

Perfect Paws Pet Ministry at a Glance

- **WORSHIP SERVICE**, 3rd Sunday, 5 to 5:30 p.m. We are Christians in community who welcome people of all faiths -- with their pets! Our faith tradition is to celebrate a sweet service of Holy Communion, sharing bread and wine from God's table, and all are invited to partake. Those who prefer may receive a hands-on blessing from our priest along with prayers for animal companions that are ill, need special blessings or because they have died.
- **VETERINARY COMPANIONING** for people whose animals are ill, facing surgery, euthanasia or other special circumstances.
- **PET LOSS BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING** offered by our certified Pet Bereavement Counselor available at perfectpawspetministry@gmail.com
- **THERAPY DOG CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS** at All Saints, in partnership with **Dog B.O.N.E.S. Therapy Dogs of MA.**
- **THERAPY DOG TEAM DEPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT**
- **ANNUAL NORTH SHORE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**, on the All Saints' "Green," 1st Saturday of October, from 1 to 3 p.m.
- **All Hallows Eve ANIMAL PARADE, COSTUME CONTEST AND PET EXPO** to raise pet care awareness and pet food donations for Danvers' People to People Food Bank.
- **PET FOOD DRIVE**, an on-going program to benefit the Danvers' People to People Food Bank.

Our Therapy Dog Reading Partner Offering



Sites our Therapy Dog Teams visit include:

- Acute Care Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Rehab Centers
- Assisted Living Centers
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- Colleges, Universities and High Schools (mid-term and final exam de-stressing sessions)
- Health and Wellness Fairs
- Support groups (Suicide Loss Survivors)
- Special Needs Facilities
- Elementary Schools and High Schools (special needs programs and projects)
- Libraries (reluctant and beginner readers)

We have also been invited to participate in community response situations after a tragedy.

We are happy to provide references from sites we visit. Please ask us.



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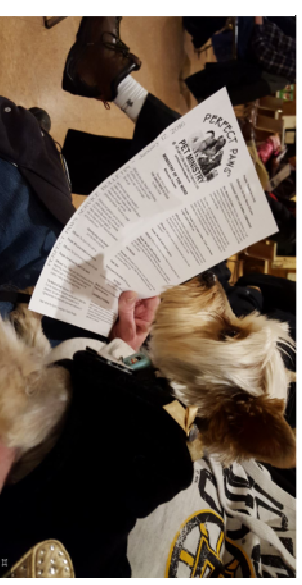


PET MINISTRY

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Comfort, Joy and Community for All Who Love Animals

**A unique MINISTRY and MISSION
for people of all faiths and their
beloved animal companions!**



The power of animals in our lives ...

At Perfect Paws Pet Ministry, we understand and honor the deep connections humans have with the animals in their lives. Cute and playful at first, they quickly become vested members of the family, sharing our lives and inhabiting our hearths and hearts.

A wholly volunteer nonprofit, **Perfect Paws** was founded in 2010 as an affirming, supportive ministry for people who love animals and to support those who are going through difficult life transitions with their family pets -- including illness and euthanasia.

At our monthly half-hour worship services -- with live music -- all faiths and all household animals are welcome as we sing and pray and support the joy and sadness of people in our community who adopt, rescue, care for or lose an animal companion. Many among us feel most comfortable finding God through our beloved animals.

Along with our worship services, Perfect Paws offers an expanding array of mission initiatives that include pet loss bereavement counseling and companioning individuals at vet visits and through euthanasia.

Perfect Paws operates under the direction of an Advisory Board of 12 active members.



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Together we:

- **CELEBRATE** the blessing of new animals that grace our lives, as we foster an attitude of joy and gratitude for all creation.
- **HELP** people in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living centers, and reluctant and beginning readers, by sharing the love of dogs through our Therapy Dog Teams.
- **ASSIST** those who don't have enough to feed their companion animals through our Pet Food and Supplies Drive that benefits the Danvers People to People Food Pantry.
- **CELEBRATE COMMUNITY TOGETHER** through our newsletter and our monthly service -- lived streamed on Facebook-- as we worship, pray, sing, honor and remember beloved animals, including those who have died.
- **SUPPORT** pet owners through times of transition with their beloved animals through veterinary companioning.
- **MINISTER** to the needs of humans dealing with the loss of companion animals through our Pet Loss Bereavement program.
- **CERTIFY AND DEPLOY** Therapy Dog teams in partnership with Dog B.O.N.E.S. Therapy Dogs of MA, to provide love, comfort and companionship to all who seek it.
- **INSPIRE** collaboration with local organizations for the good of all animals and the humans who care for them.

Uniquely Perfect Paws



Children, young adults and second language speakers, who are beginner or reluctant readers-- as well as children with special needs -- lose their inhibitions and willingly work to communicate through our therapy dogs, feeling more confident and comfortable in their abilities.

Our dog handlers -- skilled at shifting attention from learning "performance" -- which can be daunting -- provide warm and genial support through their canines, who serve as calm and loving ambassadors of learning.

We also offer age-appropriate mini-curricula we create for our visits to elementary school classes and after school enrichment programs that include reading, drawing, counting, and geography. If this sounds like a good fit for you and your organization, please contact us. Thank you!



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