



# Lexi - Pet Therapy Dog

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## Society Scoop

“I like to read to Lexi because she just wants to hear the story,” a third grader said to me during a library program one day. The little girl went on to explain to me that she gets nervous when it is her turn to read in class, but when she reads to Lexi, she just reads, and it seems easier.

“I never had a dog in all my life. I only had cats. Lexi is the first dog that I have ever known, and when she comes in my room, I feel like smiling,” said a 92 year old woman in the Hospice Unit at a Nursing Home. She later wrote a poem about Lexi, titled, “Once I Knew A Dog.”

“When I see her little, black, legs under the curtain, I know Lexi is coming to see me next,” said a resident in the second bed of a double room.

“Lexi is friendly to everybody,” remarked a Physical Therapist, as Lexi moved from person to person in the PT unit, ducking under walkers, and

moving around wheelchairs. She says “hello” to the residents, the staff, the families, or whoever is in the room, and sometimes there are as many as 10 or more people in the rehab area. She makes no distinctions, and even though she is on a 4 ft leash, she moves on her own, from one person to the next.

Lexi is a 6 year old Belgian Sheepdog, who came to live with my husband and myself when she was re-homed at 2 years old. She was born in Connecticut and lived most of those 2 years, in New Hampshire. One very cold and snowy night, we brought Lexi to our home, forever. She was smiling, and so were we. It was Dec. 19, 2011.

It wasn't long before I realized that Lexi had the right temperament to become a Pet Therapy Dog. I contacted Best Friends Pet Therapy Club in Springfield, OH, where we were living at the time, and signed up for classes. We were on our way to becoming a Pet Therapy Team, and Lexi was training to become a Registered Therapy Dog.

Training to be a Therapy Team was helpful, informative, and fun! Part of her training was to experience loud noises and loud talking, squeaky wheelchairs and clanging therapy equipment. She accepted warm hugs from strangers, slightly-too-tight squeezes, some accidental stepping on toes, or catching the tip of her tail in a revolving door. We had many classes with practice scenarios for our Team (Lexi and myself). We went to Nursing Homes and a hospital, all with a group of people to observe us, help us, and one Certified Tester to score us on our performance. Finally, it was official! Lexi received the honor of being a Registered Therapy Dog on April 22, 2012.

Since obtaining her registration, Lexi has visited about 125 different places. She is always excited to go, happy to be there, and friendly with every person. Once a small child, just about Lexi's size, gave her a kiss. Lexi kissed her back. Once a lady said she was afraid of dogs, then she held up her

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*Judy Butcher with her Pet Therapy Dog, Lexi*

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# Tributes

Received between *June 1 and November 1, 2015*

## In Memory

**Steve Auslander**, given by Vicki Hobbs

**Daniel David Beam**, given by Parker and Linda Beam, Beam Suntory, James and Martha Cockerel, Sandy Newton Hardin, T. Williams Samuels, Jr., John Snider, Patty and Jackie Clemons, Rob and Kathy McMullan, Vicky Hahn, Jesse and Diane Godby, Mary E. Duncan, George Ballard, Therese Johnson, David Roby, Louise and Cyril Nalley, Elizabeth Tharp, Merrylyn Sparks, Greg Peterson, Sandra Price, Lincoln Trail Homecare, George and Bonita Groh, Frances McCoy, John and Janice Ritchie, Charlie and Margaret Downs, and Altman Insurance Services

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**"Bitsy" and "Jake" Evans**, given by Lee Evans

**"Ginger,"** given by Trudi Maish

**"Goo" and "Diddle,"** given by Sarah Bradford

**"Gus" Calhoun**, given by Winnie Calhoun

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**"Sassy,"** given by Shirley Rogers

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**"Snoopy,"** given by Tom and Carla Evans

**"Spice,"** given by Penny Spalding

**"Sweetie Pie" and "Sindi Lu,"** given by Yvonne and Charlie Beam  
**"Tigger,"** given by Penny Spalding

## In Honor

**Sarah Bradford, for her birthday**, given by Jerry and Sharon Klein

**Bonita McMillen, for her birthday**, given by Jennifer Smith

**Shari Stackhouse**, given by Michelle Asay

**Trudy Sutherland**, given by Gail Cox Hart

**Volunteers at the Nelson County Animal Shelter**, given by Roseanne and David Calisti

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**"Zeus,"** given by Martin and Tina Jones

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- Postage stamps
- Printer ink (Canon 240/241)
- Towels, washrags, blankets, sheets, pillow cases

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finger toward Lexi, and Lexi touched her nose to the tip of the finger, and a magic moment happened between them. They were friends from then on. Once a man, who was blind, and could not hear or speak, touched Lexi's face, and he laughed out loud.

Some dogs can be trained to be good Therapy Dogs, but some Therapy Dogs are born special. Lexi is a good Therapy Dog, and she is special, too.

**Kentucky Cattlemen's Foundation Grant**

In August, the Kentucky Cattlemen's Foundation awarded the Humane Society of Nelson County a grant of \$500 from their Animal Shelter Assistance Program, a program started five years ago to support the work of Kentucky animal shelters. Our humane society will use the grant money to provide low cost spay/neuter surgeries for the many farm and free-roaming cats in counties adjacent to Nelson County, such as Larue, Washington, Marion, Bullitt, and Hardin.



Nelson County Cattleman, Larry Schenck, presents a check for \$500 to Shelter Director, Judy Cooke.



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And last, but not least, all our many, many donors and volunteers who contribute year after year. We couldn't survive without you. Every gift, no matter how small is appreciated. If we have omitted anyone, we apologize—it doesn't mean we aren't grateful!

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## Bloomfield Elementary Girls Raise Money for Humane Society

After a visit from a humane society volunteer, a group of girls decided to raise money for the animals at the shelter by selling stick-on tattoos. Their teacher, Amy Cundiff, donated the tattoos, and the girls set to work, raising over \$80 in five days.

The donation was delivered to the shelter by Shaylyn Bowman and Anna Simpson, pictured left to right, above. Kamryn Brown and Emma O'Daniel also helped, but are not in the photo. We are so grateful for their idea and their effort.



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# Dippin' Dogs 2015

by Trudi Maish

It's August and in Bardstown, Kentucky the end of summer is almost here. Mum plants are showing up at Walmart and the kids are getting ready for school. The city pool has been closed and being prepared for the 4th Annual Dippin Dogs swim held on August 15. Now is the time to let the dogs out for their day at the pool.

Dippin Dogs is a fund raiser for the Humane Society of Nelson County, Bourbon City Bark-Park and Barktown Rescue. Stephanie Davis is the organizer and co-ordinates volunteers and sponsors to provide a great day for the dogs and their people.

As in the past there were contests including Doggy Olympics and Best Costume and a number of nice raffle choices to participate in. Dock jumping dogs competed on Friday night and Saturday to the enjoyment of everyone. However the highlight of the day was all the dogs running, jumping and playing in the pools with each other and some of their adventuresome people. Many attendees just came to sit and watch the excitement.

It was a fun day for everyone and the money raised is a big help for all three organizations. Many thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers including Mary Jo Abell, Gayle Sullivan, Jane Hagan, Sarah Bradford, Gail Hart and Therese Johnson who represented the Humane Society.



*Sister Marlene Lehmkehl with Dama, and Esther with Dolly. Both dogs were adopted from the Nelson County Animal Shelter.*



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