



# Fairfax Pets On Wheels Winter Update

Winter 2016

## State of FPOW 2015-16

In 2015-16, FPOW continued its mission of "Helping to Lick Loneliness" for the 29th year. During the year, more than 4,000 hours were provided to 18 facilities by over 170 volunteer teams. FPOW added a new facility during the year, Fairfax Nursing Center in the City of Fairfax. One long-time facility, Commonwealth Care, moved to Herndon and changed its name to Dulles Health and Rehab. FPOW continues visiting at three of the four adult day health care facilities whose volunteers are under the auspices of

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## 11th Annual Photo Contest Pet/Owner Look Alike

Please participate in our photo contest by submitting your favorite pet photo which captures the

theme, "Pet/Owner Look Alike."

See if you can be one of our four winners; first through fourth place. Before January 15, 2017, send your digital pet photos to: [fpowphotocontest@cox.net](mailto:fpowphotocontest@cox.net).

No professional photography. Enter as many different photos as you like but please send each entry in a separate email.

To be considered, your entry MUST include:

- Your name
- Your pet's name
- Facility where you volunteer
- Phone number
- Photo caption (optional)

Winners will be announced at the March 2017 board meeting and showcased on [fpow.org](http://fpow.org).

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the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. These visits are conducted during the day in a group setting for the senior clients. More than 21 new volunteer teams have joined the program during 2015-16.

FPOW's United Way application was accepted for inclusion in the United Way of the National Capital Area Campaign – remember to designate #8097 when pledging. FPOW was also included in the Combined Federal Campaign (#51148). Fundraising through United Way and CFC is crucial to FPOW's bottom line.

Speakers' Bureau members made New Volunteer Orientation presentations monthly to a total of 89 potential volunteers. Speakers' Bureau training was held for six new speakers. The Speakers Bureau staffed information booths at the following events:

- Northern Virginia Jewish Community Center's Aging Festival (October)
- Home 4 the Holidays event in Reston (November)
- Reston Pet Fiesta (May)
- Vienna Arts' Center (June)
- OLLI/GMU Kids and Critters Day (July)
- Department of the Interior (August)

Other notable events:

- Members of the Speakers' Bureau participated in a Podcast interview with Jim Persons at the Government Center for Fairfax County radio
- FPOW pets joined their owners in a Channel 16 taping of Mature Living: Seniors and Pets in May.
- In June, a presentation to a Girl Scout troop in Reston regarding pet issues that helped them work on a badge.

FPOW's 20th Annual 3K Paws for a Cause dog walk that was to be held in October 2015 was canceled due to heavy rains from the hurricane that week. Sponsors understood the cancellation and a t-shirt distribution was held for the registered walkers a few weeks later.

FPOW continues its partnership with the AKC Therapy Dog Titling program. Sukhee, pet of Kye Aboushi, received the Therapy Dog Advanced Title; Cherie, pet of Mary Irick, received the Therapy Dog

Novice Title; Prince Harry, pet of Janice Lynch, received the Therapy Dog Novice Title; Lulu, pet of Terry Patton, received the Therapy Dog and Therapy Dog Advanced Titles; and Bella, pet of Charlie Viall, received the Therapy Dog Excellent Title. All dogs, purebred and mixed breed, are eligible to earn the Therapy Dog titles. Additionally effective July 2015, AKC announced that dogs who hold AKC Therapy Dog title and who are registered with FPOW (a recognized therapy organization and have completed at least ten therapy visits) may apply for AKC's Canine Good Citizen title with no further CGC testing needed.

In June, FPOW had its annual Volunteer Appreciation picnic at Frying Pan Park in Reston. Many thanks to Diane Ehrig, Director, Volunteer Appreciation, and Nikki DiPalma, Vice President for making the event so special. In addition to Diane and Nikki, Robin Burkett of PawPrints Photography took great photographs for our FPOW pet trading cards and pet portraits, King Creole Catering provided yummy food, and FPOW's DJ Michael Galvin provided the music and master of ceremony services.

