

Pre-Vet Club meeting minutes from Tue Sep 3, 2024

Pic from club meeting!



1. Approximately 16 club members were present, along with guest speaker Kathy McCoy, and her service dog in training Lacey.

2. Club president, Noah Broach, went over the meeting agenda, which included the following:

- **Next club meeting dates and times are**
 - Tue Sep 24th, 4pm in LSF 205
 - Tue Oct 15th, 4pm in LSF 205
 - Tue Oct 29th, 4pm in LSF 205
 - Tue Nov 19th, 4pm in LSF 205

We are working on organizing activities for these club meetings.

- We have a club member communicating with the Florence County Sheriff's dept. to schedule a visit to the club for a K-9 demonstration. Their [facebook](#) page can tell you more about them.
- We are also communicating with the Florence Area Humane Society to schedule the Pause 4 Paws event, which would be Fri Nov 22 in the Founder's breezeway between 12 – 3pm.
- We are also contacting [Black Creek Wildlife Center](#) to see if they can come present about their work at one of our meetings. Kara Greer talked to club members about BCWC and what they do for wildlife.

- **We decided, as a club, to hold a supply drive for 2 organizations:**

- [The Horry County Animal Care Center](#), and
- [The Marion County Humane Society](#)

You can click the embedded links to go to their webpages. I will be sending out an email to request help decorating & distributing donation boxes around campus. So, please check your emails.

- **Dr. Barbeau talked about a visit from a representative from [Clemson's new College of Veterinary Medicine](#) visiting our club at FMU**, scheduled for Thur Oct 24th, from 6 – 7:30pm. More details to come. Also, local veterinarians and staff will be attending this informative meeting. Event will be catered by the university.
- **Our guest, Kathy McCoy, talked about raising puppies, through Canine Companions, for training for future service dogs.** Click [HERE](#) for from the club webpage (scroll down to first meeting).
 - We learned that Kathy raises puppies for 18 months, and then they leave to be evaluated by Canine Companions (the organization she volunteers with) to see how they would best be used as service dogs.
 - [Canine Companions](#) uses these trained dogs in 5 areas:
 1. Mobility assistance
 2. Service dogs with assist (for children or people with cognitive issues that hinders them from actually controlling the dog themselves.
 3. Facility dog. For example, they can assist PE teachers with special ed children. They can be used to help children who have been abused or have to be present in the courtroom with lowering anxiety or stress. They also can be used as “hearing dogs” to help with deaf or hearing impaired people.
 4. PTSD dogs. They can be used to assist US military veterans with anxiety or problems associated with post-traumatic stress.
 5. Breeding dogs. Only the best of the best dogs are included in a breeding program to produce new generations of service dogs. These dogs must pass their initial training through Canine Companions, and also undergo genetic testing to be sure they are healthy.



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Kathy holding Lacey in the “cuddle position”



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We tired poor Lacey out!