

Pet Wellness Festival / November 1, 2008

About the Contributors – Volunteers

Cindy Fischer, M.Ed., founder of the Pet Wellness Festival is journeying with cancer. Cindy is a cherished mentor and continues to inspire us. She tied a lot of loose energy together, and it behooves all of us to remember this. Cindy has moved to Rose Monahan Hospice House, 10 Judith Road, Worcester, MA 01602 - 508-421-5120. We'll put together a photo show for her from PWF.

Maureen Ross, MA, CPDT, NBCC, RYT: Maureen is founder and Manager of Dog Talk & TheraPet, LLC and New England Pet Partners, Inc. She is devoted to her chosen path dedicated to bringing people and pets together to enhance well-being and education with positive family dog training, whole health and pet-assisted therapy. Author of Train Your Dog, Change Your Life and numerous publications on canine behavior and well-being, Moe enjoys raising awareness about the benefits of pets and playing/observing dogs. She is an active volunteer with her dogs. www.dogtalk.com www.newenglandpetpartners.org 603-635-DOGS (3647).

Gary Ross, CPDT, LTE, LTI: Co-Founder of Dog Talk, Licensed Team Evaluator & Instructor, Vice President and Treasurer for New England Pet Partners, Inc., and behavioral coach. Gary did not discover the joys of dog ownership until adulthood. He had cats growing up. Once a canine owned him, well... the rest is history. He is an Engineering Fellow at Raytheon. In addition to his other activities, he is the "techie" & "maintenance" man for the training sanctuary and good dog, cat & parrot dad.

Donna Clark: President and found of Animal Rescue Network of New England www.arnne.org. ARNNE was formed in 2001 with the purpose of creating a network of shelters working cooperatively to place as many homeless animals as possible. ARNNE volunteers accomplish this locally, both physically and emotionally, caring for the medical needs and placing local strays in competent, loving homes. ARNNE sponsors a monthly Pet Adoption Day where regional shelters come together at the local church hall, usually with either adoptable animals or pictures and biographies of animals in their care.

Melissa Dudley: Founder of Libby's Haven for Senior Canines www.lhsk9.org, 603-783-9419, P.O. Box 65, Canterbury, NH 03224: OFFERING SENIORS A SECOND CHANCE. The mission of Libby's is to provide senior dogs that are either shelter rescues or owner-surrendered the opportunity to live out their golden years being cozy, safe and loved.

Kathleen DeLong, RN, PP, LTE, READ: Kathy has been a registered nurse at Saints Memorial Hospital for 30 years. She is a dog behaviorist / trainer / presenter. Additionally, she is a registered pet partner, licensed evaluator and Executive Director, Volunteer Training for New England Pet Partners. In collaboration with a great bunch of nurses, Kathy opened the cancer unit to Registered Pet Partners at Saints Memorial Hospital. Kathy and Jake are active volunteers at several facilities.

Mary Budge, PP, READ: Mary has worked for the government (IRS) over 30 years. She is a registered pet partner with Sunnie, her Golden Retriever, Licensed Evaluator for Delta Society, and Secretary of New England Pet Partners, Inc. Mary and Sunnie are active volunteers at Long Meadow Place in Burlington, MA and Fairview Nursing Home in Hudson, NH. Mary and Sunnie have appeared in several segments on Pet-assisted therapy including Chronicle, WMUR and NEPP Presents at Dog Mountain.

Linda Browne, PP, LTE, LRI: Linda is a Resolution Analyst for United Health Care for over 10-years. Her introduction to dogs came at a later age. Her first pet Bert was a "Heinz 57" dog given to her when she was a VISTA volunteer in Florida. Lucy, a Corgi, is her present pet partner. Linda is a Licensed Evaluator and R.E.A.D. Instructor. She visits with Lucy at the Memorial School in Bedford, NH. She is on the Board of Directors for New England Pet Partners, Inc and a R.E.A.D. Instructor. Linda and Lucy have appeared on cable and WMUR on behalf of Pet Partners & R.E.A.D.

Deb Silke: Founder and Director, *Pet Wellness Resource Center*, 978-902-7001, dslke@comcast.net.

