant the world to them! We also extend our sympathy to those of you who lost a pet during this past year.

We have been able to add new sites, thanks to those of you who have volunteered to serve as a team captain. We have more sites requesting our services, and will offer another captain orientation session in the spring (date yet to be determined). This session isn't necessary to be a captain though – so if you are interested, please contact our admin Loree McQueen (admin@furryfriends.org) and she can provide information about the sites.

The Reading Buddies program has added several new sites, with more to come. An additional evaluation session is required for this program. The next one will be March 27, 2011, so watch your email for more information.

From the board to each and every one of you:

WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

IT IS TIME TO RENEW-

Furry Friends

Pet Assisted Therapy Services

Our mission is to consistently facilitate delivery of the love and affection of our volunteers and their pets. We enhance the lives and touch the hearts of people with special needs.

Furry Friends

Pet Assisted Therapy Services

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All memberships are due
December 1, 2010.

Individual \$40.00

Family \$60.00

When the renewal is received,
you will be sent a new badge
showing the new date.

Dates to Remember for 2011

Reading Buddies Classes:

March 27

May 22

August 28

November 28

Tricks Classes:

April 10

October 23

Los Gatos Holiday Parade

Furry Friends is participating again this year in the Los Gatos Holiday Parade, on Saturday December 4. Those of you who have participated in the past know what a fun event this is to do! The parade itself starts at 11am, although we need to be in line an hour before that.

Each entry in the parade must have a Christmas or holiday theme in order to participate, and we do that by wearing Furry Friends holiday sweatshirts. If you have one from the past couple of years, you're all set. If not, you can order one and we'll bring it to the parade. Cost is \$20, and we have adult sizes only.

If you're interested in participating, please email anne@furryfriends.org. Details will be sent out closer to the event. Also let me know if you need a sweatshirt, and what size. If you need a sweatshirt, I need your name and size information no later than November 17 so we can get the order in.

Holiday Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble

Furry Friends has an opportunity again this year to raise money for our organization by staffing the gift wrapping table at the We wrap gifts purchased by B&N shoppers, and (hopefully!), the shoppers drop a donation in our jar. All money donated goes directly to Furry Friends.

Volunteers (human only, no pets) are still needed for the following times:

Barnes & Noble store at 5353 Almaden Expressway in San Jose.

Sunday 11/28

9am -11am (1 volunteer needed)

Saturday 12/18

1pm – 3pm (2 volunteers needed)

3pm – 5pm (1 volunteer needed)

Sunday 12/19

9am – 11am (2 volunteers needed)

If you can spend a couple of hours during the busy holiday season to help your fellow shoppers (and Furry Friends), please let me know – reply to anne@furryfriends.org, or call 408-497-8722

We will also be wrapping at the **Barnes & Noble ,Hillsdale Shopping Center, 11 West Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo**

Friday 12/17 from 10am – 2pm

Tuesday 12/21 from 2pm – 6pm.

To sign up for the Hillsdale store, please contact Julie Bonomo, jbonomo@sbcglobal.net.

**The 2011 Furry Friends
Calendar is HERE.**

**If you sent a picture before
Oct 31st, your pet's picture
should be in the calendar.**

**Cost is \$20.00 each including
shipping. You can pay online
with paypal or send your**

check to PATS, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

Next issue we will be asking for pictures for the 2012 Calendar.

Thank you to all who sent pictures for this year's calendar.



Does Furry Friends Have Your Correct E-mail Address?

If in DOUBT....

Send an email to : admin@furryfriends.org

Send your name and your current e-mail address

Remember PATS, Furry Friends at the holidays for tax

deductable donations. We only do a few small fundraisers a year and depend on membership dues and donations to run successfully as we do. Currently we need to buy 15 more cameras for teams (cost is between \$100 and \$250 per camera depending on which camera is best for the team) and film is about \$10 a pack. A donation to buy some of these items would be greatly appreciated. General donations and matching funds donations are also helpful.

Thank you in advance for donations.

Wanted: Team Captain

Do you have 10 extra minutes a month? Do you like working with people?

Do you love knowing that you made a difference to people who need to share the warmth of your animal?

If so, you are the ideal team captain we're looking for.

Furry Friends is getting requests from new facilities all of the time, from counties we serve. We have to turn away many of these great sites because we don't have enough volunteers willing to be a team captain. We have put together a great training program, mentoring help and co-captain groups to help facilitate new captains. Plus, you get to determine the date and time of your visit, how many animals and species for your team.

So join the elite group of volunteer captains today.

Contact us at admin@furryfriends.org and put your name down for our next training class. Believe me, you won't regret it for a moment.

Furry Friends is on FACEBOOK!

If you have a Facebook account, you can find Furry Friends as a group by searching for Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services. Furry Friends is also listed as a Cause Too! You will need the "Causes" app installed on your account. To find Furry Friends, open up the Causes app and search for Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services. Yes, we are in the digital age!

Welcome NEW members



Nancy Foster Jacobs and Madeleine

Diane Hoernicke (vol) and Casey

Darole Difilippi and Alan Parlee and Jessie

Dincy Davis and Scout

Bonita Tseng and Spencer Tseng and Max

Kelly Clarke and Jack

Karen Ng and Buffy

Jan Bringer and Henry

Constance McKee and Gracie

Membership Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ email: _____

Individual \$40 _____ Family : \$60 _____

Send payment to:

or go to our website and pay using PayPal

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<http://www.furryfriends.org/memberRenewal.html>

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