

## Dog Walk Across America, for pet therapy and animal rescue

November 6, 2012

In March of 2012, Kait and John Seyal - joined by their two therapy-certified dogs, Max and Grace - began a coast-to-coast walk across America. Max and Grace are certified and insured through the Kentucky-based organization, Pawsibilities Unleashed, to perform therapy visits and educational programs. As they walk from city to city, they are making Animal Assisted Therapy visits at hospitals, retirement homes, children's homes, schools, and anywhere else a dog's unconditional love and positivity are needed. For individuals and their families struggling with pain, illness, and stress, the unconditional love of a dog offers a priceless moment of joy and relief.

Animal Assisted Therapy has been proven to lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and speed healing. Kait and John hope to share the benefits of Animal Assisted Therapy with those in need all across America. It is their goal to inspire others to become involved with Animal Assisted Therapy by becoming volunteer therapy teams, participating facilities, or supporters of Animal Assisted Therapy organizations. In addition to being Certified Therapy Dogs, Max and Grace are also rescue dogs, adopted as adults from Camelot Puppy Sanctuary in McArthur, Ohio. Kait adopted Grace in 2007 and John adopted Max in 2009. Max and Grace are living proof that an adopted dog can truly accomplish anything with some direction, patience, and love – all they need is a chance.

Kait and John began their walk in Lewes, Delaware. When they reached the Mississippi River over 1,000 miles into the walk, they were joined by their friend Jon Slater who is driving their support car, providing a safe haven for the dogs during the heat of the summer and the desert. They camp for most of the trip and stay with volunteer host families when possible. Kait and John are actively seeking support and sponsorship for their efforts. Donations can be made through their website, and money raised in surplus of what is required to complete the walk will be donated to Camelot Puppy Sanctuary, to support their work with rescued animals.

Kait and John will reach their final destination of Long Beach, California on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please join them for a pet fair and presentation about their journey at the Recreation Dog Park, located at 5201 East 7th Street, Long Beach, California. The event will take place from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, followed by an open invitation to join John and Kait on the last two miles of their walk to the Pacific Ocean, ending at Rosie's Dog Beach, 5000 East Ocean Boulevard.

If you are interested in contacting the team for a therapy visit, hosting them for a night's stay, wish to offer help, or simply want to send a message of encouragement, please visit their website at [www.DogBlogUSA.com](http://www.DogBlogUSA.com) or send an email to [DogBlogUSA@gmail.com](mailto:DogBlogUSA@gmail.com). You can also follow them on Facebook by liking "Dog Blog USA", or following @dogblogusa on Twitter.