Does your pet have allergies, mysterious illnesses, recurring problems that never seem to go away? Do you find yourself giving prescriptions that alleviate a problem for awhile but your pet never seems to really get better? Have you ever made the statement “If I told you what I have spent at the Veterinarian’s...?”

While there are some terrific veterinarians out there, veterinary care is most often about treating acute situations, the majority of which can be prevented through changes in *lifestyle without the need for medical intervention* ... just like with us humans!

Deb Silke founded *On The Bone and Off the Vine* in 1993, which continues to operate as the nutritional division of Pet Wellness Resource Center. For most of her adult life, Deb has made herself available to people to help their animals with their nutrition and lifestyle issues. “It is always very gratifying to have clients report to me the positive effects in their pet’s health and behavior after implementing even a few of the changes I suggest.” The majority of Deb’s own pets have required veterinary care only at the very beginning and the very end of their healthy, happy and active lives.

Would you like to understand your pet’s needs better? Would you like to have a place to ask your questions and express your concerns about your pet’s health and behavior without feeling rushed? Then come and see **Deb Silke at the Pet Wellness Resource Center Table at the 5th Annual Pet Wellness Festival**. Get these questions answered and be introduced to some very effective and easy common sense methods you can use to be sure your pet’s health is right where it should be.

Danielle MacKinnon: With a passionate connection to the animal kingdom, Danielle MacKinnon uses her intuitive abilities to help pets and their humans reach a deeper understanding of each other by helping them work through issues. As an animal communicator, animals trust her to help them communicate with their humans and humans trust her to help them get their message through with love and compassion. Danielle is certified in many healing modalities including Reiki, Soul Clearing, Angel and Fairy Readings, Medical Intuition and Animal Communication. Visit Danielle at www.daniellemackinnon.com.

Shirley Holdman, Giggles & Canine Capers: Shirley Holdman is a long-time mentor and supporter of the Pet Wellness Festival, New England Pet Partners, Inc. and now, Delta Society® and R.E.A.D. ®. She and Giggles are avid contributors to our Board Meetings. Shirley & Giggles are Canine Capers. She is the one you see toting around the video cam on a pole. Among many events that Shirley contributes too, she has opened a R.E.A.D. program in the Billerica Library. Shirley is a go-getter. Her favorite saying: “Just do it for cryin out loud.” Shirley has several children’s books in the works. Stay tuned ...

Ellen Schofield: Ellen was born in the wagon of a traveling show ... oh; you mean a bio that isn’t a song! Ellen is the owner/operator of *Pet Styles, Pelham’s newest grooming facility 603-635-WASH*. A long-time resident of Pelham, NH, Ellen is a caring and compassionate animal enthusiast with a background that includes breeding Mikis, showing miniature horses and munchkin cats. She raised and hand-fed exotic birds to well socialized pets. Ellen has worked with feline rescue services & A.R.N.N.E. and often fosters homeless animals. They get the full beauty treatment before going to their new homes. She took this passion to a new level after completing formal training in pet grooming. Visit Ellen at the Pet Wellness Festival. Watch a demo on cat grooming and register to WIN A COMPLETE GROOMING for your pet.

Karen Lachapelle, LMT: *Rub My Belly Small Animal Massage & Reiki*, (978) 452-4919, rbmybilly@yahoo.com Karen is a 2006 graduate of Bancroft School of Small Animal Massage Therapy. She has completed Reiki I, II and Advanced from Reiki Master Teachers Pam and Roger Mailloux. Her love of animals and interest in all types of healing modalities has led her to take acupuncture classes from Tallgrass, cranio-sacral therapy from the Upledger Institute and the Art of Aromatherapy and Flower Essences. Karen is a member of IAAMB (International Association of Animal Massage and Body Work).

Tracey Zysk, M.A.: Tracey also has a B.A from Johnson & Wales University, Bancroft School of Massage - Animal Massage, Reiki Practitioner - Advanced level. Tracey is the owner of **Wiggles & Jiggles Pet Care** located in North Andover MA. She specializes in animal massage and Reiki energy healing. Her business also provides pet sitting and dog walking services in the Merrimack Valley.

