

Pawsitive Print



a bulletin for the Pawsitive Pals volunteers of San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine

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Melisa's Memorial Walk



A great big THANK YOU to our Pawsitive Pals for braving the inclement weather and leading the pack at Melisa's Memorial Walk and Fun Run on February 6! As expected, your presence was a big hit with attendees. Special thanks to fundraising star **John Forrest** for raising more than \$1,200 for this event.

Pawsitive Pals in the News

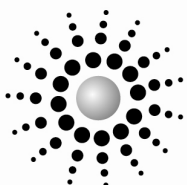
Our Pawsitive Pals program was recently featured on Channel 6's *San Diego Living* as part of a segment promoting the Doggie Street Festival: www.youtube.com/sandiegohospice#p/a/u/0/s62y3qwG-sM

Welcome New Teams!

Please join us in welcoming 4 new teams to our Pawsitive Pals program:

- **Paul Hummell** and **Tucker**
- **Delissa Locke** and **Bo**
- **Astrid Miliffe** and **Kaejan**
- **Sandi Moore** and **Phoebe**

Congratulations on the successful completion of training! We are very excited to have you and we look forward to hearing about your experiences. As always, special thanks to Pawsitive Pals mentors **Kathy Lam** and **Lauren Cremascoli** for all they do to support our new teams.



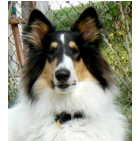
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"You may make a fool of yourself with a dog, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too."

- Samuel Butler

Stories from the Field

Our Pawsitive Pals volunteers have a remarkable way of connecting with patients. The joy and comfort you bring with your visits are priceless. Handler **Jessica Traum** recently completed her first home visit with her rough collie, **Indy**. The outcome was wonderful. The patient smiled twice during the course of their visit, something that, according to the patient's wife, hadn't happened in weeks. This is just one example of the meaningful ways each and every one of you are touching lives through your volunteer work. To share your experience, please contact Danielle Hoffman at dhoffman@sdhospice.org or 619-278-6457.



Birthday Announcements

Lydi and her handler, **John Forrest**, have been volunteering since May 2009. **Lydi** is an Amstaff mix and turned 4 in February.



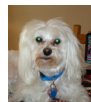
Phoebe, a poodle, turned 4 on February 24. We welcomed **Phoebe** and her handler, **Sandi Moore**, to our team in January 2010.

Bella and her handler, **Janell Lenzkes**, joined us in October 2009. **Bella**, a Labrador retriever, turned 2 on March 6.



Blue and her handler, **Georgia Fogg**, have been volunteering since May 2007. **Blue** is a border collie and turned 13 on March 16.

Bogey, a Maltese, turned 12 on March 20. **Bogey's** handlers, **Ronnie and Bobbi Frant**, joined us in January 2009.



Coco and her handler, **Mika Shimada**, have been volunteers since October 2009. **Coco** is a toy poodle and turned 3 on March 28.

Pawsitive Tip

Be sure to wipe your dog's paws before getting into your car after each outing with your pet. Applying this simple practice after visiting patients, participating in other pet therapy activities, or just going to the dog park will help prevent germ transmission... with the added bonus of keeping your car clean!

Tip submitted by **Celeste Davie**