

Partners in Performance 2016

Friday, January 8

11:00 Canine research The Web Project

University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine will present information regarding data gathering on web tissue on different breeds of dogs (tissue between the digits of the paw). Exhibitors will be asked to bring their dog for a caliper measurement of depth of foot webbing. Kari Ekenstedt DVM, PhD and veterinary students will be on hand to conduct the research.

11:30 Reading assistance dogs R.E.A.D. MN

Therapy dogs have been trained to listen to children reading. The program improves the reading skills of children, enhances social skills and often assists in developing greater communication skills. This is a non-judgmental experience to encourage young readers to expand their world.

12:00 Rehabilitative therapeutic dogs Children's Hospital PAHS

Pets Assisting with Healing provides a program in which handlers and their dog can participate in the therapeutic setting by providing motivation and stimulation. The handler and their dog provide the encouragement to participate in a wide variety of activities that are needed by the patient.

12:30 Animal assisted therapy North Star Therapy Dog Association

The organization facilitates the therapy in various hospital settings, such as the Veteran's Administrations Hospital and Children's Hospital. A valuable resource provides stress reduction for the clients. All dogs are trained, registered therapy dogs.

1:00 Service dogs Helping Paws of Minnesota

Dogs are trained to assist individuals in participating in the community as well as provide a resource to improve the lives of their humans. A wide range of tasks are taught to the dogs that are specifically trained for the needs of the individuals.

1:30 Police dogs St. Paul Police Dog Federation

The Foundation provides a resource to the special needs of the crime unit. Dogs are trained in a variety of security areas and the canine teams serve as a valuable community asset. Dogs assist in searches for suspects, evidence and drugs. Security training also assists in providing safety in venues such as stadiums, malls, and schools.

Saturday, January 9

10:30 Search and Rescue Northstar Search and Rescue

Search is a valuable asset to families and law enforcement agencies when a life has been lost in providing closure and peace of mind for families. Rescue refers to the immediate response to a critical situation. This is a situation with a large group of participants coordinated by an emergency response team.

11:00 Mobility assist dogs Can-Do-Canines

An explanation of the tasks that can be taught that will enhance the life of the human partner by being able to live independently and participate in the community. Greater freedom, independence and peace of mind enhance the lives of their partner.

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12:00 Visiting therapy dogs Children's Hospital PAHS

Pets Assisting With Healing allows handlers and their dogs to visit patients. Their presence is welcomed throughout the hospital. The teams assist in providing a comfortable experience that allows the patient and family to focus on issues other than the medical situation they are experiencing.

12:30 Animal assisted therapy North Star Dog Therapy Association

The organization facilitates therapy in various hospital settings, such as the Veteran's Administration Hospital and the Children's Hospital. The teams provide a wide range of support to reduce stress in many locations throughout the Twin Cities. All dogs are trained and registered therapy dogs.

1:00 Assistance dogs Helping Paws

Training includes a large range of activities that add to the lives of their human partners. The tasks can range from assistance in the home to helping participate in the community. A discussion of the enhanced lives by assistance dog teams will be provided.

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Sunday, January 10

11:00 Adoption resource Greyhound Pets of America - MN

This organization takes the unique position of re-homing dogs that have been specifically raised as racing dogs and developing a re-homing situation in which dogs become a valuable member of a household.

11:30 Special needs therapy dog Practically Perfect

This presentation will follow the life of a special needs dog that has served as an inspirational and motivational dog in therapy settings. This presentation will include a book reading and a visit from Sparrow himself.

12:00 Disaster preparedness trailers AKC Re-Unite

The American Kennel Club serves as a conduit for dog organizations throughout the country to have a disaster trailer assigned to different parts of the country. The trailer will be dispatched to a disaster within 24 hours of the event. The trailer is supplied with medical supplies, crates and food in the event of a disaster.

12:30 Object search demonstration K-9 Midwest Search and Rescue

The demonstration will include some of the tasks that search and rescue dogs are trained to participate in. The demo will explain some of the steps that are involved in training the dogs to assist in emergency response situations such as search and rescues.

1:00 Training from beginning to end Helping Paws

Learn of the experience of taking a puppy to the adult stage of training in a discussion from volunteers. The discussion will include the introduction of tasks involved and an invitation to become a participant in the program.

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2:00 Puppy Raiser Volunteers Can-Do-Canines

Puppy raisers are the lifeblood of any assistance dog organization. Learn what it takes to train a puppy to become an assistance dog and how you can help make an incredible impact on another person's life.