



# The Paw Print Spring Newsletter 2020



## The Many Faces of an Assistance Dog

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**SHEILAH  
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## Letter from Leadership

Dear Clients, Volunteers and Friends of Paws with Purpose,

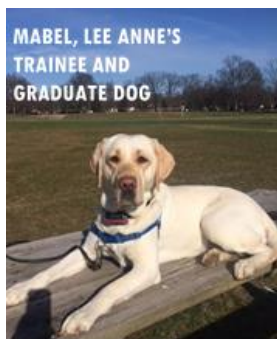
Paws with Purpose is committed to doing what is in the best interests of our clients, staff, volunteers, supporters and the greater community in these very difficult times. We are following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding Covid-19, as well as state and local guidelines and instructions for the safety of our community.

To ensure everyone's safety, we have adopted the following:

- Our staff and volunteers are working from home and remain available by phone, email and/or video conference to our clients and puppy trainers for any needed support, including inquiries about applying for an assistance dog.
- We are following the recommendations of Assistance Dogs International, in line with public health officials, for continuing to train our dogs and follow up with working teams.
- Regularly scheduled training classes for puppy trainers and clients are suspended until further notice, with individual support offered via phone and email.
- Our dogs in training continue to receive optimal care through our partnership with the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women, as we adhere to the Department of Corrections' policies regarding visitation and contact.
- Our dogs continue to receive all necessary veterinary care from the excellent staff of Crestwood Animal Hospital.
- Our 5K Fun Run and Walkathon that was scheduled for April 19 has been postponed and we will announce plans for rescheduling of the event as circumstances permit.

Even as we must keep physical distance from one another, we will hold each of you close in our common commitment to our mission and to the well-being of our community.





### **Featured Training Tip - Timing is everything**

When training your dog, timing is very important. When your dog is doing a behavior you want to encourage and reinforce, “mark” it the instant it occurs with a verbal “YES!” and then deliver a treat to your dog. Instead of paying attention to what your dog does wrong, concentrate on what your dog does right, and reward that behavior.

**LEE ANNE EMBRY | PWP TRAINER**

Paws with Purpose could not do any of the things we do without our amazing volunteers. Cindy Durham is our Volunteer Coordinator and without her our events and presentations would not run as smoothly as they do! Thank you Cindy for all you do for Paws with Purpose!

**Carly and Cindy make an amazing duo!!**



### **Meet Lauren Witham PWP Board Member**

I found out about PwP from visiting their information booth at an event I attended. I could not believe how awesome the organization was and I knew I wanted to be a part of it! I was completing my Master’s in Social Work and doing an internship at PwP was the perfect fit. We have 2 dalmatians, Rorschach Shadrach and Chief Joseph and I love the bond that dogs offer with humans. It is something unspeakable and very powerful. I have served on the Board for the past year and I am honored to grow and be a part of the organization that brings so much joy to all those involved.



## Meet Ike and Ivan!



Ike and Ivan are our newest puppies in training and were sired by PwP Usher. We are excited to see all the great things they will do! Ike and Ivan are available for Vest Sponsorship if you or your company are interested! Help by joining Paws with Purpose to sponsor the first two years of their training! Who wouldn't want to see these faces at a company event??



**Interested in learning more about a Vest Sponsorship? Contact Ellen Baldwin, Development Director at 925-323-7455.**



**Flynn is now a MDRT sponsored puppy!  
We are honored to have MDRT as a return puppy sponsor.**

### **About MDRT**

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# Community Involvement



Patti Swope and the Swope Family Foundation have been a special part of Paws with Purpose for many years. When asked why she continues to support our program Patti says,

“Dogs bring so much joy to our lives. For those with a disability, these special dogs provide more than just assistance. These dogs embody and exemplify unconditional love. PWP does great work, training and placing these special dogs in a professional and loving manner. A recipient of a dog becomes part of the PWP family for life. As a supporter and benefactor, we are made to feel part of the family too.”

Patti is shown above with Gavin, a Swope Family Foundation sponsored dog. Patti also gives freely of her time and volunteers with Paws with Purpose and our therapy dog program. She is pictured on the right with Omni while visiting Harbor House. We are extremely thankful for our relationship with Patti Swope.



Renee Sheperd works with Charter Communications on Commerce Crossings. Renee and Gavin had a special day planned for the employees at Charter Communications but due to the unforeseen circumstances it had to be rescheduled. We were very surprised when Renee and her fellow employees gave us a HUGE donation of \$440! We are very grateful to all the Charter Communications employees and look forward to our special day with everyone at Commerce Crossings!

Bebe Bleakley is a long-time supporter of Paws with Purpose. Bebe Bleakley is a regular at the Heine Brothers-Chenoweth Lane shop so it was a natural fit when Heine Brothers wanted to interview her for their blog. Bebe currently houses two retired Paws with Purpose dogs, Yoko and Dixie, who have gone through the program. Her dogs are very sweet and even used their service skills to help Bebe in her own times of need. As a supporter of Paws with Purpose, Bebe also hosted a “puppy shower” for a new litter of puppies that are the grand pups of her dog, Yoko.



