A Dog Who Reads But Prefers Children Read To Her

Did you know that dogs can read? Don’t believe it? Then you haven’t met Maya, the Golden Retriever. She’s one of the registered therapy dogs who’ll be waiting this Saturday, March 14th at Monadnock Humane Society’s Paws to Read event. Maya, along with her partner, Patricia (Trish) Toomey, will be glad to demonstrate her reading skills once children have demonstrated theirs.

Paws to Read@MHS is a free and fun literacy program where children of any age select a book and read a page (or a chapter or the entire book) to one of the volunteer Reading Assistance Dogs. The dogs are available between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. in the Therrien Community Room at Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey. Readers may bring their own book, or homework, or a story they have written themselves. Or they may select from a small library of books available at MHS.

Drop by this Saturday and read to a dog. No reservation is needed – reading is on a first come-first served basis. Many readers stay and read to multiple dogs. Those who bring a donation for MHS will receive a small stuffed animal. MHS is located at 101 West Swanzey Road in Swanzey. For more details, call Amee Abel, MHS volunteer coordinator at 603-352-9011, Ext. 147.

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