At the event, FPOW recognized five volunteers for giving between 50 and 74 hours to the program (Bronze Award), three volunteers for giving between 75 and 99 hours to the program (Silver Award), and 13 volunteers for giving 100 or more hours to the program (Gold Award). The winner of the Latshaw Award for Excellence was FPOW Volunteer Kye Abboushi. The Shauna Award went to CJ Stone, Laurie Stone's beloved Shi Zhu. Thanks again to everyone who had a part in making this event special for the more than one hundred human and pets volunteers who attended.

In presenting this my final State of the Program for my tenure as Board President, I would like to make a call for additional involvement from volunteers with Fairfax Pets On Wheels, Inc. FPOW is entirely run by its volunteers and committed Board members, Facility Liaisons, Temperament Testers, Office workers, and Speakers Bureau members need some help. FPOW has volunteer positions that require a one-day commitment (such as walk help and com-

## Thanks for the Memories

I am typing this letter, but given my age, my pawmanship, isn't too good. Anyway. . .

I am, Mia Amica Doehring. I am an Old English Sheepdog who is at the Rainbow Bridge. In our family, I was the Master and Al and Linda Doehring were my Pets.

I am writing to thank all the FPOW Volunteers who sent my Pets the cards, letters, pictures, e-mails, and certificates when I relocated to the Rainbow Bridge. As with most Pets, the loss of their Master can have a bummer effect on Pets for a while. Your kind expressions to them are getting them through this extremely tough period.

Yes, I really enjoyed my therapy visits and I do believe that we Masters have an outstanding effect on our own Pets as well as other humans. I have confirmed this by chatting with other FPOW Masters who have recently joined me at the Rainbow Bridge. Their Pets are also dealing with the loss, and we are sure those Pets too will also get over their losses.

Again, thank you for helping my Pets through this tough period. And if you hear of an Old English Sheepdog that needs new Pets, please keep my Pets in mind.

Woof, Mia Amica

(Visited at Commonwealth Care Center, Lincolnia Day Care Center, and Fairfax Nursing Center.)

Visit [www.fpow.org/tribute](http://www.fpow.org/tribute) to make an online memorial or tribute donation.

munity events) as well as, some that require more input (30th Anniversary Gala and Walk Planning Committees). FPOW is a wonderful volunteer program that allows you to visit approved facilities with your delightful pet. There are very few other volunteer groups that allow you to share your pet and increase the bond that comes from providing companionship to people who are often on the sidelines of our community.

## Biscuit Pruett, Therapy Pet

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that our beloved golden retriever, Biscuit, passed away peacefully, at home, on August 1, 2016 - just 9 days shy of his 14th birthday. His beautiful and gentle temperament made him ideally suited for his volunteer work with FPOW. For 5 years I accompanied Biscuit on our weekly visits to the Cameron Glen nursing home in Reston. When that facility closed, he began visiting Arden Court in Fairfax, continuing for 3 more years. Residents and staff alike came to know and appreciate his warm, friendly manner. He was always looking for a hug and a chance to "snuggle in."



In addition, Biscuit volunteered his time at the Reston Pet Fiesta for several years. Both children and adults were drawn to his kind demeanor at the FPOW booth. He also participated in Paws for a Cause with other FPOW dogs. In the spring of this year, Biscuit 'retired' as a therapy dog when he could no longer sustain his volunteer work due to his own senior limitations. He was a good and faithful member of the FPOW community, and my wife and I will miss him more than we can express. Rest in peace, Biscuit.

Dick and Bernadette Pruett

That being said there are always so many people to thank for their devoted efforts that make FPOW successful. One group that deserves recognition for their dedication to the many tasks, and all the paperwork, that make our program happen is the staff of the FPOW office: Ruth Benker, Terry Carroll, Jill Davidson, Carla Graham, and Joan Violante. They are truly the backbone of FPOW.

