

# The Paw Print

## Paws with Purpose

### Spring 2021



#### ❖ *Ripple Effect*

*noun*

1. the continuing and spreading results of an event or action.

When Paws with Purpose talks in terms of *“the ripple effect”* we are referring to every dog in our training program and the lives they touch; every dog placed with a recipient and the lives they touch; every dog that is placed in a facility program like the Heal, Dog, Heel Program at Norton Healthcare, U of L Outpatient Rehabilitation or U of L Peace Hospital, as well as every life that is touched by that initial touch and on and on...

We are so proud of our dogs and the sensitivity they bring to all aspects of the Paws with Purpose program.



One example is Jonathan, a boy with autism and his Paws with Purpose dog, Ian. Ian was placed with Jonathan to help him and his mother deal with his autism. Ian has been with Jonathan and his mother, Janelle, for 3 years. Over that time, Jonathan has developed seizures amongst other issues. His seizures have gotten worse. We never trained Ian for seizure detection. It is not something we do. But because of the bond between Jonathan and Ian, Ian warns Janelle of pending seizures by getting in her face before Jonathan has a seizure, therefore, securing his safety. Truly amazing!!



While many of you have met Annie from previous stories, the latest with Annie and Mabel is that they secured a position at Baptist East Hospital greeting patients for their COVID vaccines and taking their temperatures. This is not Annie and Mabel's first job, but it is one Annie has wanted, since it became clear more was needed to help our community be safe. Thank you, Annie and Mabel, for your service. I can only imagine the smiles on people's faces when they are greeted by this pair – *“the ripple effect”* is unlimited.



Lastly, our facility dogs can be found in 7 Norton Healthcare locations. Juno is one of the stars of the Heal, Dog, Heel facility dog program. This program provides highly trained dogs, primarily from Paws with Purpose, matched with handlers to provide comfort and support to patients, families and staff, including the medical staff, the janitorial staff, the legal staff and so on. The countless lives that these dogs touch is far too vast to calculate and is felt by everyone they encounter. We are pretty sure that goodness extends beyond the hospital. We suspect it goes home with those individuals as well. Again, *“the ripple effect”* has no boundaries.

Thank you for all you do for our community.



**Announcing:**

Paws with Purpose

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

Virtual 5K Dog Walkathon & Photo Contest

Registration begins May 7, 2021

Contest concludes May 26, 2021

A self-paced fundraising activity. You can walk, run, canoe, bike, or skate. You decide when, where and how you complete the 5K goal and along the way, find the photo shot to enter the Contest.

Many of you will recall our virtual event last year. We look forward to you joining us again this year. Please invite your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to join us too.

Registration begins Friday, May 7th online at [www.pawswithpurpose.org](http://www.pawswithpurpose.org).

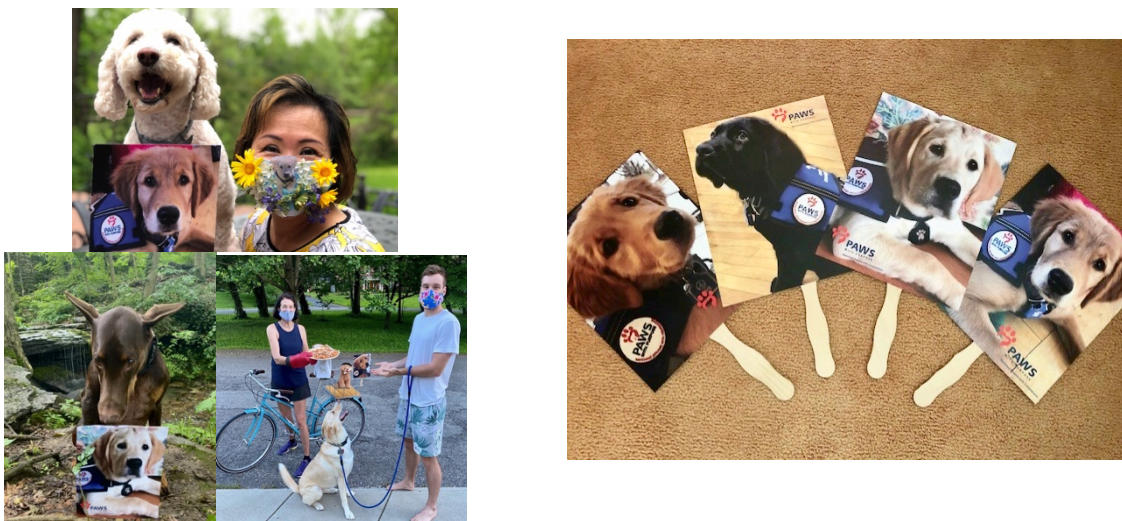
You will have three weeks to conclude the 5K and submit your photo for the Photo Contest.

Contest Concludes Monday, May 26, 2021.

A “Dog Photo Fan” will be mailed to you to use in the Photo Contest based on the following categories:

- Best Curbside Service Photo
- Best Face Mask Photo
- Most Scenic Photo

Start planning now. Here are a few examples from last year.



