



October Meeting Is a Picnic!!

When: Sunday October 20 1-4 pm
Where: McCormick Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale
What: Picnic (POW provides food & beverage) Awards
Who: Volunteers, immediate family, and pet volunteers
Coordinated by: Ellen Baker & Christina Shorall

In lieu of the annual awards meeting and pet parade that we have traditionally held in October, *Pets on Wheels* is hosting a picnic and awards presentation for volunteers, immediate family, and pet volunteers. The date is **Sunday, October 20th from 1 to 4 pm** at the **McCormick Railroad Park**.

POW, with catering by AJs, is providing all food, beverages, and dessert. Burgers (veggie burgers too) and hotdogs are the main course, with traditional sides.

We'll be using the Rotary ramada at the park, thus picnic tables and benches are provided. However, you may want to bring your own lawn chairs and/ or blanket. Directions to the ramada are below. We'll also have signs and balloons to guide you.

We'll have water available for the dogs, but we suggest you bring a water dish, poop bag, and perhaps a chew for your dog. Dogs must remain leashed at all times. We won't be doing a pet parade this year, so costumes are not encouraged.

As in the past, The POW board will hand out awards that recognize volunteers for visits, years, and special contributions. We also will have both the POW dog trading cards and leashes for you. We look forward to seeing you and your volunteer partner at the picnic.

Directions to our Ramada at McCormick Railroad Park

Park on **north side** of parking lot. Enter the park via the sidewalk north of clock tower. Follow the sidewalk past the children's playground, veer right, cross the train tracks, and continue to follow the sidewalk. Look for *Pets on Wheels* banner on second ramada.

If you can't find us, you can call Peggy on her cell phone, **480-467-8382** for guidance.

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 are awarded at increments beginning with 50 visits. All visits during the fiscal year are counted, including special events. Our year runs July through June.

Special Awards are based on a combination of visits and/or other contributions to *Pets on Wheels*.

Hall of Fame induction (for pets) is awarded after retirement or posthumously; at least 250 visits. You can view past Hall of Fame inductees on our website:

<https://petsonwheelsscottsdale.org/>

Many thanks to John Grizzard, Board member, for his detailed record keeping that supports the calculation of awards.



Ellen Baker & Christina Shorall were recognized at last year's awards meeting with POW logo watches for their outstanding service providing guest speakers, door prizes, and refreshments for our quarterly meetings.

President's Message

Mason's Message



October 2019

Woof Woof,

Since my chauffeur and your president is in California this week, I can't visit. I am really not happy to be left at home, but I will make the best of it. I am a happy dog, and she said, I was in charge. Boone is getting older and it is not good for him to be all alone, Andy will be coming over every day to play, go walking, and feed us.

I have been listening and I think the picnic on Sunday, Oct 20, will be a lot of fun. I know the awards and cards are boxed and ready to go. I heard Christina and Ellen menu planning, but I did not hear anything about dog food. Guess, Peggy expects me to eat at my regular times. I am bringing my own water and poop bags, just in case. It is a dog friendly city park, but I will have to wear my leash. Peggy and Glenn are usually good about planning for me, but they went to California without me. I'll know for sure about the picnic, if I get a good brush on Saturday.

I have been to McCormick RailRoad park. It is nice and grassy. I do know the ramada will have a big *Pets on Wheels* banner, so people can find it. I will just sniff to find it. I love my red bordered trading cards. Barbara worked a lot of days to get them printed. Hope you like yours.

Mason, the Newfie

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 20** Quarterly Meeting (Page 1)
- Oct 22** **Sante North** Halloween Pet Parade
- Oct 25** **Andrada** Halloween Pet Parade
- Nov 2nd** **Sky Kids**
- Nov 16** **Dogs Day in the Garden**, Desert Botanical Gardens
- Dec 14** **Maravilla Enliven** Pet Parade
- Dec 20** **Andrada** Holiday Magic Pet Parade

Email invitations, with details, will be sent prior to each event.

NEW VISITING TEAMS

Fourteen new volunteer teams started their visits during July thru September. Welcome!!