## Dates to Remember

**Newsletter Deadlines: January 31, June 30 and October 31, 2017.**

**New Volunteer Orientation**

**4 Jan 2017 7:30PM**

**Providence Community Center 3001  
Vaden Drive Fairfax, VA 22031**

**New Volunteer Orientation**

**1 Feb 2017 7:30PM**

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Vaden Drive Fairfax, VA 22031**

The facility liaisons provide the critical link between our program and our facilities. Each facility has its own set of challenges and circumstances that are unique in providing pet visitation to its residents. Our liaisons are always willing and able to do what it takes to offer our services to the residents and help our volunteers meet the challenges of visiting.

The Temperament Testing Committee members always have their hands full, making sure that every pet that becomes an FPOW volunteer has the ability to be an ambassador for our program.

Also thanks to the 2015 – 2016 Board of Directors who helped me along as I continued in my role as President of the Board. The Board was always willing to help with the many tasks involved in running a program with over 170 volunteer teams both two and four-legged. The Board was able to move FPOW forward and meet new challenges.

Thanks to the staff of the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging Volunteer Solutions and the Ombudsman Program. FPOW's partnership with the Agency has allowed FPOW volunteers to bring meaningful interactions with the residents of the 18 facilities and the Day Care Centers we serve.

Finally, thanks to you, our volunteers who make time in your busy lives to reach out to the residents. You are not always aware of the good that you are doing by taking that time and visiting with your pet. Fairfax Pets On Wheels is truly a wonderful way of sharing your pet's love with other people and having a great time when you volunteer with your pet.



By Madelynn Arnold

## Comfort Dog: Working as a Certified Canine Crisis Response Team

In today's challenging world environment, we are faced with more and more uncertainty. From natural disasters to terrorism to tragic events that happen in our own neighborhoods, comfort provided by a certified canine crisis response team can go a long way to bring relief and a distraction to those in need. Like the therapy visits FPOW offers to a diverse range of facilities throughout Fairfax County, there's nothing like a sweet face, wet nose and tickling whiskers to brighten an otherwise dreary day.

Such is also the case for those who have experienced a major catastrophe, loss or horrific event in their lives. Comfort dog teams are being called upon more and more to join first responders and other relief organizations to do what they do best – provide a caring face, ready smile and pleasant distraction from the crisis at hand.

Despite being an experienced therapy dog team working week in and week out at a rehabilitation center, assisted living facility or retirement home locally, crisis situations can be much different for both the dog and the handler. That's why several organizations specialize in preparing teams for the wide range of situations they may encounter. From long distance travel to maneuvering challenging environments, meeting exhausted first responders and distraught individuals with often bare bones

accommodations and little sleep, crisis response work is not for everyone.

When my therapy dog, Lucy, a 4 year old Golden Retriever, and I heard about crisis work from another therapy team with whom we volunteered at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, I looked into what it would take to become a certified team. We were referred to the organization HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response (HOPE AACR - <http://hope-aacr.org>). HOPE AACR specializes in crisis response comfort canine teams and has extensive experience across the country. It is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 non-profit with 265 members in 29 states. There are currently 240 certified canines, of all breeds and sizes. The mission of HOPE AACR is “to provide comfort and encouragement through animal-assisted support to individuals affected by crises and disaster.”

After completing an application detailing our therapy experience as well as standard medical information, we were invited to an initial screening session. These events “...are designed to help qualify handlers and dogs for certification training. A screening consists of an in-depth interview, interactions with HOPE evaluators, obedience skills test, crate test, and a role-play scenario designed to test for crisis response aptitude.”

Once we passed the screening step, we were invited to participate in a 3-day certification training workshop held once a year that consists of “comprehen-

sive training for essential skills needed for animal-assisted crisis response.” Some of the topics taught included: “the nature and spectrum of disasters; how to communicate effectively in crisis situations

for the purpose of providing comfort to affected people; the role of emergency responders; the effects of stress on people; canine stress, and canine desensitizing and counter-conditioning.”

After successfully passing our screening and certification training, Lucy and I were ready for crisis work. Sadly, there are many opportunities to bring comfort to those in need from natural disasters to localized tragedies at schools or other facilities.