It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye to one of our loved PWP dogs, Valerie. Valerie came to Paws with Purpose in the Fall of 2004. Her trainers, Jerry and Sharon Klopfenstein, were looking for a volunteer project at the time and saw an article in the newspaper featuring the PWP program. Jerry took Valerie with him to his practice at Louisville Behavioral Health where she obtained socialization skills so she could help the young clients who were being seen. The young clients were extremely interested in Valerie and soon began to look for her as they came into the waiting room. This unique background gave her the skills needed to become an effective and loving therapy dog. At the age of one and a half Valerie was placed at Louisville Behavioral Health as a Facility/Therapy Dog where she remained on assignment until Jerry's retirement in 2009. She not only helped with therapy; she was a morale booster for staff as well. Valerie's career continued with visits to Rehab Centers, school reading programs, and assisting in PWP presentations. Valerie gave the students confidence and a sense of pride. Valerie continued these activities until she was retired from her duties in 2014. The love and devotion she gave to Jerry and Sharon along with all the students she helped will never be forgotten.



It is with great sadness that ADI announces the passing of Sister Pauline Quinn. She was a pioneer for the industry and the human-animal bond, especially for the underserved population. She founded one of our accredited member programs, Prison Pet Partnership in Washington state. Her impact was great in the assistance dog industry and we are forever blessed by her dedication and compassion.





We would like to send a special thank you to U of L Coach Chris Mack. Coach Mack met with our Vice President, Elaine Weisberg and donated a special signed basketball for our annual trivia night. We would also like to thank Susan Faul, Program Coordinator, Community Outreach, University of Louisville Athletics. Susan always provides PwP with U of L athletic tickets for our annual trivia event. The University of Louisville is very special to our program and we look forward to working with them for many more years to come! We can't throw L's up with paws, but we can give them 2 paws up!!

**Our annual Trivia Night was a HUGE success this year thanks to everyone that played, donated or volunteered!**



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**DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR DONORS!**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Raising Cane       | Slugger Field             | Nothing Bundt Cakes       | Reiki with Nona      |
| Paint Spot         | Prohibition Craft Spirits | Froggy's Popcorn          | Apocalypse Brew      |
| Ciao Ristorante    | LouVino                   | Texas Roadhouse           | Ten Pins             |
| 502 Hemp           | Lowe Chiropractic         | Buffalo Wild Wings        | Mesh                 |
| Comfy Cow          | Brown-Forman              | Headliners                | Target               |
| Heine Brothers     | Cracker Barrel            | KY Derby Museum           | Maid in Louisville   |
| Jet's Pizza        | Impellizzeri's Pizza      | Louisville Bats           | A Breath of Serenity |
| Melting Pot        | Cuddle Clones             | Blissful Relaxation       | A Taste of Kentucky  |
| Louisville Zoo     | Louisville Ballet         | Lotsa Pasta               | Subway               |
| Napa Valley Grill  | Main Event                | Evan Williams             | Total Wine           |
| Against the Grain  | Nothing Bundt Cakes       | Angel's Envy              | Louisville Bats      |
| Anoosh             | Taziki's                  | Gangsta Dog               | Reiki with Nona      |
| Paint Spot         | Massage Envy              | Pappy & Co                | BloFISH Clothing     |
| Edenside Gallery   | Red Tree                  | Hadley Pottery            | Sweet Surrender      |
| Muth Candies       | Scout                     | Cheesecake Factory        | Copper & Kings       |
| Phocus Water       | Rainbow Blossom           | Joseph's Salon            | Champion Auto        |
| City BBQ           | Drake's                   | Butchertown Grocery       | Fortuitous Union     |
| 502 Power Yoga     | Rabbit Hole               | Filigree's                | The Galt House       |
| Cabela's           | Peerless Distilling       | Three Dog Bakery          | Dirty Tease          |
| Parkside           | A-1 Vacuum                | Sherwin Williams          | Shenanigan's         |
| Kingsley Meats     | Carmichael's Bookstore    | Sunergos Coffee           | Crosley Brands       |
| U of L Athletics   | Chris Mack                | Backyard Birds            | Speedway             |
| Tennis Express     | Feeders Supply            | Martin Fox                | IHOP                 |
| Baxter Theater     | Stoneware & Co            | Embassy Suites            | Seelbach Hotel       |
| Quest              | Goodyear Tire             | KY Castle                 | Don't Drop the Mic   |
| Frazier Museum     | Yew Dell Gardens          | Planet Fitness            | Actors Theatre       |
| King's Daughter    | Commonwealth Theatre      | Old Chicago               | Orange Leaf          |
| Panera             | Uptown Café               | Buckhead Grill            | Orvis                |
| Peace of the Earth | Salt Cave                 | Mission BBQ               | Supercuts            |
| Cherokee Coins     | Speed Art Museum          | McAlister's               | Open Window Scent    |
| Outback Steakhouse | Bluegrass Karting Events  | Louisville Slugger Museum | Muhammed Ali Center  |
| Morris Deli        | Value Market              | Printing Solutions        | Mega Caverns         |

A very special thank you to **Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church** for the generous use of their event space this evening and throughout the year.

# Simple ways to get involved

It takes approximately \$30,000 to train a service dog. In order to continue to place dogs with clients free of charge, we rely on the donations of our friends. Please consider donating to our organization by setting up your Kroger Plus card or shop Amazon Smile.



We all shop on Amazon - why not help our mission while doing it? Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Paws with Purpose every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Paws with Purpose.

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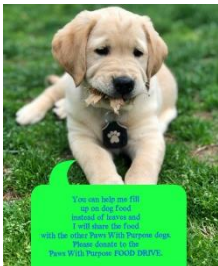
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