Acacia

Shawn Walker with Justice, an Aussie

Fountain View

Mary Sosnowski, with Misha & Rocky, both Portuguese Water Dogs

Friendship Village

Shelley Lynch with Kate, a Cavachon

Life Care

Jill Neitzke with Finley, a Golden Retriever

Sante Norte

Kathleen DeFalco with Luci, a Shih Tzu

Marybeth Gunsior with Louie, a Field Spaniel

Scottsdale Memory

Margaret Bird with Joy-ee and Maggie Moo, both Standard Poodles

Shea Parc

Julie Bronstein, Astro, a Lab Mix

The Gardens

Hillary Chen with Mr. Noodles, a Dachshund/Papillon

ViGrayhawk

Marion Peres with Lady Bug, a Bichon/Poodle

Westminster

Courtney Brooks with Dallas, a Sheltie Mix

Claudia Ikenn with Oscar, a Mixed Breed

TOP VISITORS

These are the volunteer teams with 13 or more visits for July, August and Sept 2019.

Diane Bykowski, Mia & Zoe	66
John Grizzard & Cooper	54
Carl Gross & Posey	33
Ellen Baker & Chanel	29
Christina Shorall, CoCo & Wendy Wu	29
Dale Bates & AJ	20
Jenny Lidback & Abby	19
Nancy Maurer, Max & Rosie	19
Marsha Usdane & Munchkin	18
Peggy Eischen & Mason	15
Lisa Levey & Scout	14

We'd **LOVE** a photo of your dog at a Care Center!

Email:

petsonwheelsaz@gmail.com

Thanks to Diane Bykowski, Barbara Digges, Gial Gundling, Ann Hammersly, Leslie Levy, Jenny Lidback, Nancy Mauer and Marsha Usdane for their photo contributions.

Pets on Wheels in Action

Many thanks to our volunteer teams who attended special events this past quarter and to Diane Bykowski for coordinating events and sharing event photos. With the heat soaring, our events moved indoors for pet parades at Maravilla, Andara and Tuscany. For more event photos, please check our Facebook page [PetsOnWheelsOfScottsdale](#)

Ellen Baker & Chanel
Dale Bates & AJ
Colleen Brault & Maya
Diane Bykowski, Zoe & Mia
Peggy Eischen & Mason
Denise Forsman & Ferris
Gail Gundling & Maggie
Marybeth Gunsior & Louie

John Grizzard & Cooper
Brian Hanks & Baby
Joan Langdon & Darby
Jenny Lidback & Abby
Lisa Levey & Scout
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Nancy Maurer & Max
Alicia Mutti & Carmella
Jill Neitzke, Finley & Jake

Joan O'Sullivan & RJ
Sharon Philips & Tallulah
Christina Shorall & Coco
Lisa Spero & Everest
Terri Stanley & Belle Starr
Terry Taylor & Stella
John Toman & Lexi
Marsha Usdane & Munchkin

I love a Parade!!



Parade participants (left to right photos): John Toman & Lexi, Jenny Lidback & Abby, Diane Bykowski & Mia, Colleen Brault & Maya, Dale Bates & AJ, Jill Neitzke & Jake, Marsha Usdane with Munchkin & Mia, Darby (Joan Langdon), Sharon Phillips & Tallulah



Meet Duke and Jeannie

Jeannie Pearce isn't sure what compelled her, four years ago, to answer the call from an unfamiliar phone number a month after her good dog Danno died from a brain aneurism. The voice at the other end asked her if she wanted to come pick up this dog at a kennel in Apache Junction (AJ). So Jeannie and her husband drove to meet the dog (later to be named Duke) and, despite some misgivings, agreed to take him home. They think it was the big white heart on his chest that spoke loudest to them. The following day, the Pearce's took Duke to a Blessing of the Animals; afterwards, they were at peace with the decision to move forward with the adoption process.



Later they learned a bit about Duke's back story --- he had likely been on the streets of Phoenix for several months. He was picked up and transported to County, and placed in a kennel with an un-neutered husky; he got the short end of that deal. Because he was 35 pounds underweight, and had both behavioral and health issues, no one would adopt him. His tail was completely stripped of hair due to his holding it in his mouth to pacify himself and spinning. He had been placed on the E-List (euthanasia) when a rescue group from AJ, who was there to pick up another dog, spotted him.

Fast forward 4+ years, Duke is a laid back, gentle, old soul Golden Retriever who shows little signs of his earlier days other than a fear of other dogs. Duke and Jeannie visit Friendship Village every Sunday. Duke also helps to care for his human dad, who is disabled. Duke has been a tremendous source of comfort and joy for Rick and is the best anti-depression Rx.

