By Jaki Waggamon

XENIA, Ohio — Thursday, August 14, 2014 is a day that Karen Shirk will never forget. Stored away with hundreds of other achievements she and 4 Paws for Ability have experienced, this date is the one in which her dream of helping people live better lives expanded by leaps, bounds, the constant noise of construction sounds. 4 Paws was filled with eager staff, sponsors, and supporters to see the ground breaking of the new 12,900 square foot facility, which will be followed by a remodel of the existing 6,000 square foot building. They were joined by several local media outlets and representatives from HiFive Development Services, the design-build firm behind the project.

Shirk spoke to the crowd, explaining how this building, this $2.9 million project, became a part of her dream when the need to provide more service dogs to more children in need became apparent. The number of families interested and actively fundraising kept growing. And if 4 Paws was going to keep up, they needed to grow too. This facility won’t just be bigger, it will be better. It will be an intentionally constructed, state-of-the-art facility that caters to the needs of an organization that has a hundred dogs on site. It will be a classroom facility, with the supplies and resources needed to train handfuls of families at a time with the new medically-assistive resource they have been given. It will be a facility that does its job. The former VFW that 4 Paws currently calls home just isn’t as helpful as it used to be.

Phase one of the project includes state-of-the-art dog kennels, puppy pens, an outdoor puppy play area, whelping rooms, dog wash & grooming space, climate-controlled food storage, a surgical suite, staff offices, and a staff lounge. Phase two includes gutting the current space, which will be remodeled and redesigned into the training center, with training rooms, office space, a large kitchen for families to use during training, an inside play area, and a dog wash station.

4 Paws expects the 20,000 square foot project to be completed in late 2015. Donations towards the completion of the project can be sent to 4 Paws for Ability, 253 Dayton Ave., Xenia, OH 45385.
FRAUDULENT

adjective
1. acting with or having the intent to deceive
2. relating to or proceeding from fraud or dishonest action

Last week when I was in Sam’s club with my service dog, Piper, a woman approached me and asked where she could get a vest like that to take her dog with her everywhere. Of course I asked her the 2 magic questions: Are you disabled? Is your dog trained as a service dog? I wish I could say that she said yes but in keeping with the growing trend of using disability rights to gain benefits by non-disabled individuals, she said no but explained her little dog hates being left alone. I took a deep breath and began. First, I told her she would need to pick a disability and disable herself. Maybe she would like a tracheostomy and muscles that just quit on her leading to respiratory failure, like I have, or perhaps she would like to cut off her legs? Then, she would need to have her dog tested and IF the dog passed the testing, spend $22,000 plus getting the dog properly trained to help her, and then and only then would she qualify for a service dog vest for her dog. Needless to say she did not like what I had to say and promptly huffed away. Perhaps I should have educated her a bit better but honestly like most people who use real service dogs to mitigate real disabilities I was done with people like her.

