



October Meeting
Awards and Pet Parade

Our October meeting will feature the annual awards presentation and our 21st annual Pet Parade.

When – Thursday, October 20, 7-9:00 pm

Where – Via Linda Senior Center, 105th Street/
Via Linda.

What – Award presentations Pet Parade
50-50 raffle Refreshments

Who – All volunteer teams, prospective volunteers, families and friends... the more the merrier!

Directions: The Senior Center is located at 10440 E. Via Linda Drive, south of Shea Blvd. and north of Mountain View

Awards Criteria

Volunteers often ask what the criteria is to receive various awards. Below is an outline of the criteria used to determine award winners.

Green Bandanna – One year with 20 or more visits and/or other service

Pins – awarded at increments of 100 visits.

Special Awards -based on a combination of visits and other contributions.

Hall of Fame awarded after retirement or posthumously. All visits during the fiscal year are counted, including special events.

Pet Parade

This year we are inviting all POW pets to join us in the parade. We prefer that your pet wear a costume, but realize sometimes that just doesn't work out.

We will have a doggie dressing area, so we suggest that your pet change into the costume just before the parade.

We'll need to get some info on you and your pet prior to the meeting:

Your name, email, phone Where you volunteer
Pet's name, breed, age Costume

JULY 21 Meeting
Canine Dental Care

Dr. Chris Visser of Arizona Veterinary Dental Specialists gave an interesting and educational presentation. From his work with the Phoenix Zoo to his private practice Dr. Visser is truly a wealth of knowledge. Here are a few highlights:

All pets no matter their age, should get their teeth and mouth **examined** by a professional **once a year**. He also recommended x-rays be done routinely (just like humans). Many dental problems can be prevented with early detection, and the best way is through x-rays because most dental diseases begin below the gum line.

It is equally important to **check the condition** of the teeth beyond tartar and plaque – breakage for instance. When pets are strong chewers, they can crack the tips off of their molars. These molars can often be saved with a bonding procedure, if this is discovered before too much erosion and/or decay has occurred. Dr. Visser mentioned that no dog should chew any 'chew' that does not have some pliability to it.

Another interesting fact was **dogs and cats should not have bad breath**. Being a 'senior' pet is not an excuse for bad breath. Bad breath is a sign that there is something wrong going on in the pet's mouth and should be addressed by a veterinarian. Just as in human medicine, there are specialists in veterinary medicine. Sometimes it is necessary to consult a specialist and reputable veterinarians will make such recommendations.

Many things can be done to take preventive measures to ensure a healthy mouth in our pets from healthy chews, to toothpaste and brushing, dog dental diets, gels and rinses. More can be found under 'Patient Resources' on the Arizona Veterinary Dental Specialists website <http://azvetdentists.com/index.php>

Guest dogs at the meeting included Rocket & Stephanie Weber, Piper & Linda Stevens, Hana & Christine Drawert, Munchkin & Marsha Usdane, Zoe & Diane Bykowski, Chanel and Ellen Baker, Coco and Christina Shorall.

Provide this information **no later than 10/18** to
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have said this before, Pets on Wheels Volunteers are truly dedicated. This was again proven to me during this last quarter. Last August, I had to have a stem cell transplant, to treat multiple myeloma. Yes, I am bald and under some health restrictions. My recovery is going very well and I should be back to normal by December.

Other Volunteers stepped in to fill the void and take over my tasks, thus adding to each one's regular work load. It is heartwarming to know that all volunteers continued to visit without any break in their schedule.

When Neal and Anne Jennings, the founders, retired, their biggest concern was whether or not Pets on Wheels would continue to serve the elderly community. I can now assure them that, our caring volunteers will always be there.

My appreciation especially goes to Patrick Doyle, Barbara Digges, and Ron Lonie, web administer for covering the new prospects, evaluations and orientation meetings. Events were handled quite successful by Diane Bykowski and Elaine Goldenthal stepped in as President. Nancy Maurer researched for more income plus hauling supplies. Carol Semon reported to the City and made deposits. Our treasurer, Andrew Mark is the rudder that keeps me and the Board on an even keel. What terrific volunteers!

Neither the Jennings, nor I need worry. Many thanks to all, for your prayers, good thoughts, cards, messages and especially your encouragement.

Sincerely
Peggy Eischen

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/5 Dogs' Day in the Garden Desert Botanical Garden

11/5 SkyKids Scottsdale Airpark

11/5 Dog Day Via Linda Senior Center

10/25 Homecoming Kickoff, Clubs and Organizations

Scottsdale Community College

12/3 Pet Festival WestWorld

Volunteer teams are needed for these events.

NEW VISITING TEAMS

Nine new volunteer teams started their visits during the last 3 months. Welcome!!