Not long after being certified, numerous counties in rural West Virginia were hit by torrential rain and horrible flooding. Lucy

and I headed out for our first crisis response assignment arriving in White Sulphur Springs, WVA as a newly-minted HOPE AACR team just a week after the flooding occurred. It was devastating to see the condition of the charming hamlet, home to the luxurious Greenbrier Resort. There were houses tossed around and collapsed into the nearby Howard Creek. Debris was everywhere making the streets nearly impassable. Tents had popped up in store parking lots, distributing water and makeshift meals. The Emmanuel United Methodist Church served as a Disaster Relief Center and warmly hosted the HOPE AACR comfort teams. We greeted people coming there for cleaning supplies, food, clothing and water. Most were still in shock at either losing everything or seeing their friends and



*Lucy, a 4 year old Golden Retriever, works as a crisis response comfort dog for HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response (HOPE AACR) in addition to being an FPOW volunteer visiting facilities in Herndon and Reston. Here she was meeting folks in White Sulphur Spring, WV after floods ravaged the town in June 2016.*

neighbors cope with the magnitude of such devastation.

We also ventured to other rural areas nearby where supplies were being delivered to a local gymnasium for distribution and people came and went throughout the day loading their cars and trucks for the difficult days ahead. Lucy offered hugs, kisses and puppy handshakes, but mostly a smile and a small sense of normalcy.

Clearly, the work is challenging. We help people through some of the most difficult times in their lives and bring comfort to their darkest days. If you're an experienced therapy team and interested in crisis response work, check out HOPE AACR at: [www.HOPEAACR.org](http://www.HOPEAACR.org) or on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/HopeAACR/>.

by Sheila Consaul

## Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Catherine Curiel, winner of the 2016 Kim Wilkerson Founder's Award Scholarship. Catherine is a second year student in Northern Virginia Community College's Licensed Veterinary Technology (LVT) Program at its Sterling Campus.



She is a Presidential Scholar at the school. Catherine has worked at Caring Heads Animal Hospital in Arlington since 2007 as a Veterinary

Assistant and Team Leader. She also has acted as an Equine Technician Preceptor and performed community service in a Trap-Neuter-Return program for feral cats. Catherine expects to graduate in May 2017 and FPOW wishes her all the best in her career.

## Girl Scouts Lend a Hand

Brigid Piwowar and Abby Rashid are two eighth graders who attend Robinson and Lake Braddock Secondary Schools. They met in fourth grade and gained a blossoming friendship. They are doing their Girl Scout Silver Award together and are both in Girl Scout Troop 5686. Brigid has been to the Burke Health & Rehabilitation Center (BHRC) with her mother who recently joined FPOW and Abby is friends with a resident who lives at Heatherwood nearby. They thought that if they could reignite FPOW group events at the nursing home, then it would be a simple way of bringing a burst of joy into the days of some residents. So far, they have hosted a Fourth of July Parade, a Talent Show, and two Halloween Parades; one for the younger Girl Scouts and one for FPOW. All events were very successful and brought some excitement to the residents of BHRC. Brigid and Abby are extremely excited to be working with FPOW and hope that the residents have as much fun as they do!

### Fourth of July Parade

Many pets attended the parade held for the Fourth of July, and they visited with many residents. Thank you to Emmitt, Nittany, Sadie, Tessa, Elsa, Bodie, and Shellie and their owners for attending! The pets dressed up in Fourth of July spirit wear and paraded around, visiting residents along the way.

### Talent Show

The Talent Show took place on August 7th and included tricks such as retrieving items, dancing, and rolling over. Thank you to Tessa, Nittany, Gretel, Remington, Elsa, Fred, Bella, and Silver and their owners for participating and showing off their fabulous talents!



joy and happiness just a simple visit brings them.”

Abby and Brigid will continue to organize these events throughout the school year. The girls are truly enjoying the project and can't wait until their next event!