Jeannie shared two of the most memorable visits that she and Duke have made.

One of the most touching experiences Duke and I have shared was visiting with a lady who had suffered a severe stroke. We visited with her every Sunday afternoon for four weeks and she told us that she was starting rehabilitation the next week

*and asked that we be sure to find her in her new room. Duke refused to leave her side and even growled when I tried to pull him off her bed. We visited with her for another 30 minutes and even then, he made it clear he was not happy about departing her room. Completely unexpected, she passed away that night in her sleep. He **knew** and it was a great lesson in listening for me.*

Duke and I attended a 100th birthday party for a resident at Friendship Village and we had the distinct privilege of presenting her with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. Duke has also had the honor to attend three Celebrations of Life by request.



Duke helped Miss Trudy celebrate her **100th** birthday.

Duke shares the household with his humans, Jeannie and Rick, and 3 other dogs, known collectively as the Aloha Dogs. The youngest, Mano is on track to become a therapy dog. Sadly, they lost a member of their pack when Hilo Ane' passed away unexpectedly in August.

The Pearce household is steeped in the Hawaiian culture. Duke was named for the famous competition swimmer Duke Kahanamoku who popularized the sport of surfing. Jeannie has roots in Hawaii and the meaning of *aloha* is very special to her. When she started working with her first therapy dog, Danno, she saw that what therapy dogs (all dogs really!) give to others is pure **aloha**, the powerful meaning of aloha ~ love, affection, peace, compassion and mercy.

Jeannie is a Document Control specialist for a construction company, on site at a confidential chip manufacturing facility. Jeannie is an avid gardener, producing a bounty of herbs, greens and flowers. Of course Duke "helps" by chowing on harvested kale, lettuce and herbs.

Duke learned about *Pets on Wheels* from Zoe the Therapy Dog. Zoe told Duke about her adventures with *Pets on Wheels* and asked him to join in the hopes that they could do special events together!

When asked what Duke would say if he could talk, Jeannie was certain he would express his gratitude, "Thank you for giving me a purpose and a job, as well as a home where I am forever and endlessly loved!"

Jeannie also passes along this advice "Don't give up on the hard dogs. They will teach you something you never knew you needed."



Duke visits with Miss Peggy while they await the Ice Cream Social at Friendship Village

Duke and Jeannie

Duke always wears booties when visiting to protect against MRSA, bacteria, other contaminants and to prevent scratches.



The Trading Card Project

by Barbara Digges

News and Notes

Our Pets on Wheels volunteer Maggie (Gail Gundling) was one of 15 finalists in the AVCO National Service Animal 2019 Photo Contest. The first photo below is Maggie; the second is the winning photo shows Nico, who has Type I Diabetes, and Bailey his Service dog who has been trained to alert Nico when his blood sugar is out of the safe range.

The ACVO/StokesRx National Service Animal Eye Exam is a philanthropic event that provides free, ocular screening eye exams to qualified Service & Working Animals each May.



Recovering

Zara, Gloria Wells' Great Dane partner has recovered from removal of a cancerous tumor on her tail. Gloria reports they are back to visiting and Zara seems like her old self again.

Everest, who visits with Lisa Spero recently had surgery to repair a torn ACL.

We wish both dogs a speedy and full recovery.

Rainbow Bridge

Maxine, dear partner and friend to Barbara Digges, crossed the Rainbow Bridge in August after a brief bout with cancer. Maxine, a lab/German Sheperd x, began visiting with *Pets on Wheels* in 2009 and had made 350 visits. Most recently, Maxine visited Piper Cancer Center, Scottsdale Osborn Hospital, and STARS, where she had many friends. The last visit to STARS was just 4 days before her last day; Barbara handed out Maxine's new POW trading cards to the delight of the STARS folks. We will miss Maxine's ever present grin.



Over the past several months, I've had the pleasure of communicating with many of you during the trading card project. The opening of each email with a photo of your dog, usually brought an audible "oh wow" kind of exclamation at the beauty and sincerity of each image. I loved hearing about your dog's favorite non-visiting pastimes and getting to know a little about the dog's history---Some amazing stories!! I also enjoyed the back and forth "conversations" that I had with many of you.

