

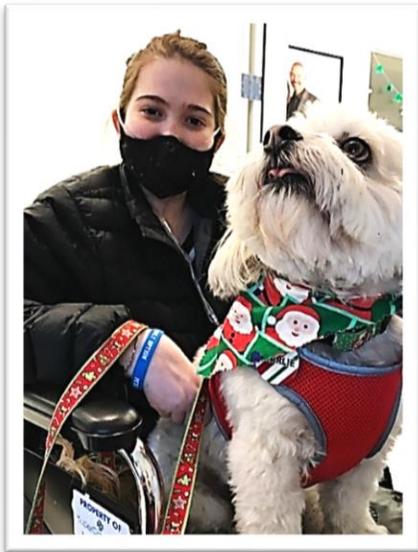
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The mysterious effect of pets!

The human-animal bond bypasses the intellect and goes straight to the heart and emotions and nurtures us in ways that nothing else can.

Two years ago, Sabrina Freed decided to follow her passion and start her own company, Puppy Love, with the mission of bringing joy and puppy snuggles to as many people in the Bay Area as possible. She has been very successful with bringing high quality puppy experiences into the corporate world. While attending one of her events the common theme that people said “this is the best part of their day” and “to top it off they are all rescue dogs that we can adopt”



Puppy Love now partners with seven different local animal rescues and [Canine Companions](#) to help bring awareness of the “puppy raiser” program as we want millennials to be part of raising dogs for people in need.

Sabrina’s second passion in life is helping sick kids. When she was 11 years old she was in the hospital for a while and part of her stay was over Christmas. She remembered what a lonely isolating time that was. She remembered someone coming into her room with a toy, large Kangaroo stuffed animal which meant the world to her. Simple acts of kindness mean the world to people!

When the holiday is season was approaching Sabrina decided she wanted to pay it forward and partnered with San Francisco based Family House to bring the joy of animal love to children battling life threatening illnesses.

Children being treated for serious illnesses often have the blues, anxiety or depression. The dogs brighten them up. Karen Banks, who oversees volunteer programs

On December 21, 2017 Sabrina held her first “*Wags to Wishes*” program at Family House and was able to get the following donations:

- 250 toys donated through a toy drive held at **Starbucks San Ramon**
- Photo booth provided by [TAPSNAP1162](#)
- 2 dozen cupcakes provided by [Kara’s Cupcakes](#)
- Hot chocolate provided by **Starbucks Mission Bay**

- [“Pets in Need”](#) Brought 6 dogs, 2 dogs recovering from cancer
- [Canine Companion for Independence](#) brought 7 puppy raiser pups

The day was a huge success and the kids, and their families had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays with family and volunteers.



Sabrina’s goal is to get her corporate clients to host a *Wags to Wishes* program to support their community and to give the kids something to look forward to. This is a great team building event for companies to participate in plus a great way to give back to their community.

“The holiday time seems to be the time for giving when every day is a time for giving and paying it forward to someone less fortunate” said Sabrina. What is better than rescue dogs that need some love and sick kids to spend a little time together snuggling.



Who let the dogs in?! Thank you to our friends at Puppy Love Party, Pets In Need, and Canine Companions for Independence for bringing a wonderful Puppy Party to Family House San Francisco! There was plenty of puppy love to go around - both rescue dogs up for adoption and puppies in the CCI training program. Everyone had lots of great snuggle time, enjoyed the snacks and drinks provided by our neighborhood Starbucks, and had so much fun with the photo booth, donated by TapSnap! And if that weren’t enough, Puppy Love brought lots of toys for the kids! Can we do this all the time?

Joey Kotfica, Marketing Manager

Talk about champs!



We visited with the strongest people we've ever met: kids living with leukemia and other life-threatening illnesses, and their families giving all the support they can.

During the cozy and festive event, these young cancer fighters were able to hang out with two of our dogs, Milo and Helga, who are also battling cancer. Pictured here is Fernanda, who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant, and Milo.

It warmed our hearts to see these kids' faces illuminate with joy when they saw the animals. We were also thrilled to see the great effort that was put into giving the kids a merry holiday.

Marsa Hollander, Pets in Need, Program Manager

Sabrina's goal is to create a corporate culture of gratitude and appreciation for the people and pets around us. Contact Puppy Love to book the next puppy experience for your employees or for the kids at family house.