By Brigid Piwowar and Abby Rashid, Girl Scouts

## Halloween Parade

We had a wonderful turnout for our Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29! We all had an amazing time visiting and talking with the residents in hope to bring happiness and joy into their lives. Many costumes the pets wore included; beanie babies, pink ladies, dinosaurs, and a bumble bee. Participating in these events really means something to, not only the residents and pet owners, but also Brigid and Abby. They really appreciate all the pets and their owners who come out for their parades, without them the parades wouldn't be possible. Special shout out to all the pets that came; Nittany, Elsa, Morgan, Sandy, Tessa, Ally, and Domani. It was a spook-tacular parade!!

When asked about their experience working at BHRC, Brigid said, “My favorite thing about this project is the look the residents get on their faces when we parade through the hallways. They light up with excitement and I can tell that it brings back great memories for them. Whether it's a childhood dog or their children's Halloween costumes, they are always telling stories about things from their past. Abby commented, “My favorite part of our visits is hearing the residents' stories about dogs from their childhood or stories about whatever holidays we're celebrating. It's amazing to hear them laugh as they see the dogs and see how much

## In the Volunteer Spotlight

Denise Kloeppe is in our Volunteer Spotlight, she is the facility liaison at Dulles Health and Rehab Center, which is the name that Commonwealth Care Center took when it moved from Fairfax to Herndon over the summer. Denise has been busy welcoming existing volunteer teams to the facility, as well as, new teams that are joining the program.

Denise and her dog, Sport – a miniature schnauzer – have been FPOW volunteers since 2014 and also visits at Sunrise-Reston and the Herndon Harbor Adult Day Care Center. Denise says that Sport is the cutest dog ever, he is kind and gentle and loves to give comfort to those around him. Sport has a great soul and really enjoys visiting. He loves to get attention and show off his tricks.

Denise grew up in New Jersey and lived in several states and travel extensively. She served 26 years in the United States Air Force and flew on the United States Air Force E-3 AWACS and E-8 Joint STARTS radar aircraft as a battle manager. She was on active duty during 9-11 and deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation IRAQI/ENDURING Freedom. She climbed the ranks and commanded

an operational test organization in 2006. In 2009 Denise retired at the rank of Colonel. Her husband, also a retired Colonel, got a job in northern Virginia, and they moved to Sterling. In 2013, Sport joined the family. Denise has numerous volunteer



jobs besides FPOW, working at the Dulles USO, as a member of the Corpus Christi Event Committee, and serving as the President of her Home Owners Association. In her free time, Denise plays with Sport and trains for triathlons by

running, biking, and swimming.

Denise loves spending time with Sport and Fairfax Pets On Wheels is a great opportunity to spend time with Sport and visit the elderly and those in rehabilitation. Denise was the primary care giver for her mother for nineteen years until her passing in 2010, so having the time to spend with elderly is precious to her. When she first started volunteering, Denise said that she had expectations that everyone would enjoy seeing them which was not always the case. Then her expectation became, “if I can make one person happy and smile, then that would be a successful visit.” She has not been disappointed since and wants other volunteers to know not to expect every visit to be incredible — sometimes you don’t see the good that your visit is doing.

One of her favorite visits was when the team was able to visit a resident that was under Hospice care. This was one of the women the team had always visited. It was so great to go to her room and spend

time her. The visit put a smile on her face and she really enjoyed petting Sport. Denise treasures that moment, spending time with a friend and Sport. With her busy schedule, Denise enjoys the flexibility that FPOW provides. Sport and Denise can visit on when they have the time to fit it in. Fairfax Pets On Wheels appreciates the time that they devote to the residents of our facilities.

## FPOW Speakers’ Bureau at Venture into Volunteering Fair

Fairfax Pets On Wheels was a presence at the Fairfax County Venture into Volunteering Fair on Friday, October 7th at the Mott Center. Primarily aimed at Baby Boomers and Older Adults, it showcased many opportunities to volunteer in the community. There were tables full of information on everything from presenting positive aging in schools to aiding in disaster response.

Pat Dutton with her Golden/Lab Lilly and Carol Chapin accompanied by her Weimaraner Rain headed up the FPOW table. All four are regulars at Golden Living Center - Sleepy Hollow. They were kept busy for the entire fair. So much so that they did not get a chance to check out the other tables! So many people were asking questions and interested in the program. They ended up trying to finish up when all the others were gone and they were the only table left!

