



About Pete's Pet Posse

Pete's Pet Posse, OSU's Pet Therapy Program, was established as a wellness program in Fall 2013. Through a cooperative effort of the [President's Office](#), [OSU College of Veterinary Medicine](#), [OSU Veterinary Medical Hospital](#), [University Counseling](#), [Human Resources](#), and the [Employee Assistance Program](#), the program has experienced much success and has recently expanded to include OSU-Tulsa and the OSU Center for Health Sciences in Fall 2015.

Pet therapy teams must apply to be part of the program and applications are submitted to the Pet Therapy Advisory Board. Once the owner/handler completes an interview, the dog then meets with the independent trainer for a disposition evaluation and also completes a wellness exam by the program veterinarian. The Pet Therapy Advisory Board oversees the program and makes the final determination for acceptance into the program.

Once accepted into the program, animals complete extensive training, including a Canine Good Citizen certificate and registration with Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Dogs then serve in their department and also participate in special appearances across campus. The dogs provide an additional wellness benefit to faculty, staff, students, and even visitors. The OSU College of Veterinary Medicine oversees the wellness care of the animals and ensures the animals are maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

These animals belong to families of employees and others affiliated with OSU. They are not owned by the university. They live with their humans full time and make the campus a little brighter orange each time their furry feet hit the campus.

Pete's Pet Posse was created to positively enhance physical and emotional health, and contribute to the success of being America's **HEALTHIEST** Campus®.

Meet Sebastian!



Sebastian is a young (but ginormous for his breed) Yorkshire Terrier who loves nothing more than your undivided attention and to be loved; all the while not realizing his own size...he's just a big teddy bear. If you throw a tennis ball once for Sebastian, you've made a friend for life! He could play fetch for hours and can run at break neck speed. He will lay the ball directly at your feet so you don't have to make that extra effort to reach for it.

Sebastian is not your usual "rescue" dog. His mom did not rescue him; he rescued her! Sebastian is a loyal and faithful friend with his constant presence, energy, and spirit for life. He knew exactly what his mom needed and it was the unconditional love of a lop-eared benevolent loving four-legged furry tail-wagging pooch that became her rock!

He is a momma's boy and loves bringing his abundant energy to campus and meeting new visitors, students, faculty, and staff. He works with his mom, Shelby, in the Spears School of Business (<http://spears.okstate.edu/>).

Sebastian has earned his Canine Good Citizen Certificate and is officially registered with Alliance of Therapy Dogs

Meet Huxley!



Huxley is a mastiff mix with a lot of love to share. He adores people and loves to be the center of attention. His tail is always wagging to the constant danger of ornaments on low tables.

He was found at the dog shelter the day before Thanksgiving, dirty, emaciated, timid and very weak - yet his tail was still wagging. He went home that night with his new Mum and Dad, Christine and Keith Garbutt. He soon regained his health and began enjoying his new life.

When his Mum and Dad moved into a University residence hall as Resident Faculty Leaders, so did Huxley. He was in his element, so many new friends to see each day! He loved to join in their activities or hang out in the lobby to provide a bit of stress relief and he missed them during the vacations. Now his Mum and Dad have moved to Stillwater and he is looking forward to lots more new student friends here at OSU. When he is not with his new friends he likes to bask in the sun or update his Facebook page - friend him on Facebook - Huxley Garbutt.

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