Pet Partners®

WORLD'S LARGEST PET WALK

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2022 WALK CHAMPION
IN MEMORY OF CARLOYN MARR

Carolyn Marr always had a passion for animals, and her special interest in the human-animal bond began in childhood and continued for almost 50 years. In the 1990s, she created and developed (with the help of two guinea pigs) an in-house, full-time animal-assisted therapy program at the hospital where she worked. In later years, she joined the Delta Society (as Pet Partners was then called) and was the co-founder of the therapy animal group Pet Partners of Greater Dallas.

Carolyn believed in the healing benefits of animals and dedicated her life to that cause, serving as a handler, team evaluator, and volunteer instructor for Pet Partners. Her first therapy dog was Dolly, followed by Gabby. Her last therapy partner was Starbuck, a Holland lop rabbit, and she had Lana, a Flemish giant rabbit, in training.

Carolyn's therapy animals joined her in school visits participating in the Pet Partners Read With Me™ program, visited nursing homes, and attended special events. Carolyn and her therapy animals brought so many smiles and laughter to those they visited.

Read her full story at
petpartners.org/featured-teams/.

Sadly, Carolyn passed away on September 27, 2021, just days after participating in the 4th Annual World's Largest Pet Walk. In memory of Carolyn, Pet Partners of Greater Dallas is honored to recognize her as the 2022 Walk Champion, and to carry on her legacy by participating in the 5th Annual World's Largest Pet Walk on Saturday, September 24, 2022. To those of us who had the opportunity to meet Carolyn and learn from her vast experience and knowledge, she is remembered with love and affection. She always had the patience to teach us more about the human-animal bond and encouraged us to become the best therapy animal teams we could be.

Through helping and giving we find our best selves, and Carolyn demonstrated that through all her activities. We're grateful for her dedicated work with animals and her commitment to Pet Partners.