During the midst of this project, I lost my volunteer dog Maxine, somewhat unexpectedly, to cancer. Thankfully, I had this trading card project to focus on to help work around the grief. I'd already received Maxine's cards and we were able to make one final visit together to STARS to hand them out.

Pets on Wheels has an incredible and diverse assortment of dogs that comprise our canine volunteers. I thought you'd be interested in reading some of what I learned about them. (The following is based on the 56 vols who submitted bios for their dogs.)

At least 40 percent of our dogs were once rescue/shelter dogs. The most popular breeds are Doodles and Lab/Lab mix at 10 each. The most popular smaller dogs are Shih Tzus, 6.

Three of our dogs, Zoe, Martes and Duke Pearce, were on the County e-list. Nellie was abandoned at a vet's office; Lily was a racing greyhound; Bailey has earned multiple agility titles.

Several of our dogs have "second jobs"-- Cooper, Mia, Zoe, and Ozzie are greeters at the airport; Posey helps deliver Meals on Wheels and Mr. Sugar helps with providing communion to homebounds.

You'll be able to meet many of our dogs at the picnic. We'll have a couple of albums with the cards and you'll get yours and can start collecting others.

Finally, I want to offer a big **Thank You** to volunteer Heather Castro who took fantastic photos of several of our dogs. I hope you enjoy your cards as much as I do.

AKC Recognition

Each of these *Pets on Wheels* dogs was recently recognized by the AKC as an AKC Therapy Dog.



Abby and Jenny Lidback and Bailey (Ann Hammersly) show off their AKC patches.



Max poses with his AKC patch, while Rosie proudly wears her AKC medallion. They are partners with Nancy Maurer.



Maxine's medallion and patch arrived just 2 days after she crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

AKC Therapy Dog Program

Your therapy dog, **either pure or mixed breed**, can earn **AKC Therapy Dog Titles** based on the number of visits you have made. Because *Pets on Wheels of Scottsdale* is a recognized therapy organization, your dog would qualify. The more visits, the more titles you can earn. These titles start at 10 visits (*Novice*), all the way up to 400 visits (*Distinguished*). In addition, if you choose, your dog would also qualify for his/her *Canine Good Citizenship* title without having to take the test.

When you're ready to apply for an AKC Therapy Dog title, complete these steps:

1. Apply for an AKC number for your dog if she/he does not already have one. This can be done on line at <https://www.akc.org/register/dog/>. You'll get the number via email very quickly. There's a fee for this.

2. **Request/obtain a certification letter** from Peggy Eischen @ petonwheelsscottsdale@gmail.com. This letter will "certify" the number of visits that you and your dog have made. **You do not need to complete or submit your own log of visits.**

3. Complete **AKC Therapy Dog Title Application** (obtain on line) and mail the app, POW certification letter, and payment info to the AKC address shown on the application with a \$20 recording fee. There's an additional application /fee if you request *the Canine Good Citizen* title.

Read more about it at <https://www.akc.org/sports/title-recognition-program/therapy-dog-program/apply-for-an-akc-therapy-dog-title/>. If you have questions, you can call Diane Bykowski at 602 380 6510.

Our Benefactors

Gifts during the months of July- September 2019

Contributors: \$100 - \$399

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of Clover & Maxine

A Blast from the Past

Volunteer Leslie Levy noticed a brochure hanging on her daughter's refrigerator. The name *Pets on Wheels*, with its dog/wheelchair logo caught her eye. Turns out, this was a POW brochure from the early 90s that her daughter had picked when she was in high school, more than 25 years ago. Thank you, Leslie for sharing this with us!

PETS ON WHEELS
Of Scottsdale

Your Pet Can Make
A Difference...

An emotional boost to nursing home residents and others socially isolated

Sponsored by the PacifiCare Foundation

PURPOSE
To improve the quality of life of socially isolated residents of nursing homes, as well as rehabilitation patients, handicapped children, and homebound elderly -- to enable pet owners to share with others the pleasures provided by their animals.

BACKGROUND
The Pets On Wheels of Scottsdale program, established in 1990, was funded for calendar 1999 by the PacifiCare Foundation, the Estes Foundation, and other individual and corporate contributors.

