



THE PAWSTREET JOURNAL

The latest news and updates from Canine Assisted Therapy



DID YOU KNOW?

Canine Assisted Therapy is actively visiting facilities and safely providing in-person visits at various locations. The benefits of these visits are felt by patients, staff and caregivers alike.

The use of animal-assisted therapy in medical and non-medical settings (like community programs and universities) can significantly reduce stress, pain, anxiety, depression and fatigue in people with a range of physical or mental health issues.

Below are just some of the places we're currently visiting. If you would like to bring a therapy dog program to your school or facility, contact us for more information.

- Covenant Senior Living
- SOS Children's Village
- Covenant House Florida
- Destination Hope
- Meraki Wellness

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MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PACK



Teagan Fiori and Bongo



Doreann Dearmas and Layla



Susan Lawrence and Teddy



Michael Rosenthal and Charlie



Hailey Pinter and Douglas



Alena Pinter and Douglas

Congratulations to Canine Assisted Therapy's newest pet therapy teams! We're happy to introduce you to this fabulous group of humans and canines and can't wait to see the wonderful work they'll go on to do for our community.

Making a commitment to volunteer as a pet therapy team is a special calling for both the handler and dog. It also creates a priceless bond between you, your dog and those we serve. Our volunteer pet therapy teams are truly the heart and soul of our organization and we thank each and every one of them for their service.



To learn more about how to become a certified volunteer pet therapy team with your dog, visit catdogs.org/become-a-pet-therapy-team/ or call us at (954) 990-5175.

SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING EVENTS



ONLINE ORIENTATION

Learn about Canine Assisted Therapy and how to become a certified volunteer team with your pet. The session covers what makes a great therapy dog, requirements to become certified, and an overview of our programs.

DATE & TIME

Tuesday, April 20th at 12:00 PM

LOCATION

Online - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



EAT FOR A CAUSE: IT'S-A-PIZZA PARTY!



Celebrate the end of tax season with some delicious food from Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in Fort Lauderdale. On May 17th, dine-in or order take out from the location below and 20% of your purchase will be donated!

DATE & TIME

Monday, May 17th from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION

1580 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, 33304

HOW IT WORKS

[Click here for information](#)



IN THE NEWS

Canine Assisted Therapy's new partnership with Tenet Health has allowed us to provide joyful moments and mental reprieve to healthcare staff at various hospitals.

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out last month's festive Canine Care-avan for the hardworking staff at Delray Medical Center reported on by Fox 29 WFLX.

A special thank you to the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation for sponsoring this special parade.





Our Team is Growing!

The Canine Assisted Therapy team is growing and we are excited to welcome our new Grant Coordinator, Monica Wesolowski.

Monica is a long time supporter of the organization and has volunteered on our Advisory Council. She was instrumental in bringing our therapy dogs to the Sun Sentinel several years ago when she worked in Marketing and we are fortunate to have her in our pack.

Welcome to the team, Monica!

A Look Back and a Glance Forward

This past month our therapy dogs were busy visiting hospitals, foster care group homes, treatment centers and nursing homes. The regular interactions the dogs have with the residents and patients they visit, often, become a critical part of the healing process. Check out some more of the places we've been!

Past

- Behavioral Initiatives
- Broward Health Medical Center
- Children's Harbor
- Reyna Group Home

Upcoming

- American Express TeleDog Visit
- Broward Health North
- Charles Drew Elementary
- Nova Southeastern University



Therapy dog Jessie visiting SOS Children's Village



Therapy dog Dalis visiting Covenant Senior Living

Thanks to you

If there's one thing about our South Florida community we know for sure, it's that when the going gets tough, the tough get going (and giving)! Over the years we've been blessed by generous neighbors and strangers alike. This month we'd like to pay special tribute to the **Whole Foods Market Community Giving** program for their continuous support. Thank you for believing in us!



BECOME A SUPPORTER

Interested in supporting the work of our therapy dogs? Donations made to C.A.T. help provide therapeutic interactions to at-risk youth, pediatric patients, seniors, individuals with special needs, Veterans, and many others. Visit catdogs.org/donate