



Therapy Dogs  
of Massachusetts

A Non-Profit Corporation

## PAWS for FUN

Member get-together and conference brochures are in the mail.....

Save the date!

**Saturday, October 25,  
2003 in Plymouth,  
Mass.**

This promises to be a fun filled day for our therapy dog teams. Bring your partner with paws to the hands on Tellington Touch presentation & give your canine pal a real treat. Have your picture professionally taken as a therapy dog team. Learn more about k9's involved in search & rescue.

Enjoy a meet and greet BBQ lunch. Participate in our therapy dog team Halloween Costume Contest and share your favorite tricks with other members.

To reserve your spot return your registration form by September 10<sup>th</sup>

# Dogs Building Opportunities for Nurturing & Emotional Support Therapy Dogs of Massachusetts

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## Dog B.O.N.E.S. Announce a new component- P.U.P.S.

Designed especially for younger pups preparing to become therapy dogs.....

We are very pleased to announce a new component - P.U.P.S.

(Pups Practicing Until Properly Socialized) Therapy Dogs In-Training. Don't wait to train your dog to become a therapy dog. Socializing pups to meet and greet people as well as feeling comfortable around medical equipment, different surfaces, elevators etc can now become part of their "growing up". Pups should be at least 4 months old, up to date on all vaccinations and have attended at least one obedience training. Handlers must be 18 yrs old or accompanied by an adult. The P.U.P.S. team must attend a Dog B.O.N.E.S. - Intro to Becoming a Therapy Dog Team workshop. (Next workshop dates: Nov 10, 17, 24, Dec 8 and 15.) Upon completion the team may make in-training visits for 6 months. After successfully visiting the team's P.U.P.S. membership converts to Therapy Dog -Active status.

**For more information on this new program visit our web site**

### Member Night Out

Please join us Monday, on August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. at the Medford Fire Station Community Room.

Mary Geary from the Boston Center for Alzheimer's will speak to members regarding visiting patients with Alzheimer's disease.

Partners with Paws are always welcome.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to Petco for their generous donation. AND to Goddess Granola for highlighting Dog B.O.N.E.S.' president as Goddess of the Month. Dog B.O.N.E.S. was featured on their website for the month of July and in the July newsletter. As a result we were also featured in an article in the Dancing Star Productions newsletter- Catalyst. Both newsletters are posted on our website.

Rebecca Serino, & Jeanne Brouillette, along with Sir Bentley, appeared on Boston's Cable network show, Tails of Boston on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch your cable network for repeat airings of this show on Dog B.O.N.E.S. and pet therapy in Massachusetts.