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Honor Monty and Roswell Park's Therapy Dogs

In 2006 we initiated the Therapy Dog Program at Roswell Park Cancer Institute with Monty as our first therapy dog. Since its inception, this program has received rave reviews from both patients and staff and has now grown to 10 dogs and has served as a model for therapy dog programs at other hospitals.

We know animals have a way of healing hearts and mending souls. Their presence can bring comfort and happiness, especially at a place like Roswell Park Cancer Institute when life can be difficult or sad. People experience the calming powers of animals by touching them and talking to them. Just being near them can have a soothing effect.

Monty, a beloved Roswell Park therapy dog brought healing tail wags to all during his “*Tuesdays with Monty*” visits. He made friends with so many patients, families, and staff and he touched numerous hearts and lives. He provided comfort, happiness, and peace at times when a tail wag makes all the difference.

Sadly, on April 4th of this year, Monty passed away at the age of 13. The staff at Roswell Park will always remember Monty and his significant contributions to the hospital and to its patients. The Institute wants to recognize the compassion provided by therapy dogs and commemorate Monty’s contributions as the founder of Roswell Park’s Therapy Dog Program by placing a statue of Monty in Kaminski Park and Gardens. You can help remember Monty and honor the work of therapy dogs by making a contribution below.

Nicole Gerber, Monty’s mom, was dedicated to bringing a Therapy Dog Program to Roswell Park. She researched programs at other hospitals and provided the information needed to start the program at the Institute. Nicole recalls how Monty truly enjoyed coming to Roswell and how he loved meeting so many people: “He looked forward to the visits just as much as people looked forward to seeing him. I was always very proud of Monty for all he did. I thank Roswell Park for helping remember Monty in such a special and significant way”.

So please join us in honoring Monty by making your gift today. Should you need more information or have any questions feel free to contact Kim Guido, the staff liaison for this special fundraising project at 716-845-8720.

Thank you for your consideration and support in “Remembering Monty.”