

## A Different Kind of Medicine

June 2016

### 14 YEARS & COUNTING!

Did you know that PAWS Houston has been facilitating "personal pet" visitations for over 14 years? Thanks to dedicated, passionate volunteers, PAWS continues to unite hospital patients with their beloved personal pets.



Countless times, volunteers hear how visits make a difference in patient's lives. As shared by one patient's friend, "I am weeping remembering this wonderful visit only made possible by your organization and the dedicated, kind volunteers...the visit gave [my friend] the peace and affection that she so needed that day."

PAWS Houston volunteers continue to give their time and resources to make these visits happen, which couldn't happen without them.

OVER  
**4000**  
VISITS MADE

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**



Camile with her own "personal pets" Maxwell, Gibson and Fynman

### Why? Because... Pets Are Wonderful Support!

**Camile Dumoit**, BSN Coordinator Integrative Medicine at St. Luke's Hospital is a passionate PAWS Houston supporter. Camile not only serves as a PAWS hospital liaison, but she also donates her time to help facilitate "personal pet" visits. Over the years, Camile has helped to coordinate countless visits for St. Luke's patients. When asked about her commitment to PAWS, Camile said, "I cannot imagine being separated from my boys for an extended period of time. I'm thankful for the PAWS volunteers that help my patients reconnect with their animals while they are in the hospital." Camile and St. Luke's are making a huge difference in the lives of their patients. Thank you for being such passionate PAWS Houston supporters!

Camile will be in the PAWS Houston Dog Show booth on Saturday sharing her insights about the health and psychological benefits of pet visits. Be sure to stop by!



## 2016 SHOW DATES - JULY 20-24

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

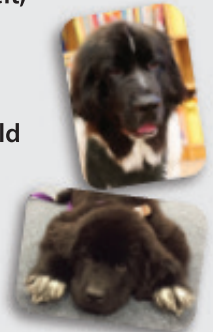
Shifts available **Thursday - Sunday**  
**8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
For more information please call: **713.840.7297**



PAWS Houston's spokes dog, Stormy, and his fellow PAWS canine ambassadors, Dante, Einstein, Theodore Roosevelt, and Crocket will all be looking for you at the Houston Dog Show!

Attendance at the NRG World Dog Show is a great PAWS

tradition and one of its largest outreach events. Stop by the PAWS booth from July 20-24 to see old friends and meet new volunteers. Or better yet, sign up to serve as a PAWS supporter in the booth!



## PAWS HOUSTON OUTREACH: STORMY LOVES HIS JOB!

Memorial Hermann Hospital



Methodist Hospital



Spokes dog, Stormy, has been working hard to make sure that patients and their families know that PAWS Houston can facilitate “personal pet” visitations at major hospitals in the Medical Center. Stormy and his mom (and Outreach Coordinator), Mary Geehan, can often be seen in hospital lobbies or doing “walk abouts” talking to patients, families, nurses, doctors, and everyone else! But they could use your help. Want to know how you can help increase PAWS outreach efforts?

Here’s a few ideas:

- Tell your vet
- Tell your pet sitter/boarder
- Tell your pet friends
- Post on company/church bulletin boards
- Ask if your company supports non-profit organizations (or has a matching donation program)
- **SHARE US ON FACEBOOK**

If you love animals and want to make a difference in people’s lives through volunteering, PAWS wants you! Sign up to volunteer at pawshouston.org. It will be one of the most rewarding things you will ever do!

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- Hospital visits
- Hot Line/Visit Coordinator
- Fundraising
- Community Events Support
- Admin Support (part-time)









## You Make it Possible!

What would it mean for you to see your own “personal pet” when you needed them the most?

While PAWS hospital visits are facilitated through a dedicated volunteer network, operations are only made possible by your donations!

Please help us by donating at:

-  [pawshouston.org](http://pawshouston.org)
-  Kroger # 80152
-  Randalls #10917
-  [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
-  Ask your employer if it matches employee donations
-  Mail To:  
1940 Fountain View Drive  
Houston, TX 77057

**CONTACT US AT:**  
**713-840-PAWS (7297)**



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