

The Clinic Chronicle

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Are you ready for the Dog Days of Summer?

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**Know of a pet-related event occurring next season? Have a pet birthday coming up?
Let us know!**

*Submit the information and/or a picture to
carrboroplazaveterinaryclinic@gmail.com
for our next Paw Print Calendar!*

Paw Print Calendar

The insider's guide to pet-related events & special days of recognition throughout the season!

June 5th: Pet Picture Day – see pg 3

June 21st: Summer Officially Begins!

June 26th: Take your dog to work day

Take a picture of your dog at your desk, at the water cooler, with your coworkers, or anywhere at work & e-mail it to us. The best photos will be featured on our website.

July 3rd: **July First Friday Event**

Beginning of our Month-Long Annual Pet Food Drive (lunchtime event)

July 4th: **Happy Independence Day!**

[Click here to read more about fireworks & sound sensitivity](#)

July 31st: Piedmont Wildlife Center closing. [Click to see how you can help!](#)

August 7th: **August First Friday Event**

Pet Food Drive Grand Finale lunchtime event & a word from Jake about his final day at the clinic (*story continued - page 4*)

Mandy (Age 6 ½) tells her story after being picked as Pet of the Month

Pet of the Month story submitted by Marcia Chapman



Well, I am that very famous dog - like "BoBama" the First Dog who lives in the White House, I am a Portuguese Water Dog. People used to confuse me with a poodle or more lately, a Labradoodle. Not anymore - they point and say "that's a ..." and my owners nod their heads and start answering questions.

I have a sister, Caya, who is 10 ½. We get along quite well, although Caya is not so interested in playing anymore. Me, I romp all day.

What we do that I like very much is therapy dog work. We are both members of Therapy Dog International (TDI). We had to get trained to and pass a test. I am so glad "my people" decided to have me do this.

I go to Ephesus school and work as a Tail Waggin' tutor. That means this past year, individually three second graders read to me for about a half hour each. We sat on a big pillow on the floor and they chose the book they wanted to read to me. It is relaxing for both of us and makes the kids enjoy reading more. When they can't say a word my person and I help them out. It really works! After we finish, they get a sticker and I get a treat. Everyone is smiling.

I also go to two Assisted Living places. Boy, those people really give me lots of pets, and they love to give me treats. It's fun to hear their memories of dogs they had in their past. I think we all get so much out of my visits.

One of the best things I've done is work at the Camp ReLeaf program, sponsored by the Duke Hospice program. This is for kids who have lost a close loved one in the past year. About forty come together for a weekend. There were eight dogs this year and all the kids really appreciate touching, talking and playing with us. It wasn't easy for them to share in the beginning but we helped make them feel safe and at ease.

All in all I've done a lot in my six plus years. I hope I continue to do all this and more. Watching Caya makes me think I have a good life ahead to try more things as a therapy dog.

I really appreciate being chosen to be Pet of the Month. I stay in good health because of the good vets at this place. I highly recommend them.

It's great being a dog - it's a good life!!!!

Dog Days of Summer – How to Keep Cool



Access to shade, water, & never leaving them in the car in the heat can help

[Click to hear more of Dr Randell's tips on staying cool](#)

(2nd radio ad on this page)

Meet the Staff: Steve Killen – Kennel Technician



Steve Killen has been with the clinic for nearly two years, since moving to the area from Baltimore, MD. Though this is his first veterinary job, he has worked with pets for most of his life; he is currently the proud servant of his cat, Dalek. Steve takes great satisfaction in caring for the pets that come through our doors as well as assisting the technicians and doctors in making our patients' visits pleasant and healthful. The endless variety of pet care keeps him busy all day, whether it's walking boarding dogs on their morning constitutionals, helping technicians process samples, cleaning cages, or sitting with a sick patient. He loves to meet new faces and learn new things, and he has come to know so many of the wonderful pets (and people!) who come by. Steve is receiving a thorough grounding in the veterinary field, and he hopes to continue it into a professional career as a veterinary technician.



Here are a few of our stars from Pet Picture Day – Our First Friday Event for the month of June

What you should know about Cocoa Mulch

(article segment from ASPCA website)

Many will consider using cocoa bean mulch as a fertilizer. Made from spent cocoa beans used in chocolate production, cocoa bean mulch is organic, deters slugs and snails, and gives a garden an appealing chocolate smell. However, it also attracts dogs, who can easily be poisoned by eating the mulch.

[Click Here to read the rest](#)

Pet Food Drive

We are going to host our annual pet food drive starting Friday July the 3rd to Friday August the 7th. We are collecting pet food & supplies to donate to local shelters. **You can bring pet food by any time during that month long period, but the big event will be from Noon until 1pm on August 7th the final day of the Pet Food Drive.**



[Food Collected for Donation from the 2008 Food Drive](#)

As many of you may have already heard I will be starting grad school in the fall at NCSU working towards the Master of Public Administration degree. While I will no longer be working at the clinic, I will definitely still be a client here, and I extend my thanks to all the wonderful staff, clients, cats, dogs, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets, & other critters I met during my 3 years here that made it such a great experience! As the event coordinator starting the annual pet food drive was my baby here at the clinic, and making sure it continues strong after I am gone is the reason why I have picked the date of our 2nd Annual Pet Food Drive Grand Finale as my last day. So please come by and say hi, and bring a bag or can of pet food with you when you come if you can!

This also means that, after starting and writing 3 editions of the Clinic Chronicle, I am signing off as author and editor of the newsletter, but I am sure it will be taken up by capable hands. A special thanks goes out to everyone in this pet-loving community who has submitted stories, pictures, and other content for me to use in the newsletter, online, and in other materials. I couldn't have made these happen without your help!

Signing off,

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