HOW IT WORKS
Volunteers and their pets, mostly dogs (but cats and other animals are welcome), visit a nursing home or other care center for 1-1 1/2 hours each week. The pets can be talked to and stroked, in return for unselfish kisses and, in some cases, entertaining tricks. Residents voice their appreciation and urge volunteers to return with their pets as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS
Pets are screened for temperament and behavior and have veterinarian examinations annually. Orientations and examinations are conducted, and meetings and newsletters assist in continuing training.

REWARDS FOR ALL
This is a program that is beneficial both to recipients and volunteers. There is a medically proven calming effect in touching animals. Loneliness, depression, and withdrawal can be relieved, to varying degrees, by the comforting nearness of a friendly animal.

THE NEED
Many more volunteer pet teams are needed to ensure that each of the 1,600 residents and patients of Scottsdale's major health care centers are visited weekly. In addition to visiting volunteer pet teams, there is a need for help by those experienced with administrative tasks. Funds also are necessary for volunteer coordination and communications material.

WE NEED YOUR HELP -- SHARE THE EXPERIENCE
Awareness of pet therapy is growing, and the need for volunteers is increasing. To maintain and expand this worthy community service, the need for funds also becomes greater.

YOU CAN HELP as a contributor, a visiting volunteer, or as a program planning or public relations volunteer. **PLEASE CALL (602) 735-6886**, or complete and return the form on the reverse side.

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Dogs at Work



Dandy, with Gary Massey, entertains the ladies at Villa Ocotillo.



Maggie is one of the best snugglers ever.



Munchkin gets a big ol hug from a resident at Osborn Health.

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QUARTERLY MEETING
Picnic & Awards

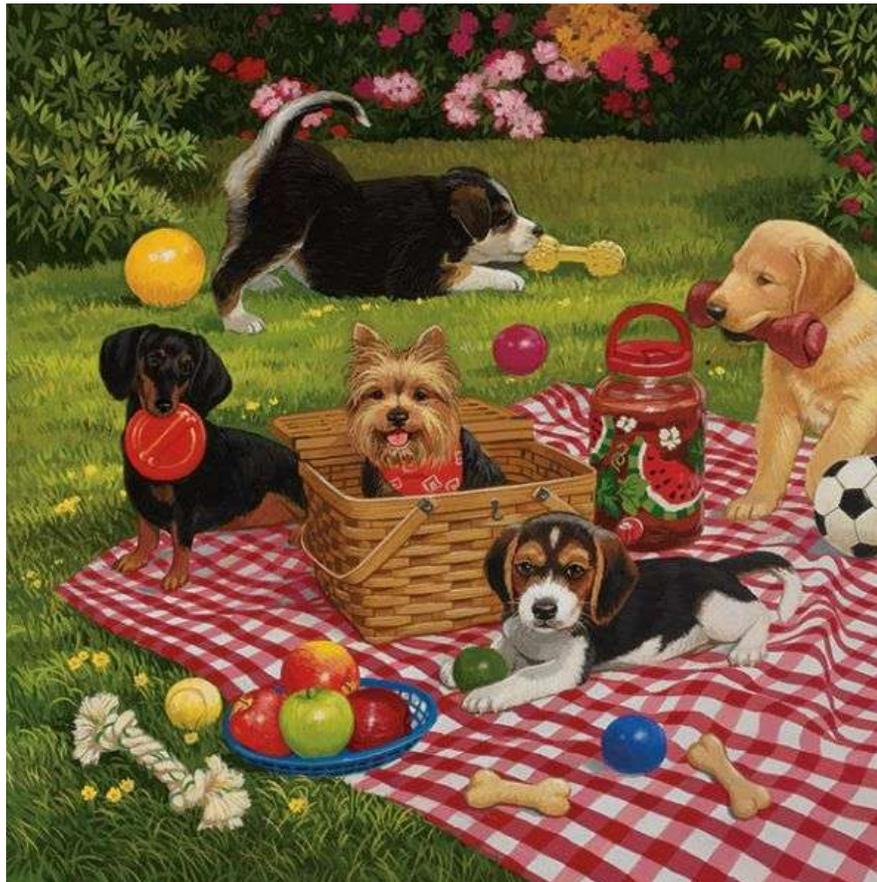
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We're all so excited about *Pets on Wheels* picnic on
October 20th. Hope to see you there!

Editor, Barbara Digges