



Rx:PETS



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Important Dates:

Upcoming Activities:

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:
 Sat., Oct. 22, 2011, 6:00 pm
 Barnes & Noble Fundraiser:
 Dec. 23, 2011, 9:00 am-6:00 pm
 Healthfest:
 Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

Quarterly Meetings:

Saturday, 10/8/2011, 9:00 am
 Eureka Meeting dates TBD

Next Workshop Date:

Redding:
 Tues. 2/7/2012, 6-8 pm,
 Fri. 2/17/2012, 6-9 pm,
 Sat. 2/18/2012, 9 am -5 pm

Evaluation Dates:

Redding:

Sat., Oct. 29, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.

Place: North Valley School

Eureka:

Dates: TBA

Place: Adult Health Services

Prescription: Pets' Mission: To enhance the quality of life and health for the Northern California community by sharing the human animal bond through animal assisted activities.

Riverfront Playhouse: Sold Out!

Sold out!! Yes, that's right, all seats for the Riverfront Playhouse event were sold out. It's our largest fundraiser of the year and it was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who showed their support by cooking, making donations, and buying and selling tickets. We'd also like to express our gratitude to Janice Galloway for emceeing and securing many of the raffle prizes, to all the generous businesses who donated raffle items, to Donna Conrad for organizing the event, and to the folks at the Riverfront Playhouse who put on such a spectacular performance. They went above and beyond to make our event such a success.



Rx:Pets Members and friends gather for an entertaining evening.

Special thanks to the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations: *The Happy Tails Barkery *The Cookie Jar *Celestine Healing Center *Purification Rituals -Lori Bridgeford *Pop's Place *Leslee's Good Health *Tuscan Heights Lavender Farm *Marilyn Stephens *Shasta Regional Medical Center *The Chair *Sue Spicer *Diana Stockwell *Chere McMillan *Bonnie Beffa *Clare Gaston *Gayle Tilles *Donna Conrad * Terry Burkemiller

Upcoming: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Quarterly Meeting

It's time to give thanks to the many wonderful people involved in Rx:Pets. Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is taking place on Saturday October 22, 2011. We will begin with a walk across the Sundial Bridge at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on wearing your Rx:Pets shirt (for a group picture) and bringing your spouse

or friend and your Pet Partner®. Get ready to enjoy a relaxing evening of good food, drinks and company. It will be catered by and take place at Shasta Regional Medical Center in the Liberty 2 room.

Quarterly Meeting:

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming quarterly meeting on Oct. 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

in the SRMC pumpkin building. At the meeting, flu shots and TB tests (PPD) will be offered for all Rx:Pets volunteers. Tina Vaughn, a registered nurse, from SRMC has so graciously volunteered to administer them for us. Thank you Tina! Please try to attend, and if you would like, bring a snack to share. Hope to see you there.





Gail Roueche and her best pal, Mary, hard at work making local folks' day a little brighter.

Pet Partner® Spotlight: Gail and Mary Roueche

Gail Roueche and her English Setter, Mary (Yes! Their names are often confused) have been Pet Partners® for four years, but they've been best pals for much longer. Mary is an eleven year old, who, like her owner, has a sunny disposition. They have visited at Willow Springs, Oakdale Heights, and Mercy Medical Center.

Both Mary and Gail have found their niche though in visiting the clients at Mercy. Mary really thrives at the room to room, one-on-one visits. Most recently, there was a woman who was near the end of her life. Mary, with her

innate sense, climbed up into bed with her. She gently lay her head on the woman's chest and gazed into her eyes. The lady stroked Mary's coat and matched Mary's gaze. Needless to say, Gail and the other team visiting with her, found it very difficult to control their emotions. There was also the time when a young man in his late twenties, suffering from kidney problems, was sitting up in his bed with his legs crossed. He recognized the breed and said her name. That's all it took for Mary to make her way into his arms. It's not uncommon for Mary to sense a patient's need for a little love.

In addition to their monthly visit, Gail volunteers at Mercy Medical Center once a week. She just recently finished her training to be a Hospice volunteer. As part of her training, Gail had to do a shadow visit to the home of a man who suffers from multiple ailments. He is a Vietnam Veteran and loves animals, but has no pets living in his home. Gail says that they had a good connection. So, when Gail told the man about Mary and how they work as a team, the man was excited about Gail and Mary's return. Gail hopes to be able to take Mary with her on many more Hospice visits and continue spreading a little sunshine.

Notable News:

Improved Website:

Our website has been recently updated. Please check it out at www.prescriptionpets.org or www.rxpets.org. All of our past newsletters will be posted on the site. If you have a Pet Partner® picture you would like to share on the website, please send it to krpepsi@yahoo.com.

In Memory:

Please take a moment to re-

member our very special canine and feline friends:
Dakota Bush- 2011

Eureka News:

Eureka Rx:Pets kicked off the summer months with training for prospective teams. After the training, they were invited to follow three Rx:Pets teams during a Saturday facility visit. Afterwards, everyone got together for a barbeque at Jane

Hansen's home. Five teams passed their re-evaluations while two new teams are in the process of completing their Delta registration. A special thanks to K.C. Clark for her help in training and evaluations.

Eureka Rx:Pets was mentioned in the Humboldt County Grand Jury report for its work with the R.E.AD.® program at the Humboldt County Library.

DONATIONS:

If you have made a donation to Rx: Pets in the past, we thank you! We are a non-profit organization and we rely solely on donations. If you would like to make a contribution please mail it to: Rx: Pets, P.O. Box 491501, Redding, CA 96049 Thank You!!!!

Welcome to our Newest Teams



Welcome to our newest members and thank you to all the teams who helped out at the workshop.

A warm welcome to our newest volunteers. The most recent workshop had seven attendees. We are very excited about the incoming group of Pet Partners®. Once you pass your evaluation, you will need to turn in your Delta registration and receive your I.D.

number before you can begin visiting. You will also be partnered up with a mentor who will help guide you on your

first visits. Should you have any questions, you can ask your mentor or any experienced Rx:Pet volunteer. Again, we are pleased to have you and hope to see you out there visiting soon.

Upcoming Evaluation:

We are still in need of volunteers who can help out with the upcoming evaluations. They will take place on Oct.

29th, Saturday and start at 9:00 a.m. If you can spare just a few hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Donna Conrad know as soon as possible. Also, if you need to evaluate and have not yet signed up, please do so now. Good luck to all of you who are evaluating. Just remember to breathe and give your canine or feline friend lots of praise.