



The Top Dog Therapy Team Inc. dba Pawsitive Impact Therapy Team  
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Dear Friends -

Thanks for taking the time to read our October newsletter, we had a very exciting and busy September.

If you would like to receive this newsletter directly, please contact us at [pawsitiveimpacttherapy@gmail.com](mailto:pawsitiveimpacttherapy@gmail.com)



### *COMMUNITY EVENT: YAPPY HOUR 2026*



The Pawsitive Impact Therapy Team offers a **BIG Thank You** to all members of the community who came out to support and contribute to our very successful *Yappy Hour and Bark Market*. The event featured many of our amazing therapy dogs, along with fine Sobel's Obscure Brewery craft beers, food trucks, and nearly two dozen small local businesses and fellow non-profits. This year a new champion was crowned and the winner was ...

### **CONGRATULATIONS TEAM SOFIA!**



And congratulations to Sofia's worthy challengers; Team Stormy and Team Stella



Thank you to our guest bartenders who helped drum up donations for their respective teams!





## MAKING A PAWSITIVE IMPACT:

September again found the team busy making pawsitive impacts across the many communities we serve. We made visits to, or participated in, over forty events this past month including;

💜 Annual Peace from DV Walk – Hosted by Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania (DVSSP), bringing our community together to support survivors of domestic violence.

❤️ Steven LoCascio Memorial Fund Heart to Heart 5K Run/Walk – Honoring a special legacy while bringing people together for a meaningful cause.

💜 Westmoreland County Walk to End Alzheimer's – Held at Twin Lakes Park, uniting our community in support of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Additionally, we made the rounds to several nursing homes and hospitals, along with re-starting our school visits.





## NEW AND RENEWING SPONSORS



We are thankful for the following NEW sponsorships in support of our Team!

| Sponsor                      | Team       | Amount | Type |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|------|
| PLATINUM LEVEL               |            |        |      |
|                              |            |        |      |
| GOLD LEVEL                   |            |        |      |
|                              |            |        |      |
| SILVER LEVEL                 |            |        |      |
| New Hope Presbyterian Church | Stella     | \$250  | NEW  |
| New Hope Presbyterian Church | Goldie Lox | \$250  | NEW  |
| BRONZE LEVEL                 |            |        |      |
|                              |            |        |      |

*Our Monthly Spotlight of Dogs in Need of a Sponsor:*



Meet Mika and Molly, also known as our very own **“Golden Girls”**. These two precious therapy dogs are among the most popular on our team and are looking for new sponsors. Mika’s favorite treat is eggs, and her favorite activity is wrestling with Molly, while her favorite toy is a tennis ball. Molly enjoys peanut butter, hiking with Dad, and her favorite toy is anything Mika is playing with (sisters – right?). Whether you are interested in sponsoring Mika or Molly, or **BOTH**, you can’t go wrong with either of these cuties spreading goodwill for your organization through the sponsor cards they will distribute for a year on each of their outings!

If you would like to sponsor one of our Therapy Dogs, please visit our website:

[www.pawsitiveimpacttherapyteam.com](http://www.pawsitiveimpacttherapyteam.com) and select the Sponsor Tab for dogs available to sponsor, along with our sponsorship form. Any questions should be directed to [pawsitiveimpactspponsors@gmail.com](mailto:pawsitiveimpactspponsors@gmail.com).

## IN THE NEWS!

Our team is thrilled to share the hardware presented to us for being recognized as the best place to volunteer in Westmoreland County in 2026 and being the runner up for best non-profit organization in Westmoreland County in a contest conducted by Renda Media and voted on by the public. This honor belongs to all of our dedicated handlers and our therapy dogs, along with our supporters who nominated and voted for us, and all of the organizations that welcome and place their trust in us. *Together, we continue to make a pawsitive impact, one paw at a time.*



### Congratulations to Team Harper!

Harper, one of our amazing therapy dogs, recently competed at the 2026 AKC FastCAT Invitational in Branson, Missouri, where she won **Best of Breed for Poodles!** FastCAT is a timed 100-yard dash where dogs chase a lure to see how fast they can run. Harper proves that therapy dogs can **DO IT ALL**, from bringing smiles and comfort to others to excelling in dog sports. We are so proud of her incredible accomplishment!