I have been to Disney World twice with my kids. It was so nice to be able to get the disability pass to use the exit and not wait in long lines in the heat which could affect my breathing. Now, because of people faking disabilities to get the passes for skipping lines, they no longer do this. Every time someone uses a disability accommodation fraudulently they are hurting the people who truly need them. Every time I travel I run into fake service dogs. In fact, the last time I went to Disney, I had to go out of my way to avoid a woman with a Chihuahua which was lunging teeth bared at Piper. Once in an airport I had to frantically snatch Piper up when a large Pit Bull lunged at her. Yes, of course the dog was wearing a service dog vest from Service Dog Registry of America. I get calls weekly regarding fake service dogs. A woman called once wanting to donate her two veterans Assistance Dogs to us as she could not keep them. I asked what made them service dogs. Her response was they have registration numbers from this same registry listed above. She went on to say that she had gone to the pound, rescued them, and registered them the next day. I got a call from a veteran asking me about a “service dog” he received from an agency (I will not mention the name). He told me they went to the shelter and picked up a very fat 6 year old Puggle who could hardly walk and brought it directly to his house, they handed him the dog, a bag of dog food, and a cape and told him he was all set to start using his PTSD Assistance Dog. He said the dog could not keep up with him in public and his vet thought the dog was at least 11 years old. Is this right to use this dog he asked? REALLY? An agency did this to a Veteran! Thankfully he is now getting a real service dog from us. I get calls from people all the time asking how to make their dog an emotional support dog. When I explain that the ADA does not allow for the use of a dog for emotional support as of July 2012 it is really hard to make them understand when their very uneducated Psychiatrist told them all they needed was an RX and bam their dog is now a service dog for emotional support or a “comfort” dog. I also get calls from landlords, business owners, and others about dogs entering or on their premises. Unfortunately, most of the time the dogs appear to be fake service dogs. Recently, a landlord asking how many service dogs a person could have as a lady in his building had 4 dogs and was claiming they were all her service dogs. A reporter called about a man in his town seeking publicity after being asked to leave a Waffle House. He entered the Waffle House with a very large Pit Bull type dog and proceeded to down the dog right in the aisle preventing the waitresses from access to the patrons in the back of the restaurant. They asked him nicely to move the dog under the table and the man refused. At that point they had to ask him to leave as he was directly affecting their ability to do business and of course he threatened to sue them. I did say to the reporter that I couldn’t say for sure the dog wasn’t a service dog but that the business in this case had the right to ask him to leave. People who fake their personal dogs as service dogs hurt the people who really need them. Ninety-nine percent of the time the dogs are not dogs that even belong in public due to temperament issues or lack of training. Ninety percent of the time the dogs have fake ID’s and equipment bought online. In fact on my Facebook page, where they list ads at the side based
Ben’s Corner, Continued

on your online activity I see one for the Service Dog Registry of America all the time. The ad boldly states, take your pet dog anywhere and everywhere you go. Visit our website to find out how. I went to this website and several others one day to see how it works. They usually have a quiz like this: 1. Are you disabled? If no, 2. Do you have difficulty functioning in any area of your life?, If no, 3. Do you think you might at some time have a disability or find it hard to do things in your life? And if so just fill out the form and submit the fee and we will send you your official service dog kit. I know of a reporter who did similar and then got her kit in the mail and showed it on film laughing that now her little untrained Maltese was an official service dog. It is really quite sad that we live in a country where so many find deceiving the system perfectly acceptable no matter what harm they are bringing to others. Some may even know exactly what they are doing and do not care!

When we enter a business after a fake service dog, these business owners now have an issue with us. They are giving us a hard time explaining the last “service dog” they let in growled at their customers and some of them left. Yet it is perfectly acceptable to hundreds of people. Actually, I would say as a whole, faking disability to get accommodations is done daily by hundreds of thousands of people. How many times do you see people parking in the handicapped parking and it is pretty clear they are using their Grandma’s disability parking plaque? I would guess every day at amusement parks and other businesses that give accommodations to those with disabilities there are hundreds of healthy people taking advantage of them. I can guarantee you could walk into an airport almost any day and find at least one fake service dog. Hopefully at some point the ADA will be revised to make it much harder to fake a service dog. At 4 Paws we teach our families to respect the business owners rights and make sure their dog is well identified as a 4 Paws Service Dog, always wearing a vest with our logo. We provide ID cards with a number they can call to verify the dog’s status. I am not sure what the answer is because there are a small number of service dog users who self-trained their dog and did it all the right way and those dogs deserve rights. I think the only way we will be free of these fraudulent service dog users is to require certification from a NONPROFIT organization whose sole mission is the training and placement of service dogs. In the meantime I think educating the general public is all that we can do. I am grateful to the news stations, reporters, videographers, and writers bringing light to this very real and harmful practice.

Genuine

1. Having the reputed qualities or character
2. Actually produced by a specific source
3. 4 Paws for Ability’s Service Dogs
There was warm sunshine and a smile everywhere you turned at the Second Annual 4 Paws 5K and 1-Mile Dog Walk! The August 30 event was well attended by staff, families, community supporters, sponsors, and of course runners and dog walkers (and even a few dog runners!). The 5K was a quick run around Shawnee Park in Xenia, OH. The one mile walking participants enjoyed a leisurely stroll around the Shawnee Park pond. No dogs were harmed in the completion of the dog walk, but a few startled water fowl disapproved of their presence! In the end, 16 “Top Dog” medals were handed out to the top male and females in each age group. Congratulations to all participants!

