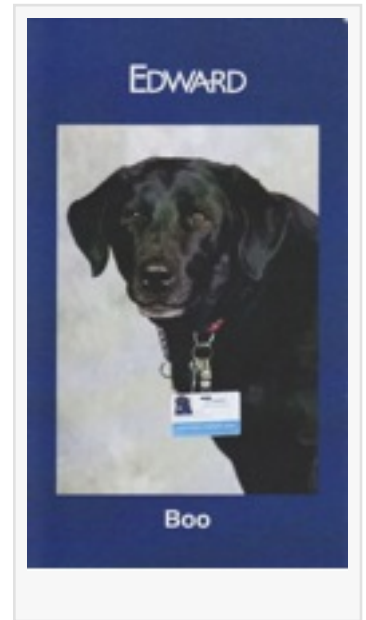


Petland Pet Store in Naperville Announces Lifetime Sponsorship of Edward Hospital Therapy Dog

/EINPresswire.com/ Petland Naperville has sponsored a therapy dog for the life of its service as part of Edward Hospital's Animal Assisted Therapy Program. One of the most respected [Naperville pet stores](#), Petland sells pets of all kinds, including [puppies, in Naperville](#).

NAPERVILLE, IL - Petland Naperville is sponsoring a handler/dog team to take part in the Edward Hospital Animal Assisted Therapy Program. Therapy dog owner, Jeff Lapides and his black lab, Boo, will be sponsored by the [pet store in Naperville](#) for the life of their service in the therapy program.

"Edward Hospital's Animal Assisted Therapy Program is a great tool to help hospital patients get better and we're excited to sponsor a team. As a pet store owner, I completely believe in the benefits an animal can bring to a person's life. To be able to help people who are seriously ill receive some of those benefits and maybe take their minds off of their medical issues for even a little while is an opportunity we couldn't pass up. Jeff and Boo are a great team and I have no doubt they'll be very popular with the patients at Edward Hospital," noted Adam Stachowiak, Owner, Petland Naperville (<http://www.petlandnaperville.com>).



Animal assisted therapy utilizes the human-animal bond to bring comfort to patients and serves as a diversion from their illness. Visits have been proven to help reduce stress, anxiety, pain and blood pressure, which in turn can help the healing process. Patients are visited by a volunteer team of dog and its' owner/handler. Visits are available every day of the week and are free of charge to patients, thanks in large part to the sponsorship of pet/owner teams from businesses and organizations in the community, including Naperville pet stores, like Petland. Sponsorship donations cover the cost of training, bi-annual lab testing for each dog and general program maintenance. As a lifetime sponsor, Petland Naperville will be featured on the Animal Assisted Therapy donor wall in the Edward Hospital Outpatient Lobby, underneath a picture of Jeff and Boo.

Edward Hospital's animal-assisted therapy program is available to patients in many areas of the hospital, including pediatrics, outpatient oncology, coronary care, orthopedics-neurology,

medical-surgical and short stay. Patients in these areas can request a visit as long as they meet certain criteria and have physician approval. Visits last approximately five to ten minutes and are available seven days a week, at various times. For more information about the program, visit: <http://www.edward.org/AnimalAssistedTherapy>.

Petland Naperville is one of the largest and most well-respected pet stores in Naperville, IL. The store offers a wide variety of pet care products, including food, toys, pet beds, grooming and health care items as well as pets for sale, including puppies, in Naperville. The store offers in-store grooming services and birthday party packages for pet-loving kids.

About Petland Naperville: Petland Naperville is dedicated to matching the right pet with the right customer and meeting the needs of both. Since 1967 the company has helped thousands of families adopt new pets into their homes. Once customers have adopted pet, Petland Naperville and their Pet Counselors are dedicated to enhancing pet owners knowledge and enjoyment of their new pet.

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