Life Care

Denise Eisen with Clarence

Alicia Nash with Chewy

Jill Neitzke with Jake (2nd dog)

Heritage Court

David Gill with Rosco

Osborn Health

Joleene Piercy with Starla

Sante

Linda Stevens with Piper

Village Square

Donna Batista with Mia

Victor Rilling with Maicee Grey

Vi-Grayhawk

Autumn Heller with Ava Gaboar (mini pig)

TOP VISITORS

Volunteers having the most visits during the months of July through September

Kathy Sins & **Bentley, Grayson, Winston** 81

Diane Bykowski & **Zoe** 69

Ivan Smith & **Ozzie** 26

Christina Shorall & **Coco** 20

Warren Clark & **Pepper** 18

Julie Bronstein & **Darmok, Jilad** 17

Ellen Baker & **Chanel** 17

Chris Barnes & **Lily** 16

Barbara Digges & **Maxine** 16

Kathy Homes & **Missy** 16

Stephanie Weber & **Rocket** 15

Maxine Clark & **Henry** 14

Ed Faber & **Jasmine** 14

Marsha Usdane & **Munchkin** 13

Peter Baxter & **Dodger** 12

Denise Forsman & **Ferris** 12

Fran Weisenberger & **Riley** 12

God, creating dogs....

Angel: "There. Finished."

God: "Oh, these turned out great! I wanna see each and every one of them again sometime."

Bridgeway Health Solutions Health Fair

Pets on Wheels volunteer teams participated in the Bridgeway Health Solutions annual Health Fair on September 22nd. The fair provides a number of health, social, and fun services to participants in a one-stop environment.

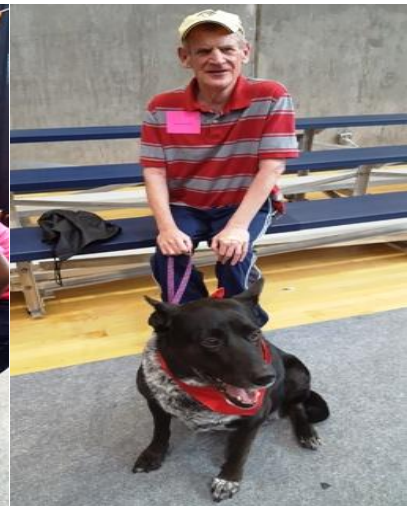
Attendees were able to fill their medical 'gaps'-- flu and pneumonia shots, BMI, blood pressure and glucose monitoring, dental, vision, podiatry and pharmacy needs, mammograms, etc. all in one

place. In addition, various vendors such as barbers, nail techs, hair stylists, etc. donated their time to make the members attending feel special. On the 'fair' side were games, art, photo booths, palm readers, great food and a goodie bag. Our dogs gave sweet kisses from the Pooch Smooch booth and also worked the room, greeting and schmoozing the Bridgeway guests. There were many glowing comments about our dogs, from both guests and Bridgeway staff. The Bridgeway staff was appreciative and complimentary of the POW teams.

Jeannie Pierce and Duke
Maxine Clark and Henry
Diane Bykowski and Zoe
David Gill and Roscoe
Ivan Smith and Ozzie

Jill Neitzke and Ella
Barbara Digges and Maxine
Nancy Maurer and Rosie
Leah Leninger and Lilli
Denise Villalon and Monty

Christine Drawert and Hana
Denise Forsman and Ferris
Marsha Usdane & Munchkin
Laurie Checkaway and
Snoopy



Photos:

Jill Neitzke and Ella
Nancy Maurer and Rosie
Maxine (Barbara Digges)
Christine Drawert and Hana
Diane Bykowski and Zoe

More photos from this event can be found on the Pets on Wheels Facebook page.

News and Notes

Macy's Shop for a Cause August 26-28 was a success for Pets on Wheels. Sales of savings coupons garnered **\$1327** for POW. Of that amount, **\$988** was sold by our dogs during their two days at Macy's Scottsdale Fashion Square. We thank each of the dog teams who shared their love and salesmanship at Macy's. A special thanks to Diane Bykowski who coordinated the event and set up.

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Volunteer Teams

Pam Geistweit, Kaia
Jeannie Pearce ,Duke
Diane Bykowski , Zoe
Colleen Brault, Maya
Gloria Wells, Zara
Peter Baxter, Dodger
Joan O'Sullivan, RJ
Penny Wagge, Alfie
Marsha Usdane, Munchkin
Stephanie and Laurie Weber,
Rocket
Maxine Clark .Henry
Rhea Gaunt, Mickey

Sharon Phillips, Tucker
Laurie Checkoway ,Snoopy
Diane Mase, and Maggie
Andrew Mark, Cassie
Jill Neitzke, Ella
Kathy Sins, Winston
Tomi Koldstad, Shatzi
Christina Shorall, Coco
Ellen Baker, Chanel
Ivan Smith, Ozzie
Tracey Sosna, Ava
Denise Forsman, Ferris
Leah Leininger, Lilli
Nancy Maurer, Rosie



Shoppers couldn't resist purchasing coupons from Zoe, Winston, and Ella

New Website, One Year Anniversary

Since launching our reconstructed website in October, 2015, it has become a valuable tool for increased organization interest and performance. The site offers a vast array of information about the organization, our history and a resource for additional informative articles and links.