4 Paws doubled the fun at the second annual 5K by adding “Festipaw” offering lunch, a bounce house, split the pot, music, and a silent auction. Even with all that running, the bounce house was a hit. Families and friends spent the afternoon enjoying each other’s company.

The event raised more than $30,000 towards the 4 Paws Building Fund. A huge thank you goes out to all of our sponsors and participations. Be on the lookout for more information on next year’s 5K!
We’ve been home for 3 months and...

...our lives have been altered in the most wonderful and unimaginable way. We knew our SD would bring some calm to our son, but we never anticipated the enormous affect Leno would have on our entire family. He’s brought peace of mind to us - and that is a priceless thing.

-Laura Fiorillo  
Zach & Leno
We’ve been home for 3 months and...

...Cy already knows when Aaron needs him playing their favorite game of ball when Aaron gets upset he just brings a ball he’s a perfect fit to our family!

-Joetta Harris
Aaron & Cy
We’ve been home for 3 months and...

...Nora has not missed once in finding her boy. And with all his bolting and wandering, we couldn’t go one more day without her. She has even found him on one real track. He had wandered away and she found him in less than 30 seconds.

-Jill Sargent Sapp
By Piper Papillon

There is nothing like a last minute trip to keep you on your toes. Here at 4 Paws we have an incredible relationship with Eisai Pharmaceuticals. One of the top selling drugs Eisai, a Japan based company, provides is a seizure medication. This is a very caring and philanthropic company. They wanted to do something to help people with Epilepsy and so they started Magnolia Paws For Compassion. This is a collaborative effort between the Epilepsy Foundation, 4 Paws For Ability, and Eisai.

Eisai has already done so much for us. We have several kids with dogs because of the fundraising efforts of Eisai employees and several more coming to get their dogs. For the last two years Eisai has been the leading supporter of our yearly fundraiser, being the top donating sponsor. They even sponsored a litter of puppies! Yes, that would be the Eisai Litter! This is a wonderful litter of Golden Retrievers. Personally I felt the Eisai litter should be Papillons but they had far too many name choices for the small sized litter we Papillons produce.

So, the first task at hand was to find a Celebrity Animal Trainer to speak on behalf of the Magnolia Project and 4 Paws For Ability. This is where my quick trip to LA comes in. You see they got Brandon McMillan to step up and speak for us. Before he can do that I had to fly to LA to tell him all about 4 Paws and what we do. We also wanted to take him to visit Alyssa and her 4 Paws Service Dog, Flint. Eisai was so excited for us all to meet that we had to rush right out! Off to California we headed. You would think as much as I have to fly for my job that I would get used to it but I
still hate it. We fly Delta though and they are pretty kind to us. The ride was pretty uneventful except for a fast paced trip through miles and miles of the Minneapolis Airport and an electric car! If you thought people on the highway drive crazy you should ride on one of those cars through the airport. I am sure we ran more than a few humans down!

We had a quiet evening in the hotel and room service brought me the best steak I have eaten in a long time! Before you knew it morning came and we were off in a taxi to breakfast with Brandon and Eisai. Let me tell you about my new friend Brandon (Okay I like him even though he would not give me any bacon). Brandon McMillan is an animal trainer, behaviorist, and host of the CBS Emmy nominated series “Lucky Dog”. On this show he travels across the USA rescuing dogs from shelters, working with them to teach them to be awesome pet dogs and then finds them new homes! He also has his own dog training business the LA Dog Retreat and started a service dog agency for Veterans called Argus Service Dogs. Okay so this Brandon, he does dog training for stars and you know he has even been to Ellen DeGeneres’ house! That made Karen very happy because she REALLY wants to meet Ellen! Dreams are good for everyone :0)  Also, he does not only work with dogs, he trains other animals too, and has been diving with sharks. I knew humans were nuts and that last statement has me totally convinced. I mean, I am SURE you have seen a shark’s mouth, didn’t you ever watch JAWS???? Well, apparently Brandon hasn’t!

