



Furry Friends
Pet Assisted Therapy Services

Short Paws

The Official Newsletter of Furry Friends P.A.T.S.

Fall 2014

First Dog to Earn AKC Therapy Dog Excellent Title

She's a High-in-Trial obedience dog who has been called a 'firecracker' in the obedience ring, but Ann Begun's "Jamie Lynn" completely changes her demeanor when she's doing therapy work.

It's Jamie Lynn's success as a therapy dog that resulted in her being the first recipient of the AKC Therapy Dog Excellent title (THDX). For this new title, started on July 1, 2014, dogs and their owners must have completed at least 200 therapy visits. THDX comes with a certificate and beautiful silver medal to formally recognize this level of achievement.

Registered through Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy (San Jose, CA), Jamie Lynn (who is now formally known as "Shimmy Shimmy Ko Ko Pup UD VER RE NAP NJP THDX") has spent about 4 years visiting seniors and children who read to her. The ages of the people this remarkable dog has visited range from 6 months to 105 years old.



Jamie Lynn has acted as an ambassador for the Hospice of the Valley's Pet Companion program at many events. On behalf of the AKC Therapy Dog program, congratulations and thank you, Ann and Jamie Lynn.



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**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.

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Thank You for Observing the Boundaries on Your Visits

Our insurance covers our members and their pets visiting as teams, during the regularly scheduled visits only.

If you visit outside these dates and times, you may not wear your Furry Friends attire, nor present yourself as a Furry Friends member.

Also remember that it is our furry friends who are doing the therapy.

Thank you for observing the boundaries!



**Do we 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

*Pets that have
earned their wings*



Bella Brigham

Cooper Bond

Crackerjack Steinberg

Pearl Bond

Lillie Grimes

Onyx Lampkin

Jazz Collins

Leah Smith

Special Visits



Visits to area colleges bring stress relief during final exam time

Over the past few months hundreds of college students have enthusiastically welcomed Furry Friends volunteers at Stanford, Santa Clara University UC Santa Cruz and De Anza College. The visits are scheduled during the increased pressure of final exam time and give students a welcome distraction.

Furry Friends create a special day for a special population

Camp PALS San Francisco is a one-week sleep-away camp for teens and young adults with Down Syndrome. Camp PALS San Francisco was ecstatic when Furry Friends came to join us on Campus at Santa Clara University. All of the campers were told that a special surprise was waiting for them at the front of the building, but had no clue what to expect. It's safe to say that no one was disappointed when they saw 10 furry friends (and their owners/volunteers) waiting for them. For the next hour and a half, campers and counselors alike were in absolute bliss as they bonded with their new dog friends and owners. Furry Friends was a definite favorite of our jam-packed week!

--"Sara Glass, Camp PALS coordinator"



Critter Doctor Column

JULIE C. BOND, M.S., ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST

A number of you spoke with me at the recent Captains Dinner about things you've noticed on your teams and whether they should be reported or not. In addition, it has been brought to my attention when current members attend the etiquette class with a new pet, that many of you are noticing your teammates obviously ignoring rules and guidelines that we've set up for the safety of our pets and the people we visit. And I've even received a few emails from members who are simply noticing nagging issues that they wish would get resolved, but don't want to point fingers! A couple people have noticed quite serious issues on their teams and were unsure as to how to proceed with reporting what they'd noticed and were concerned about. Given all of this, it seems to me that it is time to once again review how to report what you see, when to report what you see, and review what happens to those reports.

First, no matter what you have noticed, big or small, you should clearly identify the problem to your team captain. They are a volunteer just like you, but they have the added power of being able to approach the board of directors and myself for help solving larger issues. Small issues can be addressed by your team captains directly. For example, if you notice a teammate routinely showing up for visits without their Furry Friends t-shirt, badge, and/or leash, bring this to your team captain's attention. This does not require a formal report by your captain, but they do need to speak to that volunteer and remind them of why we wear our badges and t-shirts, and use our matching leashes; these items promote group uniformity and make us look like professionals.

