

# PATRIOTPAWS

SERVICE DOGS



## THE BIG REVEAL!

**ON** November 4, 2017, Patriot PAWS held a Fall Graduation and Kennels Grand Opening at which we revealed our new kennel facility to the public. And now, as promised, we would like to take YOU on a photographic tour to see it for yourself.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated to create this wonderful new addition to our campus, as well as everyone who so generously contributed to the equipping of our on-site veterinary medical room. Security remains an ongoing concern, so funding for a security camera system to enable us to provide an added measure of after-hours protection for the dogs is now at the top of our wish list. **Enjoy the tour!**



*The Beginnings of the Kennels*



*The New Front Entrance...*



*...Pond and View*



*Concrete Runs Outdoors*



*General Population Kennels Indoors*



*Fully Equipped Medical Room*



*Puppy Play Yard*



*Indoor Space to Live Comfortably*



*Hello Neighbor!*



*Outdoor Space to Enjoy the Sunshine*



*Generous Gifts from Capital One Plano!*

## FROM THE KENNELS

**DONNA FAY** – Kennel Manager

**MELODY CRAIG** – Kennel Technician



### What is your funniest story from our kennels?

**D:** Not funny, but heartwarming. At the end of every night, the kennels are quiet and calm. Each staff member has their own version, but we wish the dogs a good rest before turning out the lights.

**M:** A professor was here performing a seminar when we were still in the dog house (the building previously used as kennels). We had no running water in the dog house at the time, and he kept attempting to turn on the faucets.

### What is your favorite part about the new kennels?

**D:** The heating and air conditioning system. It is so amazing. Our air gets completely changed out 7 times per hour.

**M:** The commercial AC/heating unit.

### What is a fun fact about you?

**D:** My background was not in animal care. I've worked on Wall Street, business owner, Young Life Leader and as a mom.


**M:** My dog, Harvey, will roll on his back and dance if I tell him, "dance!", but my boyfriend won't dance.




## LETTER FROM LORI

...will return in our Summer Issue.

## ENGRAVED BRICKS FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

As of the last week of January, 107 bricks and 5 benches had been ordered to go into our future garden area, Patriot Garden. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far! This is an ongoing project, so additional bricks or benches may be ordered from our website under "Donate" or by contacting the training center for an order form. The multi-phase project is anticipated to begin in early Spring with demolition of the existing dilapidated house and construction of a new house in its place to be used by veterans, courtesy of the Dallas Builders Association. 

**WANT TO READ** more about Veteran Richard Heath (Spring 2012) or therapy dog Roper (Fall 2014)? Just go to [www.patriotpaws.org](http://www.patriotpaws.org) and click on News/Newsletters. There you'll find every issue dating back to our very first in 2011. Read how we've grown! 

**THANK YOU to Hawk Security Services** for donating the materials for and installation of our new alarm system! Plus, every person who mentions Patriot PAWS when purchasing security services from Hawk will receive a \$100 discount (\$200 discount for military), and Hawk will make a \$100 donation to Patriot PAWS! Call 888-UGO-HAWK or visit [HawkSecurity.com](http://HawkSecurity.com). 

## IN MEMORIAM

In February, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office lost their therapy dog, Roper, who was trained by Patriot PAWS and spotlighted in our Fall 2014 newsletter. Roper's job was to provide love and comfort to children involved in cases in the Child Abuse Division. Our hearts go out to his handler, Thad LaBarre, and everyone who worked with "Officer Roper".

*Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.*  
— Author Unknown

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**Consider today what you can do to help us help them...**



*"The atmosphere here is unreal and reinforces the fact of how great it is to be an American veteran! What is really amazing is how the commitment of Patriot PAWS never ends. They are here forever for each veteran who receives one of their great animals..."* – Arlie Matthews, 2016 Graduate

### PLEASE DONATE TODAY

- We accept all major credit cards on our website at [www.patriotpaws.org](http://www.patriotpaws.org)
- Cash, checks and money orders by mail or in person. **Address:**  
**254 Ranch Trail**  
**Rockwall, TX 75032**

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