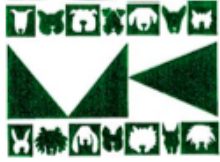


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MO-KAN PET PARTNERS

"Yes, you can. If you put your mind to it, you can do it"

Joan Kemp



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Hello everyone,

Wanted you to know, this is the "new" format for the quarterly NewsBLAST. We will send you the Presidents message along with a list of items that have been added to the website during the quarter.

If you have any input for the NewsBLAST OR for the website, please send your information to Cathy Leschena at tzuhouse3.me.com . Hope you enjoy the new and updated format.



PRESIDENT's MESSAGE

Hope you like the new format of our "newsletter". Laurie Barksdale has done an amazing job creating the newsletter for the past several years and I want to give her a big thumbs up for a job "very well done". After having sweet Lilyanna, time was an issue for Laurie to devote as much as it takes to publish the newsletter. The Board discussed this issue. Cathy Leschena stepped up to the plate and offered to take over for Laura. As we discussed the issue, we found that many of the items were a duplication of items posted on the website. A great idea emerged from that discussion to send an email "News Blast" every quarter with updates throughout the year as required.

Cathy will present planned events, new members, evaluation and training dates, READ information, and all other newsworthy information.

She hopes to receive news items, pictures...any information members deem important to share with the membership concerning our work with our pet partners.

Give a thumbs up or thumbs down on our new format!

Just a note about the invitation you received this week for the "Thanks for Giving" party. I hope all members will be able to join us for this fun afternoon as a thank you for all the work each of you has done during the year.

Till next time,

Sue Manning



2010 Remaining Evaluation Dates:

**October 9, 2010 - NORTH - Adams Physical Rehab Center (sorry this date is full and closed)

**November 13, 2010 - SOUTH - VSEC (sorry this date if full and closed)
(2011 dates should be announced soon)

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DELTA BADGE EXPIRATION DATE TO ENSURE THAT IT IS STILL VALID. EACH HANDLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RENEWING WITH DELTA BEFORE THE BADGE EXPIRES.

Please visit our website <http://www.mokanpetpartners.org> for the following:

1) Stop by to see pictures of this years new members:

Linda Sauer & Lucy
Natalie Durkin & Nikki
Georgia Williamson & Lady Catherine
Mary Ann Hinderks & Lily
Cheryl Roberts & Lacy
Mandy Hickman & Cate
Karen Manley & Maggie
Candy Anderson & Lily
Jennifer Kimberlin & Alice
Cathy Leschena & Maddy
Cathy Leschena & Josie
Dee Karleskint and Toby
Mose Huggis and Gonzo

2) Upcoming Events:

Camp Carousel - September 24 & 25, 2010

Dr. Hunthausen (behavioralist) - September 30, 2010

Boo to the Flu Health Fair - October 13, 2010

Thanks for Giving Party - November 7, 2010

3) Past Events

Annual Meeting - don't miss Sue's great report of the meeting

Multiple Sclerosis Booth

Annual Meeting 2010

Camp Erin



4) 2011 Pet Partner Team Training Dates:

January 8 and 9

April 2 and 3

July 16 and 17

October 15 and 16

MO-KAN received a \$5000 grant specifically to train our members. Current members, in good standing, are invited to take the course **free of charge**. Current members will receive a **FREE** manual. We encourage all members to take the course as a refresher and to learn new regulations. Please call or email either Patty Levine or Sue Manning for more information.

Please book your class as soon as possible, since classes fill up quickly and in advance. Registration forms are located on the website.

- 5) See the website for a list of wonderful books available for check out to our members. Please contact Cathy Leschena if you would like to read one of the books.



- 6) Congratulations to Sue Manning and Lily who were awarded Volunteers of the Month for Kansas City Hospice. Great job Sue and Lily, we know you have touched the lives of many, sitting on deaths door. What a wonderful way to show your support to those that are so very ill. *** Read Sue's message on the website regarding this honor.



- 7) R.E.A.D. - dedicated to charter member, Holly May, and the inspiring work she has initiated with the R.E.A.D. Program. This Program has helped so many children to open up to the world, face their fears of reading and

succeed. If you have an inspirational R.E.A.D. story, please email it to Cathy Leschena at tzuhouse3@me.com



Story by Shirley May:

Today I had my first R.E.A.D. session with four kindergartners. Of course, I read to them as they are not yet reading. I read the Biscuit Books. When they returned to their classroom the teacher asked them what they liked the best about the sessions, expecting them to say...KyAn the dog. But, to her surprise they all said.....Reading, we read! (I was overjoyed. That's the R.E.A.D. goal!)

8) FRIENDLY REMINDER: Hours are due within 10 days after each quarter of the year. Send your quarterly hours to Jayne Frye at jayne247@att.net Forms can be found on the website under the Members only section.

9) Do you give to the United Way? Did you know you can designate the money you give to United Way to our association?



Website address is above, if you do not have the user name and password for the members only section, please send a request to Cathy Leschena at tzuhouse3@me.com