

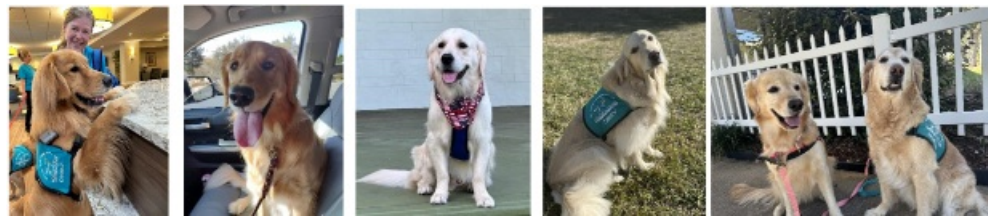
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In the Spotlight: Traveling Teams

We have several teams who go the extra mile(s) by making therapy visits beyond their "home" area. For example, East team **Susan and Charlie Pouliot** traveled to join the Central team at the recent Dog Days at Leu Gardens. Central team **Melanie Biron and Dakota** traveled west to the Faces of Courage Cancer Camp. Central teams **Teri and Sawyer Dean** and **Danielle and Abbey Vizcaino** traveled to Woof It Up in Cocoa. Of course, you'll often see East team **Ginger Vincent with Madison and Skylar** at events across the state. Have dogs will travel!



Photos (left to right): Susan & Charlie, Dakota, Sawyer, Abbey, Skylar & Madison

Best Walking Group, Longwood Christmas Parade

Congratulations to our Central area team who marched in the 2025 Longwood Christmas parade: they won the "Best Walking Group" award! Coordinator **Teri Dean** and therapy dog Sawyer received the team's recognition plaque at the Longwood City Council meeting last month. What a festive way to let the community know about GRRMF and Hearts of Gold, spreading furry love and smiles all the way!



Valentine's Day: Love is in the air!

Every February, Valentine's Day celebrates love and friendship – the PAW-fect holiday for our compassionate teams! Our festive pups were dressed for the occasion across the state. Several teams enjoyed the festivities at Woof It Up in Cocoa this year. Our booth, handlers and dogs were dressed in the Valentine's theme! Although we didn't win the "Best Themed Booth" prize, we definitely gave the most kisses – doggy style!





Who Knew? Does your therapy pup get excited as soon as you grab his therapy vest? It can sometimes be challenging to put the vest on your dog, but here's a great tip: the buckles go on the right! If you keep the front strap buckled and simply take it on and off over the dog's head, it's easy to just buckle the belly strap.



Looking Ahead - Requests keep pouring in for therapy team visits! Please use the VicNet app to view special events and sign up to participate. We're invited to the **Lightning Warriors St. Patrick's Day 5k** in Tampa and **Bark in the Park at European Village** in Palm Coast next month. Want to purchase an extra logo shirt or other items? [Visit our Hearts of Gold store.](#)



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