If you notice a teammate's dog growling at another dog on your team, however, please let your teammate know immediately what you observed. From their end of the leash, they may not have seen the behavior occur. You also need to make the captain aware of your observation. By keeping your captain "in the loop," they can determine if this growling is most likely a onetime occurrence (e.g. one dog invaded another dog's space in a tight corridor and a growl occurred), or whether this growl is one of many and indicative of a larger issue of intolerance or incompatibility between dogs on your team. If growling is occurring routinely between members' dogs on a team, the board and I want to know about it! Your captain doesn't need to file a formal incident report IF no contact was made between the two dogs or a dog and a human. However, they do still need to report the growling so that I may step in and make my recommendations for how to proceed. Growling is a pre-aggressive behavior and needs to be addressed by me. I may decide to attend a visit so that I may observe the dogs myself; I may

suggest staggering these two dogs' visits (one does the first half hour of the visit and the other is "the closer"); I might want the dogs to come on opposite months for their visits; or finally, I might suggest moving one dog to a new team. For example, switching to a new team may be the easiest solution if one of the growling dogs is new to the team and thus a disruption not previously experienced.

If you have reported something to your team captain, regardless, of how big or small, they should address the issue. If you feel that a reasonable amount of time has passed and they still have not addressed the problem (or the person is still flagrantly ignoring the rules as outlined by your captain), then feel free to contact the Furry Friends board of directors. They are volunteers just like you and are happy to help you sort out what you are observing on your teams. They will help your team captain to clear up any issues that arise and will bring any behavioral concerns to my immediate attention.

I realize that it is such an old adage that there is no "I" in "team," but this really is true. We are all on the same team...Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services. We are all working together to lick loneliness in our communities. This is such a wonderful organization and we all benefit and thrive from continued communication and interchange of thoughts and ideas. Please continue to keep me abreast of what you are observing on your teams. I am happy to discuss any issue with you either via phone or email. Thank you to all of you who shared your experiences and frustrations with me over the years. I appreciate your faith in me and my ability to help you work through these issues and continue to have enjoyable, productive visits.



Does Your Employer Have a Gift Matching Program?

Many employers in the Bay area have a gift matching program, where they will match charitable donations made by their employees, up to a certain dollar value. Does your employer have such a program? If so, keep that in mind when making your tax deductible donations to Furry Friends!

WANTED!!! PICTURES...of your Furry Friends for the 2015 calendar!

Terri Shipe is going to putting the calendar together this year through Shutterfly. She took a class this summer on the Shutterfly and wanted to help.

Please ID each picture (put a name in the title of the picture don't leave it ex....ima102.jpg, put instead quinn.jpg)

All should be send to calendars@furryfriends.org

Please send cute pictures, funny pictures, seasonal pictures, any pictures that you want to put in the calendar. We need lots of pictures.

Send as many as you want. If you want your pet's picture on the cover, please include a check for \$25 or pay with paypal. (written to Furry Friends). If you want your pet's picture on his/her birthday send a check for \$5 or pay with paypal.



Who Can Attend Furry Friends Visits?

We are often asked if another family member, friend, or out-of-town visitor may attend your Furry Friends visit with you. Unfortunately, our insurance does not permit that. Only Furry Friends volunteers who are on our membership roster and who have attended the etiquette class may attend the visits. So please resist the impulse to bring anyone else with you on your visit.



Dates to Remember

2014

Etiquette Classes

October 26

November 16

Sites Needing Volunteers

New sites are opening all the time. Please check new sites needing volunteers on the website at <http://www.furryfriends.org/patsSiteNeed.html> for additional sites that are currently looking for new volunteers!

If you would like to join or would like more information, email admin@furryfriends.org. Please note that some may have restrictions, or be looking for specific types of pets.

Holiday Pictures

Nov 1, 2, 8 and 9 from 10 am to 3 pm

By appointment

contact Randee at bash@com-ctl.com

2633 S Bascom Ave

Campbell CA

\$25.00 (proceeds go to PATS)

Randy Fishel will be taking holiday photos. Appointments will be made in 20 minute time slots. You will have the choice of 2 different back drops (winter and Christmas). Bring a thumb drive and we will put all the shots taken for you to make your holiday cards or a picture for you wall.

This is some of what has been taken with the two backdrops.



Mark your calendars Fall Furry Flurry Sunday October 19, 2014

The annual 5K dog walk and a fun day playing games with your dogs is coming up. BASH and PAWS learned how to do this walk from doing the one for Pet Assisted Therapy for years. PATS is always welcome and encouraged to have members pledge and walk for PATS.

