

**CANINE
ASSISTED
THERAPY INC.**

THE PAWSTREET JOURNAL

The latest news and updates from Canine Assisted Therapy



David Civatarese with Dr. Watson



Adam and Danielle Cerny with Garnet

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW THERAPY TEAMS

Canine Assisted Therapy is actively recruiting and certifying new therapy dogs to meet the needs of our community as facility doors slowly re-open. With increasing requests for pet therapy at mental health facilities, nursing homes and schools, our new and existing therapy teams are trained and ready to provide services.

This month we certified 5 new therapy dogs and their handlers, who will go on to serve hundreds of children and adults in need.

Pictured above (left) is David Civatarese with his therapy dog Dr. Watson, and Danielle and Adam Cerny (right) with their therapy dog Garnet. Meet the rest of our newest pack members on page 2.

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MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PACK



Rick Brown with Shadow

We are honored to welcome these exceptional volunteers and therapy dogs into our family and can't wait to see all of the lives they'll touch through the power of pet therapy.

One of the most important things we can do for others during times of hardship is to let them know they are not alone. Our therapy dogs do just that!

A very special thank you to **Tripp Scott**, the **Animal Eye Guys**, and **Evelyn and Leon Legot** for sponsoring these new teams.



Allison Patierno with Melvin



Nathan Granger with Riley

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.

LOCATION

Online - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

DATE

Tuesday, March 23rd

TIME

6:00 PM



Drive-Thru Egg Hunt!

Saturday April 3rd
Broward Health Medical Center
1600 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale
10am-12pm

- Meet the Easter Bunny and his friends.
- Enjoy the eggciting sights of the drive-thru and take a selfie from your car with the Easter Bunny!
- Goody bags will be given out while supplies last.
- Kids! We invite you to draw a picture or make a card for emergency responders, medical staff or patients and we will distribute them.

To register for the drive-thru egg hunt, please visit BrowardHealth.org/EggHunt.
For more information, please call 954.759.7400.

Salah Foundation Children's Hospital BROWARD HEALTH

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IN THE NEWS

Canine Assisted Therapy was recently featured on WPLG Channel 10 News regarding our partnership with Broward Health and how the therapy dog interactions have helped their healthcare staff.

Read more and watch the coverage by [CLICKING HERE!](#) A special thank you to Kristi Krueger and Kathleen Corso for shining a light on the benefits of pet therapy in the workplace.

Stressed healthcare workers benefit from pet therapy

HealthCAST

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Pet therapy dogs are a common sight in South Florida hospitals.



A Very Special Thank You

These valued supporters have made it possible for C.A.T. to thrive during times of uncertainty.

- **City of Pompano Beach**
- **GEICO**
- **Irwin M. Vasquez, M.D. and Elaine Vasquez Family Foundation Fund** in honor of Doctors Natalie A. and Oscar Nadeau of the Community Foundation of Broward

Business Spotlight

On February 27th, Southern Tide on Las Olas hosted a fundraising event for Canine Assisted Therapy. Guests were treated to re-TAIL therapy at its finest with 10% of proceeds donated to C.A.T. If you're looking for a pleasant shopping experience with great customer service, stop by the Southern Tide store or check out their latest spring fashion at www.southerntide.com.



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



Partnering For a Cause

This month C.A.T. partnered with **Tenet Health** to provide their healthcare and frontline workers with some much deserved appreciation and mental health respite. Canine Care-avans were provided to the hardworking heroes at West Boca Medical Center and St. Mary's Medical Center and they'll soon be at Delray Medical Center for a special St. Patty's Day Parade!

A Look Back and a Glance Forward

With more people getting vaccinated and facilities slowly opening their doors, our volunteer pet therapy teams continue to stay busy. We're excited for the new partnerships we've formed and the comfort our canines will bring to the staff and clients at the locations below.

- Bright Horizons School
- Covenant House Florida
- Delray Medical Center
- Southern Winds Hospital
- St. Mary's Medical Center
- St. Thomas University
- The Preserve Palm Aire
- UHealth Systems
- West Boca Medical Center



SPONSOR A CANINE CARE-AVAN

If you or your company would like to sponsor a Canine Care-avan to brighten the day of children or adults in need, contact info@catdogs.org or (954) 990-5175 for more information.