

Cold Nose, Warm Heart!

Therapy Pets

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Pet Visits in Wytheville, Wythe and Bland Counties
A program of the Wythe-Bland Animal Welfare League

Tales with Tails, the reading program of the Cold Nose, Warm Heart! Therapy Pets, is proud to introduce its newest adventure in reading – **S.H.A.R.E** (**S**ending **H**ome **A**wesome **R**eading **E**xperiences). This Program brings our therapy pets into schools to read special books and send free copies home with the students.

The books are written by our members about their own pets. We raise funds to have hundreds of copies printed. Then we bring the books and pets into the classroom so that the students get to actually meet the star of the book in person. We read the books together and learn a little about the pets. The students take home copies of the books to share with their family and friend.

The program encourages emergent readers to take more active interest in reading, and to bring their reading experiences home to interact with their families. After our initial presentation, we talked to a number of the students and families in the following days and found that the books & presentation did encourage the families to share and read together. The students are excited to share their interesting reading experience they had at school.

The program is provided free to the schools. All of our people & pets are volunteers, and we raise money through donations and sponsorships to pay for the book printing. Our focus is on young readers to start an early interest in reading, and to demonstrate to the kids that books can relate to actual, interesting subjects in the real world. WE bring books to life! Also, in our small town the chances of meeting up with one of our pets again are very good, and the excitement of the book is rekindled.

Our group has printed one complete book so far, with one in process and two more being developed. Our current project is to read & present books to every Kindergartener in the local school system this spring (over 300 children). The book has been paid for already with many kind donations, and we are raising money for the next book now.

Cold Nose, Warm Heart! is a program of the Wythe-Bland Animal Welfare League, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare, humane education and the exploration and development of the human-animal bond.

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