## NEW FEATURE ... *Behind the Vest*

In this new feature, we introduce you to one of our teams and a chance to peek behind the vest to learn a little bit more about our dog and handler teams. We hope you enjoy our first *Behind the Vest* feature.

# Behind the Vest

## Team Goose



### About Goose

|                                                                                     |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <b>Name:</b>                            | Goose                                                                                                                                                                              |
|  | <b>Breed</b>                            | Labrador Retriever- Chocolate                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <b>Birthday:</b>                        | May 18, 2024                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  | <b>Age:</b>                             | 2 years old                                                                                                                                                                        |
|  | <b>Gotcha Day:</b>                      | July 17th, 2024                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | <b>Therapy Dog</b>                      | Over 1 year — Certified May 2025                                                                                                                                                   |
|  | <b>Favorite Activity:</b>               | Stick finding and causing chaos.                                                                                                                                                   |
|  | <b>Happy Place:</b>                     | Anywhere Mom is, bonus if there's snacks!                                                                                                                                          |
|  | <b>Favorite Things:</b>                 | Toys, swimming, playing ball, and being thoroughly spoiled.                                                                                                                        |
|  | <b>Funniest Habit:</b>                  | Signature bunny hops when excited                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | <b>Therapy Dog Superpower:</b>          | Knowing when it's time to settle down and give someone a little extra attention. Behind all of that goofy lab energy is a dog who loves being around people and bringing them joy. |
|  | <b>Something People Might Not Know:</b> | Goose thinks he could be a professional squeaker-otomy performer if you asked him! No squeaker is safe!                                                                            |

### About Kaelyn

 **What I Do:** I have worked in pediatric behavioral health for 7 years, where I manage an outpatient clinic and have dedicated my career to supporting children, adolescents, and families navigating mental health challenges.

 **Why Therapy Dog Work Matters:** Mental health advocacy is deeply personal to me. After losing a close friend to suicide, I became even more passionate about helping others feel supported, seen, and less alone. Goose was named in memory of that friend, making the work we do together especially meaningful. Through each visit, we hope to bring comfort, connection, and a little joy while making a positive impact on the mental health of those we meet.

 **Outside the Vest:** Outside of work and therapy visits, I make jewelry for Wild Roots Creative, with PITT events and community outreach, and spend plenty of time keeping up with Goose with the occasional midday nap mixed in.

 **Something You Might Not Know:** You can find Goose at almost any PITT meeting with his mom. A lot of the planning, organizing, graphics, paperwork, and behind-the-scenes work that goes into PITT events happens with Goose nearby—although his contributions to the process are questionable.

### Together, They're Team Goose

Kaelyn may technically be the handler, but we're pretty sure Goose believes she's his personal assistant.

## NEW FEATURE ... *Pawsitive Impact Therapy Team Pups Celebrating Birth or Gotcha Days*

Happy October Birthday (or Gotcha Day) to the following dog team members!

Gracie G - October 1, 2024  
Rosie M - October 6, 2022  
Finley Z - October 28, 2020



We deeply value the relationships we have built with all of our community partners and look forward to continuing to provide safe, professional, and impactful visits one wag at a time.

As always, we remain committed to our mission:

***“The Pawsitive Impact Therapy Team brings comfort, encouragement, and support to individuals and communities through trained therapy dogs and dedicated handlers. With compassion, professionalism, and integrity, our vetted teams create meaningful connections that uplift those we serve.”***

Sincerely,

Sharon Young, President  
Pawsitive Impact Therapy Team



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