Eisai also works with Medikidz who make comic books about medical issues and kids. They made a comic about my good friend Flame, a wonderful pint sized Papillon. The book is about Seizure Alert Dogs and features Joel and the amazing 4 Paws Service Dog, Flame. Flame even gets to wear a cape and fly through the air in the comic. Well okay, she is just catching a Frisbee but she does wear a cape.

The trip to California was way too short. You know I just love having the hotel room away from all those other Papillons who live with me. I really love the huge king size bed. But alas we flew back only 2 days later. The trip back was smooth but there was a CAT in the airport and a very unhappy cat! It was wailing and wailing. The owners were even more unhappy because they would not let them on the plane. So tips to anyone flying with a cat, they did not fly well like us Papillons, so get some meds for their anxiety!

Until the next trip, Piper signing off.
In the short month that we have been home...

...Cooper and Owen have been to the hospital, had x-rays, went to a parade, went to school every day, rode the bus, went to a Halloween carnival, had the best birthday party ever for Owen, slept together every night, played ball every day, and been to the mall "by themselves" twice. It's been AWESOME!! Did I mention Cooper is a chick magnet!

-Kelli Degnan Danz
Owen & Cooper
September 2014 Class

In the short month that we have been home...

...with Vonnie, I have seen the unexpected positive effects it has on each family member. I expected it for Heather but not for everyone else.

-Aleta Doty-Rudick
Heather & Vonnie

A New Leash on Life!

Excel & Mya

Walnut & Max

Vonnie & Heather

Zumba & Max

A New Leash on Life!
In the short month that we have been home...

...Ed and Yahoo are doing great. It makes such a difference to having Yahoo along when we go out. It was to the point where I just wouldn’t go out because it caused so much anxiety. I love what a good girl Yahoo is to her boy.

-Sarah Obach Wrona
Ed & Yahoo

Mango & Shiloh

Sobe & Benjamin

Yahoo & Ed

A New Leash on Life!
Once you’ve seen joy, it’s hard to let it go. That’s what happened when Logan Bright transferred from Wittenberg University to the University of Kentucky. She had already seen 4 Paws University in action and she couldn’t let it go. It began with Logan creating the first service dog organization at UK, with just 4 dogs arriving in the spring of 2009. Logan has graduated but 4 Paws UK is blossoming.

Caitlin Little became involved early on in the program too, when there were only 8 dogs on campus. She has fostered 11 puppies at 4 Paws UK. An aspiring veterinarian, it’s no surprise that her commitment to 4 Paws remains after graduation; she now serves as the organization’s graduate advisor for the group and she’s busy making sure 4 Paws UK keeps growing.

This semester you can find 20 service-dogs-in-training meandering their way around campus, bringing love and smiles and joy wherever they go.

Campus president Tori Shisler got started as a puppy sitter her freshman year. “This organization hits very close to home because one of my best friends has epilepsy,” Tori says. She has been with her friend while a seizure occurred and knowing that dogs from this program could eventually provide protection and comfort to others affected by seizure disorders makes her work even more meaningful.

Gabrielle Bowers, vice-president, became interested in 4 Paws after seeing the dogs on campus. A special education major, this cause is related to her career field. As much as Gabrielle has given to the program, each foster dog has given back to her too. “Each dog has come with their own challenges and strengths and with that has come patience and understanding, as well as excitement when they master a task or overcome a fear.” Additionally, participating in 4 Paws UK comes with a community that spans far beyond the edges of campus. Gabrielle has developed close relationships with 4 Paws recipient families, other university programs, and other foster families, all in addition to her 4 Paws UK campus friends.

Tori and Gabrielle are on fosters 6 and 5, respectively. They dread the question, but after 11 dogs combined, they come to find it asked all the time, “What’s it like to give them back?” You shouldn’t be surprised when they tell you it’s awful. “I hate this question. Obviously, it’s terrible and heartbreaking. I anxiously await [more] news.” That news can never come fast enough for Gabrielle. The wait is hard. According to Tori, “After spending an entire semester or summer with the dog, it is impossible not to fall in love with them,” even when you know they are going back and moving on to great things. The “see you soon” day, the day where the dog moves back to 4 Paws in Xenia, is the hardest. It’s a temporary time, no longer a foster, not yet a service dog. The wait is long and leaves time to doubt what you have accomplished.