There were not as many people as some venues but those that came to this Volunteer Fair had already decided that they want to give back to the community, it was just a matter of where they were going to participate.

Lots of information was handed out and Lily and Rain were great ambassadors, enjoying petting and attention but best of all, staying away from the cute bunny that came from Frying Pan Park! Hopefully some new teams will be joining us and visiting those who so enjoy the canine and human interaction that we all provide.

By Carol Chapin



Pat Dutton and Lilly, Jeanine Purdy - Volunteer Solutions, Carol Chapin and Rain

## Frequently Asked Questions

When volunteers have questions about the program, they can call the FPOW hotline at 703-324-5424 or email at [dfspetsonwheels@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dfspetsonwheels@fairfaxcounty.gov). Here are some of the questions that have come in lately:

1. I have brought Fido twice to Sunrise Oakton at the request of friends to see 2 separate patients for a period of 3.5-4 hours. Can I apply those visits to Fido's volunteer hours? He wore his FPOW bandana and I had my ID at all times.

No, you cannot apply visits to a non-participating facility towards your FPOW hours. You also should not wear FPOW logo items when visiting a non-participating facility.

2. I sent in a Health Certificate for my dog when I first applied to FPOW. Why do I have to send in another one?

FPOW requires an annual Health Certificate for participating pets. The annual due date for the Health Certificate is the month and day of the rabies date.

3. I recently requested the number of hours that my

dog and I have given to the program. I thought that I had more. How does the office calculate volunteers' hours?

Every FPOW volunteer is required to enter their visits in the log book at the facility in which they visit. These log sheets are submitted by the FPOW Facility Liaison to the FPOW office at the end of every month. FPOW Office volunteers then enter each volunteers' hours into the database. If a volunteer doesn't fill out their log sheets, then those hours don't get submitted. That is one of the reasons it's important to sign in to the log book.

A volunteer's hours are included in reports that the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging has to submit to various agencies, in reports that FPOW submits to United Way and other agencies, as well as to the American Kennel Club for those volunteers working on Therapy Dog titles.

Another reason is that the facilities have been told that we will log our hours in our FPOW log book and if they want to see who is/has been in their facility from FPOW, they just have to check our log book.

4. I want to go to another facility with my pet. Can I just go and sign in there?

No. You must make a request to the FPOW office. The FPOW office will verify that you have the required 6 visits (12 hours) before they will send your name to the FPOW Facility Liaison at the new facility. The FPOW Facility Liaison will contact you to set up a time for your onsite training at the new facility.

5. I have been busy the last year and a half and have not been able to visit. Is it ok for me to send a note to the FPOW Facility Liaison to let her know that I am going to start again?

Once a volunteer hasn't visited in a 12 month period, they must have their pet temperament tested again, have the Health Certificate updated and receive onsite training by the FPOW Facility Liaison at the facility.

Volunteers who find themselves in this type of situation might want to ask themselves why they didn't visit during the year. Was it unavoidable due to an unexpected illness or other life-altering event? Has

that event changed significantly, so that committing to the FPOW program is feasible? If the reason for non-visiting was that “other things” always seemed to take precedence, then perhaps FPOW is not a good fit for you and you should consider other volunteer opportunities.

## FPOW Ambassadors at DOI

On Tuesday, August 9, four of FPOW’s 4-legged volunteers travelled to the Department of the Interior in Washington, DC. They had been invited as part of DOI’s efforts to provide work/balance workshops for their staff. They felt having some therapy dogs would help folks decompress from the stresses of dealing with Metro’s Safetrack program, as well as introduce FPOW to their staff. Quincy Breyer, Sophie DiPalma, Lulu Martin and Teddy Benker provided lots of therapy, eliciting many smiles



from the feds from 11AM to 1:30PM. A number of folks indicated that they were interested in becoming FPOW volunteers. Job well done to our FPOW Ambassadors!

