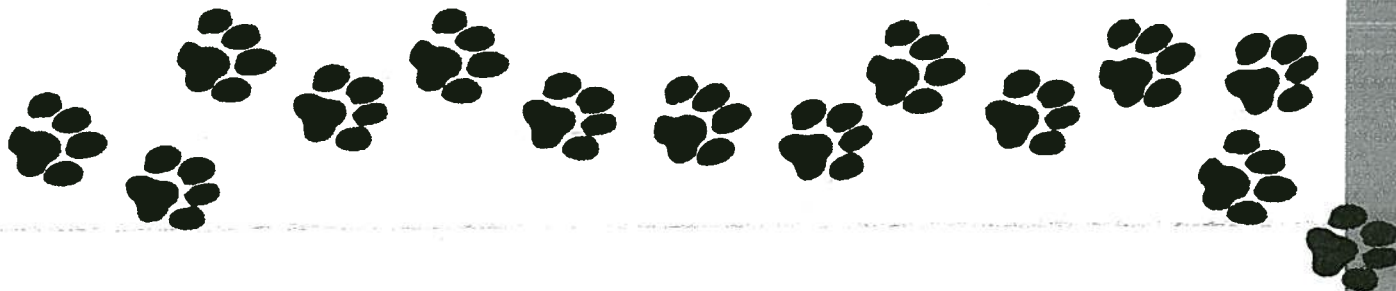


Paw Prints

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MEET A FEW OF OUR NEWEST PT TEAMS!

BETTY ROGERS and LIZZIE

You may have to shake your head in disbelief when you see a small sized (55 lbs) black Greyhound prancing down the halls of Lutheran Hospital wearing little purple Velcro booties. Lizzie's feet slide too much on the slick floors so her mom, Betty Rogers, fashioned doggy booties to make her visits to the hospital fun for everyone. She is now on her third pair. Apparently Lizzie knows the booties are for hospital use only, and she refuses to wear them at home! You may recall that Betty makes the wonderful kerchiefs our therapy dogs wear and she also sews turbans for cancer patients.

Lizzie, still a youngster at 4½ years, has a fondness for running, chasing squirrels and sleeping – pretty much in that order. Betty adopted her when she was 18 months old – which is the deciding age Greyhound breeders use to determine if the dogs will be runners or adopted out.

Lizzie loves life and people way too much to be serious about running so Betty was more than happy to adopt her.

Having joined our Pet Therapy Program about six months ago, Betty and Lizzie spend a lot of time with hospice patients in memory of her mom, a hospice patient who just adored pet visits.

Our thanks and appreciation go out to Betty Rogers and Lizzie for their compassion and love for what they do and the time spent bringing smiles to patient's faces!

JOHN FOX and ANDY

It just makes sense that when a dog's favorite pastime is chasing "fast, furry friends" that he would also be a steak lovin' pooch! John Fox assured me that although his dog, Andy, just loves to chase anything fast and furry, he seldom catches anything. The thrill, of course, is in the chase for this retired, red fawn colored, 7½ year old Greyhound.

John describes Andy as being his affectionate, social and extremely carnivorous companion. All that meat may just explain his 95 pounds of lovability! He