According to Gabrielle, all of this is washed away come Match Day. It’s her favorite. The anticipation and excitement grows as each class nears. Families, fosters, and friends alike find out the news of what dog is matched with which child anywhere from 7-10 days before the class starts. When her foster Dodie was matched she wasn’t anticipating it. Her screams of excitement led her roommate to believe she was hurt. For Gabrielle, Match Day is when you get to see that all your hard work made a difference. Tori
awaits the time she gets to meet the families and see her foster with his/her new partner. “Did I mention how I cry over these dogs? Every emotion you could imagine runs through me when the dogs are placed. All of the hard work we did together paid off and suddenly...they are changing lives.” Foster homes are invited to their puppy’s graduation. They meet the families and kids that will be benefactors of their efforts. Each one is different, but there are hugs, tears, laughter, and joy at every one.

After all their fosters, the girls can offer some pretty good advice. “Who wouldn’t want [an adorable and fluffy puppy] in their lives? But wait until the puppy is crying, gets in mud and needs a bath, or just wants to play instead of do homework...you really just can’t ‘take a break’ and come back to the puppy later. I think that is something that people don’t understand” says Tori. Gabrielle points out that fostering isn’t just fun (even though there is plenty of that). It’s a lot of hard work. Most college students aren’t thinking about puppy proofing their living spaces.

If you thought Tori and Gabrielle, and the rest of the fosters in the 4 Paws UK program were busy enough, you were wrong. On a bit of a whim, they decided last year that they would like to help 4 Paws in a new way, with their building fund. They are actively raising $10,000 so that they can name a Lexington Litter. They’ve sold bracelets, window decals, and shirts (with more of those in the works). They’ve partnered with another 4 Paws University program, Miami University, to benefit from a Jamberry and Origami Owl party. They’ve branched into their community and participated in restaurant fundraisers. A few donors have helped them push towards their goal too. From talking to them, one can expect a lot of basketball related names (Go Cats!) and of course a “Lexington”. They’re secretive about the rest - no duplicate names at 4 Paws, so they don’t want their good ones to be used before they meet their goal. If you’re interested in helping 4 Paws UK meet their goal, which will go directly towards the 4 Paws building fund, you can help them here:


Logan, Caitlin, Tori, and Gabrielle aren’t the only names behind 4 Paws UK. The group has 32 fosters and 40 puppy sitters, all supporting their work. Each and every one of them ensures the puppies entrusted to 4 Paws UK are well loved and well trained. They’re all a part of making the Lexington litter happen. Their efforts are not unnoticed. To each of you, thank you. You are a star volunteer!
What does this experience mean to you?

This experience has been life changing! Watching other families with "typical" children, they bond through their children's activities and common lifestyles. That's what we all did here! This was our typical. Reflectively, I spend most of my time strategizing how to make my son's life better, easier, calmer and make sure he feels loved and safe...at the end of the day, we can be very isolated and feel disconnected from the rest. These dogs have a way of making the two worlds connect. People approach and focus on the dog instead of keeping a distance. I love each and every one of the people involved in the October class of 2014, and I thank God Almighty for bringing us together.

-Margaret Grayson & Lincoln

Every once in a while a dog enters your life and changes everything!

Paris & Austin
Raptor & Cameron
Aspen & Ambrose
Lincoln & Grayson
Obi Wan & Ella
What does this experience mean to you?

When your child, for whatever reason, is declared special needs you become intimately familiar with always hearing "no". No to coverage, to services, to every day things most children enjoy. 4 Paws showed us the power of "yes". Yes, they could help us. Yes, doors can open now that were not possible before. My son's future is laid so wide open thanks to 4 Paws and Brooklyn. Thank you for saying "yes".

-Nicole Ryan
Jacob & Brooklyn

Thanks for giving us the power to still have dreams for our children, because new doors have been opened for them and for us.

-Ann Buzz
Kennan & Maverick

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What does this experience mean to you?

This was very emotional...I could feel the heart of each parent there as they cried and poured their hearts to each other. God doesn’t make junk...God always gives grace, mercy, and patience that we need as parents of special needs children. Jeremy [said] there’s nothing a good parent won’t endure for a child. I agree with him. Would I do it again? Absolutely.