About Pets on Wheels and the event calendar are among the most viewed pages. Potential volunteers are arriving at Orientation Meetings fully prepared after downloading and completing application forms. Our daily process performance

has greatly improved and the cost of printing forms and postage has been reduced. There are two fantastic photo albums showcasing our new and seasoned volunteer teams. Additionally, veterinarians download forms to keep the volunteers' paperwork up to date.

The *Home Page* is updated frequently with '*Barking News*' and the '*Calendar*' is populated into the future months so our Events, Meetings and Reminders are not missed. Visit soon; visit often! www.petsonwheelsscottsdale.com

Many, many thanks to **Ron Lonie** who has spent countless hours with the website re-design and keeping the site's information up-to-date and accurate.



More News and Notes

Walk for a Dog Support Pets on Wheels



We hope that you are using the Walk for a Dog app on your Android or I-phone. The app is easy to use and tracks (on your cell phone) the distance, time, and average MPH for every walk you take. Don't have a dog?? You can still use the app to track your personal walking. Since POW volunteers began using the app in early summer, we have walked **696 times** for a total of .

688 miles. We expect that POW will soon receive the first donation from Walk for a Dog. The donation is based on the number of walks from our volunteers who are using the app. The app can be downloaded directly from the *Walk for a Dog* website <http://www.wooftrax.com/> or from the Android or I-phone app stores.



Health Certificates

Many facilities are requiring a copy of an-up-to date pet **health certificate**. Some are keeping close track of the dates and will not allow teams to visit under expired paperwork. Some also require a flu shot and a TB test. It is the volunteer's responsibility to keep this paperwork up to date at their facility. Elaine always sends ample warning, before the pet certificate expires. **Blank forms can be printed from our website.** Please make sure you are qualified to continue visiting. Keep your pet health certificate up to date.

Sign-in Books

Every month volunteers check the sign-in books to record your visits. Sometimes, a substitute has to do this task. It would make the task so much easier, if you would **print your name**. If one is not familiar with your signature, there are often mistakes made. In addition to being used in our monthly report to the City of Scottsdale, the dogs' visits are counted for our annual awards program. We don't want to record an incorrect number of visits for you.

OUR BENEFACTORS

Gifts during the months of July-September

Patrons – \$400 plus
United Way – General

Contributors – \$100 - \$400
Brian & Denise McDermott
Carol Jennings
Gilbert Ortega Galleries

Supporters – \$25 - \$100
Carol Wiedemann
Albertson shoppers

In Memory of Steve Semon:
Barbara Digges
Neal & Anne Jennings

Thank you so much!

Farewell, Friend

Rainbow Bridge Crossing

Jasmine, lovable lab and companion of Ed Faber crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, Sept. 29, 2016.

Welcome back to Denise McDermott and her Golden Retriever. Cooper, has recuperated after a long illness.

The Pets on Wheels Update newsletter is published four times a year for volunteers and others interested in Pets on Wheels activities. Suggestions and material should be directed to petsonwheelsaz@gmail.com. We are always interested in photos of your dog at "work."

Guest Editor: Barbara Digges

5 Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a downright nightmare. Forgo the stress and dangers this year by following these 10 easy tips.

1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.

All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats. Symptoms of **chocolate poisoning** may include vomiting, diarrhea, rapid breathing, increased heart rate, and seizures. Halloween candies containing the artificial sweetener **xylitol** can also be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of **xylitol** can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar and subsequent loss of coordination and seizures. And while **xylitol** toxicity in cats has yet to be established, it's better to be safe than sorry.

2. Keep pets confined and away from the door.

Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but strangers will be dressed in unusual costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. This, of course, is scary for our furry friends. Dogs are especially territorial and may become anxious and growl at innocent trick-or-treaters. Putting your dog or cat in a secure room away from

the front door will also prevent them from darting outside into the night ... a night when no one wants to be searching for a lost loved one.

3. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.

If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict movement, hearing, or the ability to breathe or bark and meow.

4. Try on pet costumes before the big night.

If they seem distressed, allergic, or show abnormal behavior, consider letting them go in their "birthday suit". Festive bandanas usually work for party poopers, too.

5. IDs, please!

If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that they will be returned. Just make sure the information is up-to-date, even if your pet has a microchip.

Excerpted from PET MD

http://www.petmd.com/dog/seasonal/evr_multi_halloween_safety_tips



Kathy's Clowns, Grayson, Bentley, and Winston wish a happy and safe Halloween to all Pets on Wheels volunteer teams.

Photo courtesy of Kathy Sins

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Color me!!



QUARTERLY MEETING

**THURSDAY
October 20,
7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER
105th Street & Via Linda
Scottsdale, AZ**

Awards

Pet Parade

50-50 RAFFLE

Refreshments

Invite your family and friends!