



# Paumanok Veterinary Hospital, P.C.

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## Thank You!

The Dr.'s and Staff want to thank all who participated in our 15th annual "Pets Over Paralysis" fundraiser event held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go to the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, and to the Center for Paralysis Research. This year, the event raised more than \$3,000. And over the 15 years that it's been held, the event has raised an impressive total of over \$41,000 for research! Thanks again for all your support—we couldn't have done it without you!



Welcome  
to our  
e-newsletter



## Newsletter Contest

We need a name for our newsletter. If you think you have a good name, submit it on our facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/PaumanokVeterinaryHospital>. The winner will be acknowledged in an upcoming e-newsletter issue and will also receive a Paumanok gift pack.

## Our Community Involvement

**Patchogue Rotary Animal Assisted Therapy Program (PRAAT):** This program trains carefully screened canines to visit hospitals, nursing homes, and other human health care facilities.

**Rotary Youth Exchange:** High school students from overseas spend an academic year here and we send students abroad. Drs. Dee and Dave have served as a host family.

**Rotary District 7260 Energy Conservation and Sustainability Task Force:** This organization promotes energy alternatives, conservation, and education.

**Friends of Fire Island National Seashore:** Dr. Dave is president of this public-supported organization that benefits our national seashore.

**Wildlife Conservation Society Heritage Circle:** Members include the Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, Coney Island Aquarium, and Queens Zoo. Both Drs. Hensen are members and Dr. Dave arranges tours for visiting Rotary groups.

**American Littoral Society:** Primarily concerned with coastal issues and annual beach clean-ups.

**Paumanok Volunteerism:** Students apply and write an essay to be considered for a 6-month program to shadow a veterinarian and observe the staff.

**Veterinary Medicine Career Exploration Program:** A cooperative program between Long Island Veterinary Medical Association and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, that gives high school students education about many types of careers with animals.

## Have a safe & happy Halloween



## Little Joe's Pet Tip



### Halloween Safety - Things to keep out of your pet's reach!

**Chocolate/candy treats** – ingesting chocolate can be toxic to your pet.

**Pumpkin and gourds** - if eaten can cause a stomach upset for your pet.

**Decorations and electric lights** - can be harmful if chewed or bitten by your pet.

**Jack-O-lanterns with candles** - can cause a fire or burn if your pet should tip them over.

**If you plan to dress your pet up** – be sure that the costume doesn't have dangling objects that the pet can chew on or swallow. Be alert to the possibility that the costume could cause distress or discomfort to your pet's skin. If this happens, remove the costume.

**When opening the door for trick-or-treaters**, take precautions so that your pet doesn't escape out the door. As a preventive measure, it's a good idea to have an ID tag on your pet's collar or a microchip to increase the chance that your pet will be returned to you if lost.

**If you believe that your pet is having a toxic reaction** call our hospital or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1.888.426.4435.



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**More community involvement:** Scouting, school group tours, Long Island Mentor Program, High school career days, shadowing, Training site for BOCES Adult Veterinary Assisting program, Suffolk Community College Veterinary Technician Program, Rotary vocation days, Stony Brook University (SBU) international student host family program, and Group Study Exchange.

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Photos and articles approved will appear as space permits in our e-news.