- Shane Martin
  Jordan & Flo(rence)

As I sit here almost 24 hours from graduation, I’m so happy to be home, but there is a void. You become comfortable for the first time, feeling understanding and love...I now have extended family in [10 states].

- Stacie Bittner Massett
  Robert & Bronx

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The next year will be one full of changes. In August, the landscape at 4 Paws began to change. At first there were only minor indicators. One day a port-a-potty was delivered, the only sign of changes soon to come. Only a week later, privacy fences were torn down and rent-a-fence took their place. Soon machinery of all sizes dotted the 4 Paws landscape preparing for the grand demolition day. Sheds and garages were torn down in a matter of hours, trees were removed, and asphalt was torn out.

The chairs in our offices were suddenly transformed into costly massage chairs as jackhammers made tremors that shake the very foundation of the building. Life as we knew it has ceased to exist and a new normal has come into play.

From the beginning the goal has been for 4 Paws to continue to work in the existing building as the new section is built, to move into that section, once completed and then renovation of the original building will commence. Somehow we saw this as not disrupting the current way of life. How wrong we were! After only one week of construction we were told they would be creating a new door for moving the dogs out to the pens to exercise. Suddenly there was a door smack dab in the middle of Sandy, the Office Manager’s Office! We all laughed as her office suddenly took on the existence of a closet. Next we were informed that the current CEO Office was to be the new mechanical room when the building is done and they needed to run the water pipes into it. Now this office is condensed to half of the size. More laughter ensued!

So what has been done so far? Well from my perspective, they have torn down some small structures, moved our dog pens around, and moved and torn up a LOT of ground! In fact, the machines seem to love moving ground! They dug a retention “pond” in the field. Note, this is not a real pond but rather a sort of hole in the ground that can fill up with water if there is a huge storm. I was excited and was ready to have it stocked and buy fishing poles. I had all the future classes coming to 4 Paws having fishing derbies in our field! How much fun! They happened to find a 100 or more year old house foundation buried in the field and it has been hauled away. They have also removed all the asphalt from behind our existing building to get ready for “footers” which as it sounds are the feet that hold the foundation I am told, as an explanation to a construction illiterate person like myself.

I took a video today and it consisted of a very flat huge area of dirt, the Hi Five Trailer, and a port-a-potty and said jokingly that we had everything we needed. A dirt floor to train dogs, a trailer for the CEO, and a bathroom.

Stay tuned in newsletters to come for more running commentary on construction at 4 Paws!
4 Paws Holiday Gift Giving Guide

Check out all the ways you can give gifts that give back to 4 Paws this holiday season!

Jewelry in Candles
Donating 15% of all purchases
https://www.jewelryincandles.com/store/sarahmangan

Sarahdipiti Jewelry
Donating $2.00 from every purchase
http://www.sarahdipiti.com/4-Paws-for-Ability.html

Connie Mae Designs
Donating 20% of all purchases
https://www.etsy.com/shop/ConnieMaeDesigns?
ref=shop_name_search_sugg

Amazon Smile
Select 4 Paws for Ability as your charity and a portion of all your purchases will benefit 4 Paws.
https://smile.amazon.com

Sevenly
Donating $7 from every 4 Paws collection purchase
http://www.sevenly.org/4paws

4 Paws for Ability
In Memorandum/In Honor Donations
“Hope’s First Kiss” card sent to honoree for donations of $20+

Tastefully Simple
Donating 20% of sales
https://www.tastefullysimple.com/party/3543198/64b34658-55d7-4b43-b6cc-4fa44d424fcb

Fine Featherheads
Donating 10% of Natural pet plume purchases

Avon
Donating 20% of sales
www.youravon.com/kimberlymerritt
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**Schnoodleware Dog Toys**
Donating 10% of online sales
http://schnoodleware.com/

**Scoogy Dog Scarves**
Donating $0.50 from each purchase
http://www.thescoggy.com/

**Party Animal Speakers**
Donating $10.00 of each purchase. Enter code 4PAWS1 at checkout.
http://www.dancingpartyanimals.com/buydonate.html

**Pureza for Life Dog Treats**
Donating $10.00 from every dog treat purchase
OrderType=C&RepDID=7500068&c
at=Featured

You can also gift 4 Paws for Ability naming and sponsorship opportunities!