Mary McIntosh: Mary McIntosh, Reiki Master, *Reiki Pathways*, 617-567-3545, mary.mcintosh@bingham.com. Mary McIntosh is a Reiki Master in the Usui Shiki Ryoho system of natural healing. Mary has been involved with Reiki since 1993, becoming a Reiki Master in 2001. She is

a member of the Reiki Alliance. Along with her Reiki partner, Linda Heilig, Mary has taught classes at Gentle Currents in Greenland, NH, and a Reiki I class at Tufts Veterinary School for the students in their Holistic club. Mary and Linda are also available for lectures and will travel. She has two sons and three grandchildren and lives in Boston with her Pembroke Welsh Corgi "Tassi" and her Maine Coon Cat "Hanna". She and Tassi are Registered Pet Partners. Mary has a passion for animals, especially dogs. It is a joy for her to combine Reiki with pets!

Joan Whitebook: Hi, my name is Joan. I am a Buyer, Broker Agent for Buyers Option Realty, www.buyersoption.com and a Board Advisor for New England Pet Partners, Inc. I have been involved with classical ballet, a psychology major, an attorney/mediator, exclusive buyer's agent, wife and a pet owner (my shepherd mix FOXY and most recently a calico cat named CARLY). I have allergies. Although I longed to have a pet for years, I went without a furry companion. I wandered into the pet store and saw a beautiful calico cat that had been abandoned with her kittens at Exit 4 in Nashua. Everyone was adopting the darling kittens, but no one wanted the calico. Soooo, I loaded up on allergy pills and took CARLEY home "for a few days." It has now been 8 years. When my husband moved to Italy on business for 3-years, I truly don't know how I would have survived without CARLEY. She has a great sense of humor, likes to show off, and hunts for (and shares) mice, chipmunks and frogs. She makes sure I am up at 7:00am every day for work. As far as the allergies go, it is worth every aaachew!

Dianne Thomes, Thorough Pets: Dianne Thomes is the founder of Thorough Pet. She and her miniature horses are active Registered Pet Partners visiting many nursing facilities and events. Dianne is a Board of Director for New England Pet Partners, Inc. and soon to be Licensed Team Evaluator. You can e-mail Dianne at miniwhinnies@gmail.net or call FMI 978-686-3375, 978-621-6252 c.

Tom Wilkins: Tom doesn't offer a bio or say much about himself, but I can offer that when Cindy Fischer became ill with cancer, she was determined to have TTouch remain a part of the Pet Wellness Festival. She asked Tom and he appeared. This year, Tom is joining us again and Tom, if you would like to add a bio, please let me know. We are thrilled you are joining us. You can reach Tom at: 603-938-6019 / mcwil@tds.net.

Terry Kelley CVT, CPDT, CAP1: Owner of Pet Tech and Transport Services, LLC. Pet Tech provides specialized pet sitting, dog walking, in-home health care for senior, ill or disabled pets and canine training and behavioral counseling.

Terry is a New Hampshire Certified Veterinary Technician, Certified Pet Dog Trainer and Clicker Trainer. She and her husband have 6 dogs and several indoor cats. In their spare time, they compete in dog agility, and work with Keeshond and Samoyed Rescue.

Dr. Dan's Acorn Acres Cat Hospital: Dr. Dan Cirmigliano, DVM and Dr. Robin Cirmigliano, Ph.D. will join us to raise awareness about complementary and Alternative Medicine. Visit Dr. Dan & Dr. Robin at www.drdandvm.com.

Melanie Perrault: Oma's Pride & Canine University, www.canineuniveristy.com, 603-434-5234.

Michelle Ladd: Market America – OPI Pet Health – 603-889-2598 – www.marketamerica.com/mladd

Pet Wellness Festival Volunteers – A heart-centered thank you!

We are blessed with many dedicated volunteers. Between ARNNE, LIBBY's, Dog Talk & NEPP, there are too many to keep track up. Know that you are respected, honored and if you have anything you would like to add here on behalf of **honoring yourself, please let us know.**

Yvonne Gobis
Amy Budge
Dyan Cahill
Bruce Burdick