By Ruth Benker



## Paws for a Cause 2016

Fairfax Pets On Wheels’ 21st Paws for a Cause was held on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at Weber’s Pet Supermarket in Fairfax City. The day was a bit dreary when the walk helpers were setting up but gradually it became more sunny and cool. There were more than 90 walkers and pets at the event. The walkers received a t-shirt listing FPOW’s many great sponsors on the back. There were doorprizes and cupcakes awaiting at the end of the walk. Pledge givers and donations to FPOW were over \$750. Many thanks to those bringing in those pledges and donations.

Many thanks to everyone who made the walk a success again. The Walk is FPOW’s only fundraiser and make sure to mark your calendar for next year’s walk on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

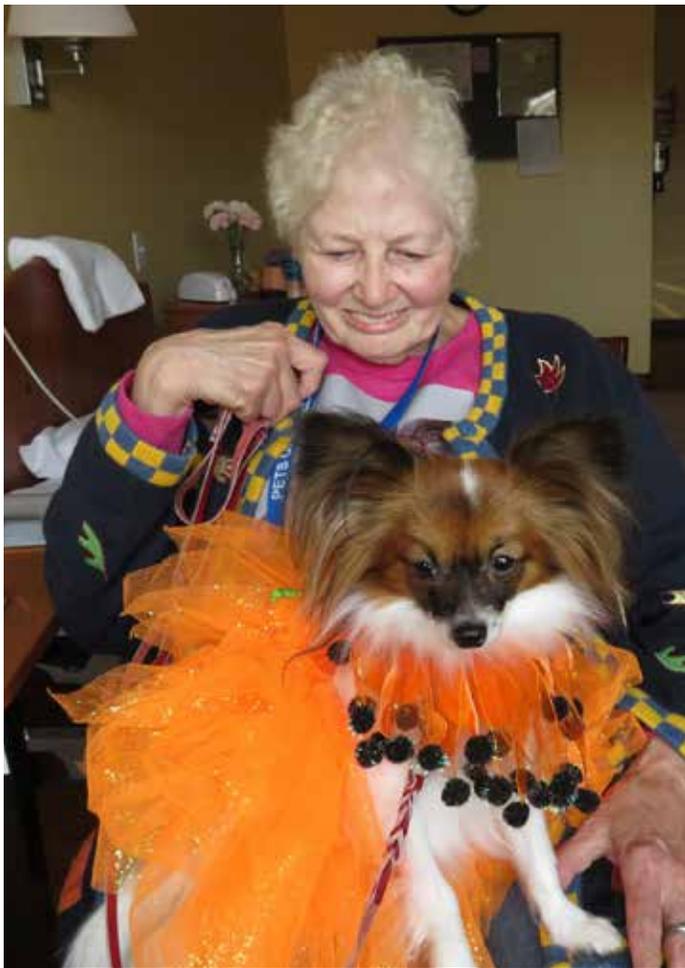
See pages 12 and 13 and visit [fpow.org/events](http://fpow.org/events) to see wonderful pictures from the fun day.

## Shop to Donate to FPOW

Did you know that Amazon has a program that contributes a percentage of sales to nonprofit organizations? Here’s how shopping can get FPOW contributions and it costs you nothing extra.

Instead of going to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), go to: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and when asked to which nonprofit you want to direct your shopping credits, type in “Fairfax Pets On Wheels.”

Each time you shop and buy from [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to FPOW.



*Mary Irick and Cherie at Dulles Rehab and Health's Halloween Parade.*



*Thu Vu and Melanie Shunate, with Dulles Rehab and Health Social Services Unit, and Denise Kloepfel and Sport at their Halloween Parade*



*Jared, the Great Pumpkin, with Linda Koczera, Cinnamon in a poodle skirt with Diane Devick, and Moe, the gator, with Mary Kurtenbach.*







## Are A Breed Apart

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Please use the FPOW Hotline number for nonemergency calls if you are an FPOW volunteer or currently in the pipeline. Someone will either act on your message or return your call if more information is required.

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