



THE PAW STREET JOURNAL

The latest news and updates from Canine Assisted Therapy



Lucy with therapy dog Maggie at Quantum House

A LITTLE CANINE MOTIVATION

One of our favorite places to visit is Quantum House in West Palm Beach. For the last few years, Canine Assisted Therapy volunteers and their therapy dogs have been visiting this magical place where children going through difficult surgeries and rehabilitation can relax and be kids in between their treatments.

Recently, while volunteer Ellen Springs and her therapy dog Maggie were making one of their regular visits, they met a little girl named Lucy.

Lucy has very little use of her hands and feet, which limits the way she can interact. But when therapy dog Maggie is present, she motivates Lucy to find alternative ways to touch, move and play.

During one visit, Lucy wanted to pet Maggie so she began swinging her arm to gain momentum. She kept at it until her arm finally reached Maggie's tail. She was so proud of herself and squealed with joy.

The picture above was taken right after their very special interaction. It's these little moments that have the greatest impacts.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH IS NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY!

Any kind of positive interaction with an animal can leave a lasting impression on one's heart. Sometimes, just being in the presence of an animal is enough to put you in a positive state of mind.

When we feel good, we do good. And when we do good, we feel good. It's a contagion effect that is beneficial for the employer and employee, alike.

If your workplace is in South Florida and you would like to schedule a visit with a certified therapy dog on National Take Your Dog to Work Day, **contact us today at (954) 990-5175!**



NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY
June 25th

Petting a therapy dog can de-stress employees and increase productivity.

IT'S A PERFECT WAY TO BOOST EMPLOYEE MORALE OR WELCOME THEM BACK!

Contact us at (954) 990-5175 to schedule a pet therapy visit at your workplace.

For more information about Canine Assisted Therapy, visit catdogs.org or email us at info@catdogs.org.

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, July 1st at 12:00 PM

LOCATION

Online - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



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.

A MONTHLY RECAP

Thanks to our caring Canine Champion Sponsor, **GEICO**, therapeutic visits to the following people were made possible this past month.

- **Pediatric patients at Quantum House**
- **Seniors in memory care at Volen Center**
- **Adults in treatment at Destination Hope**
- **Children in foster care at His House & SOS Children's Village**

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference." - Kathy Calvin

Thank you **GEICO**®





HONORED FOR OUR INNOVATION

Canine Assisted Therapy is proud to announce that we are this year's **winner of the Small Business Awards in the Creative Pivot category!**

We were honored to be in this category with Smart Ride and Unilab. Thank you to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the work our volunteers do for the community and the important role animals can play in one's recovery. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the finalist videos.



A NOTE TO OUR FACEBOOK FAMILY

Because of your support, last month's **\$5 Friday exceeded our \$1,000 goal and raised a total of \$1,806** for our new Mental Health and Trauma Response program, which will provide specialized services to those who have experienced trauma or battling mental or behavioral health issues.

From all of your likes and encouraging comments to all of the birthday fundraisers, **THANK YOU!**

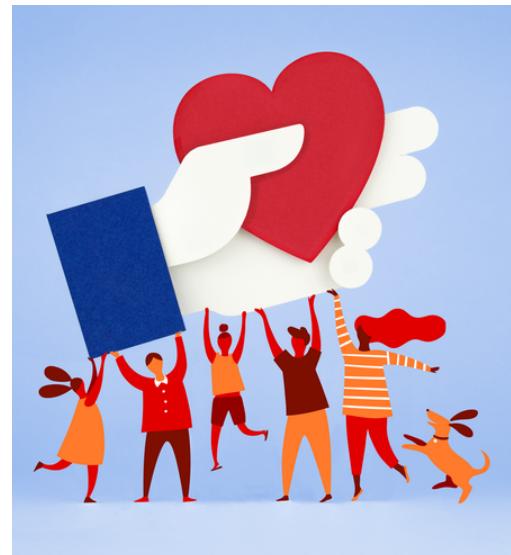
A Community that Cares

This month, Canine Assisted Therapy has lots to be thankful for. From our selfless volunteers and their therapy dogs, to our generous community supporters, and to our dedicated social media followers, we are truly blessed to have built this one-of-a-kind family!

A very special thank you to the community sponosrs below for believing in our mission and supporting the work our therapy dogs do for the people in our community.



[Joni and Al Goldberg](#)



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](http://catdogs.org/donate)