All proceeds from this even go back to help the animals at or from the San Jose Animal Shelter. PAWS helps rescues with medical bills, supplies toys, treats, cat scratchers and more to help the animals at the shelter and fund various classes and programs that help the staff with the animals at the shelter.

- New games this year (we will still have bobbing for weiners though) and contests.
- Microchip your pet for \$20 (we pay registration)
- DNA your dog for only \$60
- Have you, your family and your pet's picture taken and made available to you via the internet for \$10

and much more.... Hope to see you there again this year.



Support Pet Assisted Therapy Services by shopping at AmazonSmile.

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When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Pet Assisted Therapy Services. Support us every time you shop.

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!

12th Annual Fall Furry Flurry

5 k dog walk ~ to benefit pet rescues

Sunday October 19, 2014 ~ Los Gatos Creek Park, Campbell



Each **registered pet** receives a goody bag full of treats. Each paid **human participant** receives a "Fall Furry Flurry" T-Shirt. \$5.00 of each entry **goes to the rescue** identified on your registration form.

Sign in – 9:00 to 10:00

The Walk – 9:30 to 11:30

Contests/Games – 11:00 to 1:00

Raffle Drawing – 12:30

Microchips/ DNA Test – 12:00 to 1:00

Silent Auction – 1:00

Ask the Behaviorists – Dog or Cat 10:00 to 12:00

Safety Requirements

Dogs must be on a 6 foot or shorter leash (NO flexi leashes); be currently vaccinated for rabies; appear to be in good health; Female dogs in heat cannot participate; Puppies must be at least 4 months old; Participants must pick up after their dogs, so be sure to carry a poop bag.

Sign up for the games at the walk – bobbing for "hot dogs", Costume contest and much more.....

Entry Form _____ **Pet Assisted Therapy Services, Furry Friends** _____ (\$5 of entry will go to this rescue)

To register for Fall Furry Flurry, please fill out this form and sign it. Each participant must submit a separate completed entry form, so feel free to make as many photocopies of this form as you need.

Name(s) _____ Pet's name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

In consideration of accepting my entry, I, The undersigned, intend to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the beneficiaries, organizers, sponsors, advertisers and employees, volunteers and committee members, federal, state and local governments or private parties on whose property this event may be run including but not limited to the City of Campbell, the County of Santa Clara, the State of California, Pet Awareness and Welfare Society for SJACS and the Bay Area Siberian Husky Club of any and all injuries suffered by me or my animal(s) while traveling to or from, or participating in this event.

Pre-Entry Fees must be received no later than October 12, 2014

Registrant's Signature/Guardian if under 18 years _____ Date _____

\$25* per person, # of people _____ \$ _____:
or \$60* per family**, up to 4 _____ \$ _____

T- Shirt sizes _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

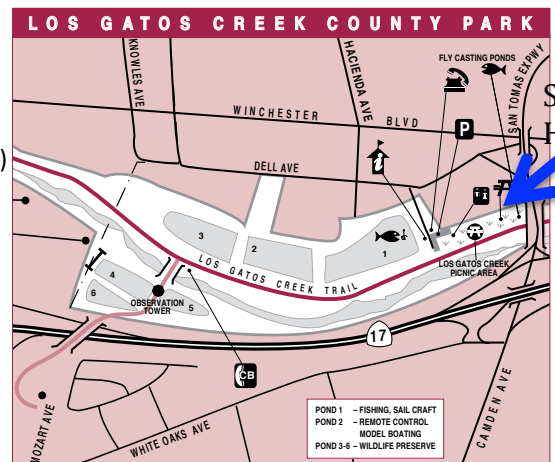
*Day of Walk fees will be \$30.00/person, \$75.00/family ** (up to 2 kids under 18, 2 adults)

Enter on our website and pay with Pay Pal ~ bayareasiberian.org

Or Make checks payable to BASH and mail your registration to
BASH ~Fall Furry Flurry, 2633 S BASCOM AVE, CAMPBELL CA 95008

For more information and additional entry forms, call 408-559-3230 x 108 or
visit our Web site at www.PAWS4SJACS.org or Bayareasiberian.org

\$6 parking fee inside of park



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