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## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/15 Business Women First Luncheon, 11:00-1:30, KY International Convention Center

4/25 Jessica's Journey Fundraiser 6-11 pm, 715 W Riverside Dr, Jeffersonville, IN 47130



For more details about upcoming events, visit us at [pawswithpurpose.org](http://pawswithpurpose.org)

## We Proudly Introduce our Latest Graduate Teams



Dylan & Unity



Leslie & Vince



Rebecca & Tatum



Zack & Neci



Bethany & Salem



Beth & Ocie

A great deal of love, determination, and hard work went into each of these teams



# CLIENT spotlight

Bellarmino University's Lansing School of Nursing and Clinical Sciences has recently introduced Vince, a facility dog trained by Paws with Purpose, to their faculty. Vince and his handler, Dr. Leslie Leffler, Chair of the Undergraduate Nursing Program, spent nearly a year in training to ensure they were prepared to work in both academic and healthcare settings. Vince serves as an invaluable tool for students by helping them incorporate facility dogs in inpatient care to reduce anxiety and promote participation in rehabilitation activities. Additionally, Vince provides emotional support to students in the rigorous program. The incorporation of Vince into their curriculum is an innovative step in nursing education; Bellarmine is just the second program in the country to incorporate a facility dog into its educational framework. You can even follow Vince's work on his Instagram and Facebook accounts—Vince the Knight of Lansing. The collaboration between Vince and Leslie is a shining example of the incredible work Paws with Purpose is doing to serve the Louisville community, showcasing the profound impact facility dogs can have in diverse settings.



## APRIL IS

## autism awareness month



What is autism? Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States today.

Did you know that Norton Hospital has an autism center? They provide family-centered care for children and teens diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

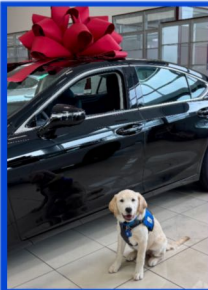
Echo graduated from the Paws With Purpose program to become a Norton facility dog at the Norton Children's Autism Center.



# PAWS AROUND TOWN



Hazel at  
Cabela's



Franny at  
Lexus of  
Louisville



Ubu & Skyler  
working the  
U of L booth



Egan at the  
library



Indie at the  
airport



Dogs in training  
at Cabela's



# TRIVIA NIGHT

## HIGHLIGHTS

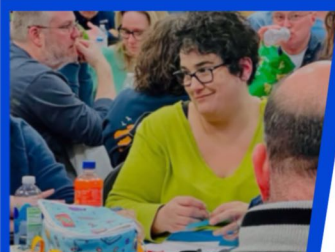


## VOLUNTEER spotlight

Lee Anne Embry has dedicated 15 years of her life to volunteering with Paws with Purpose, raising nine dogs during her time with the organization. Her journey began when her brother-in-law, who became blind as an adult, needed a service dog. Witnessing firsthand the transformative impact a service dog could have on someone with a disability, Lee Anne was inspired to get involved. She came across an article in the newspaper about Paws with Purpose and, drawn to the organization's mission, its partnership with the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women, and its local roots, she decided to volunteer.



Lee Anne and Bindi representing PWP



Initially starting as a weekend puppy trainer, her passion for the work led her to immerse herself in learning all she could about dog training. She took online classes, attended webinars, and participated in seminars to deepen her knowledge. Lee Anne believes in teaching dogs in the most humane way possible and focuses on building strong connections with the dogs rather than just teaching them cues. Currently, she teaches the puppy class, is a weekend trainer for two golden retrievers — Bindi and Harper — and assists with placing released dogs in loving, forever homes. Paws with Purpose is very fortunate to have generous, dedicated volunteers like Lee Anne serving the organization.



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Thank you to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for the generous use of their event space for trivia and throughout the year



# TRAINING tip

Do you have a dog that pulls, barks, or lunges towards other dogs? This can be a very hard habit to break, so starting off right with these exercises as a puppy is important. But if your dog is older, there are still things you can do to help your dog crack these behaviors.

