



Member Spotlight

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How long have you been a member of the Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club?

I was a member about 15 years ago with my first Pekingese Lucy. We were a team for 3-4 years before I had to retire her. Willow and I joined the club about two years ago, we have been a certified team for about a year and a half.

How many dogs do you have? What are their names?

I have two dogs, Willow and Kaiya.

Who is your therapy dog and what breed are they?

Willow is my therapy dog; she is a Pekingese.

What is your favorite or most memorable therapy dog experience?

There are quite a few. One of my favorite visits was at Cedarhurst Assisted Living. There is a resident who is wheelchair bound and usually sleeping. When I put Willow in her lap she wakes up and smiles the biggest smile you could ever imagine. She ohhhh's and ahhhh's and tells me she's going to keep her! Her happiness is infectious and it brings tears to my eyes every time I see her!

What facilities do you frequently visit with your Therapy Dog?

I was doing Oswego Library and Yorkville Library for a while; I enjoy assisted living and events with kids. Willow does well with all ages

What are some of your hobbies or what do you like to do for fun?

I enjoy gardening, yoga, spending time with my family, and the outdoors

What do you and your therapy dog do for fun?

We go on visits!!

Tell us your favorite food, T.V. show, and song or music artist.

Gosh.... Favorite food, probably anything Italian / pasta. I am guilty of watching trash tv... Bachelor/ Love Island/ Love is Blind.... Chicago Fire/ Med/PD. I'm a bit of a tv junkie, I tape a lot and watch it when I can. I love Country music; Kenny Chesney is my favorite artist.

What is a random fun fact about your or your dog? OR Is there anything you want to share with our community?

Random fun fact... Willow spins in a circle three times when I feed her every morning and every night! She then sits and waits for her command "break" before she can eat her meal.