- **$200**
  - *One month of foster care, boarding, and vet care for a puppy, prior to training*
- **$1,000**
  - *Sponsor a service dog in training*
- **$1,500**
  - *Sponsor a training class. Families receive class materials, training supplies, refreshments, and snacks*
- **$2,500**
  - *Name a puppy run in the new facility*

- **$5,000**
  - *Sponsor training for an Autism Tracking Dog*
  - *Sponsor a litter of puppies*
  - *Name a dog run in the new facility*
  - *Name a kennel in the new facility*
  - *Name a puppy pen in the new facility*

- **$10,000**
  - *Sponsor a litter and provide naming theme*
  - *Name a whelping room in the new facility*
  - *Name an outdoor exercise run in the new facility*
  - *Name the dog food prep area in the new facility*

Higher naming opportunities available. Contact Kelly Camm at kellycamm4paws@aol.com
**4 Paws Baby Boom**

The building isn't the only thing growing...so is the puppy program! Take a look at all the litters we welcomed in 2014. With another month to go, how many more do you think we'll get to welcome?

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- **Grills**
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  - Golden Retrievers
  - Mar. 12, 2014

- **Apps**
  - Oasis x Gil
  - Golden Retrievers
  - Mar. 16, 2014
4 Paws Baby Boom

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Golden Labs
Mar. 16, 2014

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Golden Retrievers
Mar. 17, 2014

Wall-E
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Papillons
Apr. 14, 2014

Weather
Nanook x CJ
Golden Labs
Apr. 19, 2014

Ratatouille
Celeste x Gil
Golden Retrievers
May 27, 2014

Disney Cars
Kinara x CJ
Golden Labs
Jun. 10, 2014

Rainbow
Razi x Luka
Papillon
Jun. 19, 2014

Rio
Winter x Eliam
Golden Retrievers
Jun. 21, 2014

Soul Survivor
Pink x Magic
Papillon
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Breeding Dogs Need Homes

By Jaki Waggamon

4 Paws for Ability’s breeding program is looking for loving forever homes for our breeding dogs. These dogs produce most of the puppies that will become future service dogs for children and veterans with disabilities.

4 Paws pays for the food and medical care for your breeding dog, as well as its crate. Ownership remains with 4 Paws until your new dog’s time as a breeder is complete.

Families are expected to take care of grooming, treats, and toys. From the beginning, the dog is a member of the family, and not part of the foster program.

If you’re interested in giving a home to one of our breeding dogs, contact Karen Shirk, 4 Paws for Ability founder and executive director, at 937.374.0385.

4 Paws Dogs That Need Good Homes:

Labrador Retrievers:
- Nettie (left)
- Nyx (bottom right)

Collies:
- Pax

Goldendoodles:
- Rochelle

Golden Retrievers:
- Talya
- Katja
- Nickolai (bottom left)
**4 Paws for Ability - Additional Supporters**

**Zukes Makes Donation to 4 Paws**

4 Paws for Ability is pleased to announce the recent arrival of a big donation from Zukes. Our dogs are especially grateful for the Z-Bone dog dental chews. The trainers are happy too...no more doggie breath, not after a Z-Bone!

**Margaret Wells Lends a Paw to Festipaw**

4 Paws would like to send a big thank you out to Margaret Wells from Columbus, OH. She found our website through a Google search and was really inspired by the work we do. She offered to volunteer her help, and 4 Paws always needs more hands. Margaret mailed out 200 5K/Festipaw letters to our volunteers, fosters, and breeding homes, inviting them to the event. Thank you, Margaret! This was huge - you helped make the 5K and Festipaw a great success!

**Giving Strings Gives to 4 Paws**

Regina, Eric, Gregory, and William Powers of Oakwood, OH are some of 4 Paws newest young philanthropists! This summer they organized Giving Strings, a kid-organized concert that takes place every August. String musicians of all ages and ability levels put on a concert to raise money for a charity that benefits kids. Kelly Camm, Development Director, and Jennifer Lutes, Senior Trainer, attended with Sobe and Yahoo. Giving Strings donated $3,571.30 to 4 Paws. Way to go Powers kids!