Take your dog to a park a couple times a week on a pretty day. Get far enough away from the other dogs that your dog can see them, but not react. Distance is crucial. Let them watch, while keeping a loose leash, and when they look away from a dog, give them a great, tasty treat. Just relax and watch. See if your dog can do a simple request like sit. If they cannot, you're probably too close. Gradually over time (weeks or months) they should be able to get closer.

Walking in your neighborhood? Cross the street to pass then turn the other way. Don't let your dog practice the barking and lunging if possible.

Have patience!  
Your dog is doing the best it can; dogs don't choose to be reactive.



The "H" puppies after training class. From left, Harlow, Hudson, Harper, & Hazel

## WAYS TO GET involved

### Become a part-time puppy trainer

To be a puppy trainer, you must have a love for dogs and the commitment to include the raising of one of our dogs in your home. PwP provides regular training classes for all of our part-time puppy trainers and their current dogs. Part-time puppy trainers provide a means to house, train and nurture Paws with Purpose Assistance dogs-in-training. Our trainers pick up their puppies at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) and provide socialization and distraction training. Part-time puppy trainers then provide feedback to the dog's inmate handler to help assist her with developing a plan for continued training. For more information on how to be a part-time trainer, reach out to us at [info@pawswithpurpose.org](mailto:info@pawswithpurpose.org).

### Sponsor a puppy in training

As a Puppy sponsor, your business can be involved in the adventure that results in a new level of independence and an enhanced quality of life for children and adults with disabilities in our community. If you have ever seen our puppies in public, you know how much attention they draw. Imagine your company logo on one of our puppies' vest. For more information about how you can be a Paws with Purpose Puppy sponsor, contact us.

### Volunteer

PwP always needs assistance with the events we host as fundraisers for our program. We also currently have needs for volunteers to assist in these areas: Grant writing assistance, help with presentations and exhibits, administrative assistance, social media, and marketing/PR. To volunteer, visit our website or email [info@pawswithpurpose.org](mailto:info@pawswithpurpose.org).



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# please join us

## Jessica's Journey Fundraising Event

Join us for a fun-filled night supporting **Jessica's Journey Fundraiser** on **April 25th** from **6:00PM to 11:30PM** at **The Jefferson**. Enjoy a delicious selection of food from **PARLOUR Pizza + Pints** and **Zaxby's**, all included with your ticket! Dance the night away to live music from **JAKJAW** and more. Your ticket includes access to fantastic food and entertainment, plus a cash bar featuring **Tito's**, **Falls City Beer**, and a variety of specialty cocktails. All proceeds benefit **Paws with Purpose**, helping provide service dogs to individuals in need, plus additional local charities.

**APRIL 25, 2025**

THE JEFFERSON - 715 W RIVERSIDE DR,  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130

**TICKET: \$30/PERSON**

**6:00PM - 11:30PM**

LIVE MUSIC • CASH BAR  
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TICKETS



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Have you heard? White Castle is rounding up for Paws With Purpose. Visit the locations below and round up! 100% of the funds raised until April 30th will go directly to Paws With Purpose.

Castle #10 - 793 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40217

Castle #17 - 3705 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40218

Castle #28 - 7200 Cedar Springs Drive, Louisville, KY 40291

Castle #29 - 4108 Outer Loop, Louisville, KY 40219

Castle #30 - 2711 Fern Valley Road, Louisville, KY 40214

Castle #33 - 12413 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40243

Castle #36 - 12006 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40272

## save the date

### Paws with Purpose Pickleball Fundraiser

**Thursday, June 19th, 6-9pm**  
**Diorio's Pizza in Prospect**

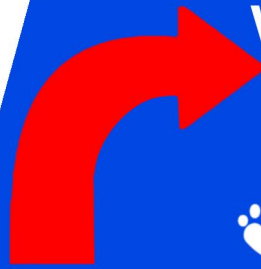
Details will be coming soon on our website, Facebook, & Instagram. Instructions will be provided for those new to the game, and courts will be available for those who know how to play.





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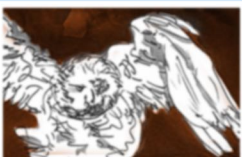
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