

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-027

Proclaiming April 30, 2024 as Therapy Animal Day in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. There are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States.
- B. Pet Partners has designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day.
- C. Scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system.
- D. Therapy animal teams in the Town of Portland play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond.
- E. Therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students, and those approaching end of life.
- F. These exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need.
- G. We encourage more pet owners to consider becoming Pet Partners volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

April 30, 2024 as Therapy Animal Day in Multnomah County, Oregon and encourages our residents to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, thank you to the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.


ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2024.



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