**Jennifer Lutes wins Hearts of Today Competition**

4 Paws for Ability is excited to announce that senior trainer, Jennifer Lutes, was recently selected as one of 8 winners of the Pandora Hearts of Today award. This initiative sought out women who are working to improve the lives of women and children in their communities and around the world. The award comes with a $25,000 donation to the winner’s charity. 4 Paws is excited to allocate this money to the building fund - once complete, you will be able to find the Jennifer & Brian Lutes Whelping Room, the Varick Family Whelping Room, and an outdoor Dog Run in memory of her golden retriever, Connor. Congratulations Jennifer!
Shout out for photography!

4 Paws has been getting some really big help from three wonderful women in the photography department recently. You have seen their pictures on Facebook, on the website, and in this issue of 4PawPrints. 4 Paws appreciates all you have put forth, and we can speak for everyone when we say, there have never, ever been too many puppy pictures!

Beverly Westerkamm-Wallrauch - Beverly has been a part of 4 Paws since her son, Chris, was partnered with his service dog, Mercy, in 2010. This didn’t stop her from becoming a breeding home for “Keeva Deeva” the adorable collie. Beverly is a Data Architect for the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, but her passion for photography shows through the tender and exciting moments she captures on the faces of kids, families, and dogs alike during each class. Beverly knows the differences these dogs make in the lives of their new child and family, and by photographing it, she can share it with the world.

Sharon Leali - Sharon spends her days as a Youth Service Director at the Jackson City Library. This means photographing joyful children is not new to her. Perhaps, she was looking for a challenge, in that the only thing more complicated than getting a snapshot of a joyful child, is coordinating that with a joyful puppy! “I love trying to capture the moment in the best possible way. Dogs and kids seem to go together.” Sharon has been called to the challenge, and works hard to capture the unique personality of each pup in her photos. In addition to being a volunteer 4 Paws photographer, 2 breeding dogs currently call Sharon’s house home.

Joyce Dunham - Joyce came to know 4 Paws through her daughter, Jaki. Six fosters and a breeding dog have visited her home, and her support and love for 4 Paws has grown through each one of them - particularly, her sassy forever grandpup, Skylak SAM. In addition to being the Senior Administrative Assistant for the Office of Alumni Relations at Ohio Northern University, Joyce is finishing her Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations. Internship hours were a requirement for the degree, but 4 Paws was a choice. She donated more than triple the hours required of the internship this summer and will continue to donate her time and photography to 4 Paws in the future. “One picture is worth ten thousand words...I receive great fulfillment capturing that one moment in time to share with families.”

To these ladies and everyone else who has given us a hand to the 4 Paws Photography Department, THANK YOU!
Send us your 4 Paws Pix!

Email us!
Media4Paws@gmail.com

Facebook us!
4 Paws Dogs
4 Paws For Ability

Tweet us!
@4PawsForAbility
Thanks to all our donors! (Over $5,000, June-October 2014)

Round of Appaws!

- Petsmart - $10,000
- Eisai Inc. - $5,000
- Diane Moutvic - $5,000
- Joel Bassam - $6,950
- Ohio Renaissance Festival, Inc. - $5,000
- The Bank of America Charitable Foundation - $5325
- Don E McOsker - $5,000
- Bonnie R Spaulding - $5,000
- Magistro Family Foundation - $15,000
- Darlene Jordan - $14,000
- Elsie Mommsen - $6,000
- Charles & Lisa Taylor - $9,300
- Allphin Survivors Trust, Dorothy M. Allphin - $20,000
- Clare Schibi Memorial Foundation - $5,000
- Anonymous - $14,000
- Anonymous - $10,000

Did you know that a $35 donation feeds 1 dog for 1 month?

DO YOU HAVE A STORY OR PHOTOS TO SHARE WITH 4PAWPRINTS?
SEND THEM TO JAKI WAGGAMON AT MEDIA4PAWS@GMAIL.COM!