



## Pets to People: a Dog Party for Seniors

### **We are Grateful to our Volunteers and Supporters**

Thank you to all our donors for coming through for us with end-of-year donations! After we reported a 44% drop in year-to-date donations in our November 2022 eNews, you stepped up at the end of the year with a 65% increase over the same holiday period the previous year. This puts us in a much better position to meet the challenges of providing financial assistance at our partners' spay and neuter clinics to serve the needs of low income Jefferson County families in 2023.

We also love our volunteers who contribute their time and energy to make our programs so successful. There are 16 active dog/handler teams at Chimacum Creek Primary School READ to ROVER, plus 5 human volunteers (without dogs of their own) who help in countless ways and 3 very busy substitute dog/handler teams. At Salish Coast Elementary School READ to ROVER in Port Townsend, there are 15 dog/handler teams and 2 human helpers that do essential tasks. The Pets to People Program has attracted 12 dog/handler teams to visit with seniors.

Thanks to all of you!



*So many Santas! Chimacum Creek READ to ROVER teams dress up as Santa's helpers for the last reading session before Winter Break*

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## **Pets to People Spreads Joy**

Georgia Towle, our new leader for the Pets to People program, has a vision for revitalizing the program of therapy dog visits to assisted living centers. Every week will be a dog party! Georgia has done a fantastic job recruiting volunteers and designing themes for the weekly dog parties.

Therapy dog teams bring joy to the residents. As the dogs were leaving a recent visit to Victoria

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*Princess-for-a-day*

Place Assisted Living, the residents gave them a big round of applause. Sarianne Judd, Victoria Place's Life Enrichment Coordinator, says that the dogs remain a topic of excited conversation throughout the following week and the seniors eagerly anticipate the dogs' next visit.

If you and your dog are interested in getting involved, the first step is to get certified as an OMPP therapy dog team and, then to contact Georgia at 360-732-0908.



*Therapy dog, Grady, visits with a resident of Victoria Place.*

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