# Meet Our Walkathon Judges!



Patti is President of Swope Properties, LLC and oversees strategic planning and real estate investment holdings. She is also President of Sam Swope Family Foundation, Inc. and leads a Board of Directors who make grants to achieve the mission and vision of the late automobile dealer, Sam Swope, of Louisville, Kentucky. She is a graduate of the University of Denver and enjoyed a career in the automobile business for 31 years before selling Sam Swope Auto Group in 2015. Patti's current interests include environmental conservation, golf, and travel. She has served actively in the community, including past volunteer work for the American Cancer Society, the Center for Women and Families, the National Association of Women Business Owners, KMAC (KY Museum of Art and Craft), the Louisville Orchestra, the Louisville Zoo Board of Trustees, and "Gallopaloosa" for the benefit of Brightside. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Humane Society from 2005 – 2019, and continues on the Advisory Board. Her true passion lies in animal welfare and in addition to bring a benefactor of PWP, she is a supporter of The Shamrock Pet Foundation, Alley Cat Advocates, Friends of Metro Animal Services, and GRRAND – Golden Retriever Rescue and Adoption of Needy Dogs.



Virginia Moore, named a Kentucky Colonel, is not just any interpreter and Governor Beshear sidekick, she's the executive director of the [Kentucky Commission of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#), which serves 700,000 people in Kentucky. Virginia is an avid dog lover and has a very special dog named Teddy. Virginia was integral in judging our first virtual trivia night and we are very grateful to have her return!



Our third Photo Contest Judge is Vanessa Kennedy, Warden of the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women. Warden Kennedy has been a strong supporter of the Paws with Purpose program at KCIW, in which inmate handlers train our puppies-in-training for their future careers as assistance dogs. Our partnership with KCIW began in 2004, and Paws with Purpose was the first assistance dog training program in the Kentucky correctional system. Warden Kennedy has even participated with KCIW staff members in our prior live Walkathon and in the Paws with Purpose Trivia Night fundraiser. She understands the benefits of providing the inmate handlers with a marketable skill that they can use upon re-entry, and knows the impact the program has on our community and the clients that are partnered with assistance dogs.



Thank you for a **Successful** Virtual Trivia Night!

Virtual Trivia Night on February 28, 2020 replaced our traditional in-person event at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Thank you one and all for adapting due to COVID restrictions.

The virtual event was hosted by a talented group of 3 brave souls via ZOOM. Our faithful followers adapted, and the new players embraced the opportunity. It was a spirited game of 4 rounds with 10 questions each. Nothing about the questions were easy hence the option to use a mulligan or call on one of the Jeopardy experts from Obrien's Pub in Santa Monica, California. Interacting with them turned out to be a lot of fun and they had a wealth of knowledge.

The most fun was in the break-out rooms where each team gathered to formulate their answers. Teams consisted of friends, family members, relatives, tennis buddies, work buddies and/or corporate sponsored teams like Oxmoor Auto Group and Heine Brothers'.

Over 150 people joined us. Fantastic!

Our prizes were donated by: A Taste of Kentucky, Target Stores & Heine Brothers' Coffee.

- 1st place went to Team Tram – all 9 won a gift box from A Taste of Kentucky.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Team Oxmoor Mazda – all 5 won a \$25.00 Target gift card.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Team Copperfield – all 8 won a \$10.00 Heine Brothers' gift card.

We truly appreciate everyone's enthusiasm for the game, the venue, and Paws with Purpose.

**We raised \$4,300, just shy of our fundraising goal of \$5,000.**

Thank you to our clever host and their technical team.  
Thank you all for your patience, support, and adaptability.

#### **PwP Board Members**

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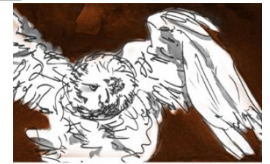
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And a special thank you to Crestwood Animal Hospital for donating their amazing services to our program!



**Congratulations are in order for Jet, one of our very special puppies in training! Jet was chosen to be in the Patton Museum 2021 calendar! The General George Patton Museum of Leadership is located at Fort Knox and opened to the public again on April 1. Jet is sponsored by the IPA, the Independent Pilot's Association Foundation. We thank the IPA Foundation for their ongoing support.**



## **Training Tip**

***At PWP we work very hard to try and teach our service dogs not to sniff every bush, signpost, and blade of grass when they are working. But for your pet dog...LET THEM SNIFF! Dogs explore and learn about the world via their nose. A slow, leisurely walk stopping to sniff everything your dog desires to sniff actually relieves stress, reduces their heart rate and is more mentally stimulating for the dog than a brisk 3 mile walk with no sniffing. Explore different fields or parks outside of your neighborhood so they can smell new and interesting smells. Relax, put your phone away, listen to the birds, watch the joy in your dog.....it is good for us humans too.***

### **Ways to donate to Paws with Purpose**

- **Amazon Smile** will donate .05% of every purchase you make through Amazon! You must go to the Amazon Smile link and make Paws with Purpose your designated program! <http://smile.amazon.com>
- **Kroger** also donates a portion of your purchases to your designated charity! You must sign in to your Kroger account and choose Paws with Purpose as your designated charity. <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>
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