



# All Friends Monthly

FEBRUARY 2026



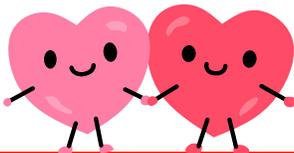
## From our pack to yours,

February has arrived with some truly brutal winter weather, bringing freezing temperatures, snow, and ice that have made the past couple of weeks challenging for pets and their people alike. From slippery sidewalks to extra-chilly potty breaks, winter has definitely tested everyone's patience. Through it all, our team has been out there braving the elements, staying flexible, and showing up with the same care and dedication we'd give our own pets. As the Winter Olympics celebrate perseverance, teamwork, and going the extra mile, we're proud to bring that same spirit to every visit, walk, and snuggle. And this Valentine's Day, we're reminded that love comes in many forms - including muddy paws, wagging tails, and being there for your pets when you can't.

### Co-Owners

Beth Cotell & Pam Ahart-Steward

*Beth Pam*



**VOTE FOR US!**



## Northern Virginia MAGAZINE

The 2026 Best Pet Care Readers' Choice Survey from Northern Virginia Magazine is now open!

We'd be so honored if you voted for us as Best Pet Sitting Service. Your support means everything to our small, local business!

Thank you for loving us as much as we love your pets!

**VOTE  
NOW!**





ALL FRIENDS PET  
CARE PRESENTS



# WINTER OLYMPICS



PHOTO CONTEST

WIN A

**\$50 GIFT CARD**



Post your best photo of your pet competing in the Winter Pet Olympics and show us their athletic greatness

Are they dominating the Snow Zoomie Dash, going for gold in Treat Catch Slopestyle, or qualifying for the Couch Launch Big Air finals? We need to see these elite competitors in action.

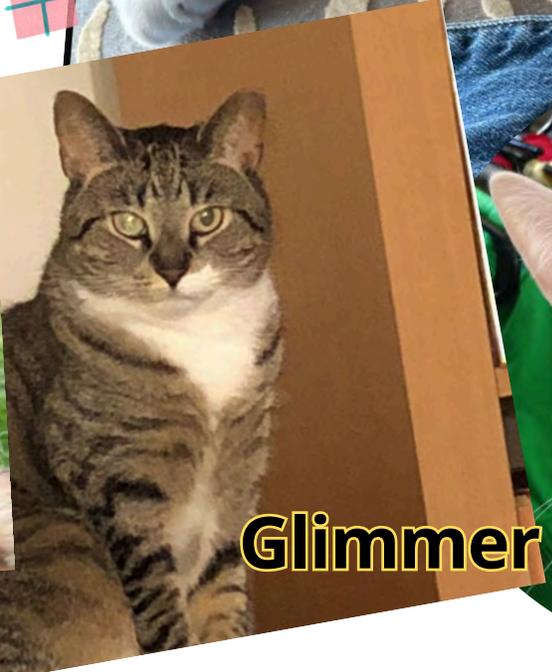
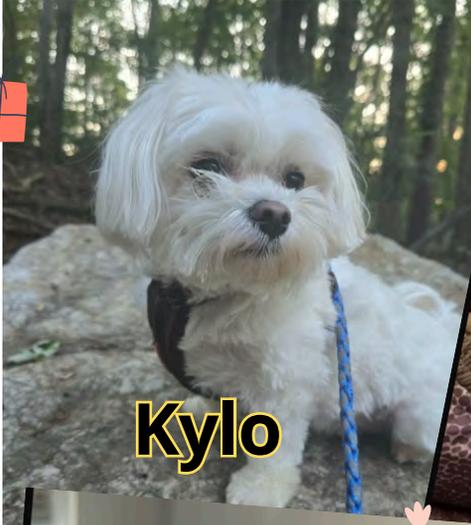


Tag [@allfriendspetcare](https://www.instagram.com/allfriendspetcare) and use [#AllFriendsWinterOlympics](https://www.instagram.com/allfriendspetcare) for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Let the games begin.

HEARTS

# FEBRUARY

JOIN US IN WISHING A  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SOME  
OF OUR AMAZING FEBRUARY  
PETS!



# MEET OUR PET SITTERS



**MARIANNE:** WORKED AS A BIOLOGIST FIRST FOR THE NIH AND THEN FOR THE EPA. RETIRED FROM FEDERAL SERVICE IN JANUARY 2025 AFTER SERVING FOR 43.5 YEARS. EARNED MY 5TH DEGREE BLACK BELT IN TAE KWON DO IN 2015. LOVE TO GARDEN - BEING OUTSIDE DIGGING IN THE DIRT IS MY HAPPY PLACE. OVER THE MANY DECADES I HAVE OWNED/LOVED AND CARED FOR MANY CATS, DOGS, TURTLES, LIZARDS, FISH, AND GERBILS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE ONES.

**DAN:** "CHOOSE A JOB YOU LOVE AND YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE"~CONFUCIUS

I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE ANIMALS AS A PART OF MY LIFE SINCE GROWING UP. FROM DOGS, CATS, AND FISH, TO BEING ABLE TO VISIT A FAMILY FRIENDS FARM. THEY HAD HORSES, PIGS, AND SMALLER FARM ANIMALS. MY WIFE MARIANNE AND I HAVE 3 CATS (ONE FROM A RESCUE) & A FUN LOVING GOLDEN RETRIEVER NAMED ROGER! WE REALLY ENJOY TRAVELING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. IN ADDITION, I COACH YOUNG MEN'S VARSITY LACROSSE FOR SOUTH LAKES HIGH SCHOOL IN RESTON.



Want to make money caring  
for pets?  
**CLICK HERE!**



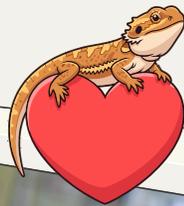


# SPOTLIGHT ON



# OUR EXOTIC CLIENTS

At All Friends Pet Care, we care for more than just dogs and cats - we happily look after birds, reptiles, small animals, and all kinds of unique pets, too. No matter the species, we love and care for every pet as if they were our own



# Inclement Weather Policy

## WINTER WEATHER & DOG WALKS

On extremely cold days - generally when the “feels like” temperature is 32°F or below by midday - all walks will be shortened for the safety of your dog and our pet sitters. Walks will be “business only,” usually no more than 10 minutes, just long enough for your pup to relieve themselves. The remainder of the visit will take place indoors.

If you prefer, you can shorten your visit time to 20 minutes (instead of your normal walk length) on the coldest winter days. Please contact us with any questions or special requests regarding this policy.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CLOSURE & HAZARDOUS TRAVEL



All Friends Pet Care follows the Federal Government’s inclement weather closures.

- If the Federal Government closes due to weather, all midday dog walks will be cancelled.
- If the Federal Government remains open but road conditions are hazardous, our sitters will use their best judgment to determine which clients can be safely reached.

Please note: Our pet sitters primarily travel via back roads and side streets, which are often the most hazardous during winter weather. Sitters will notify clients as soon as a decision regarding travel ability has been made.



Thank you for your understanding and support in  
keeping our pets and sitters safe during winter  
weather!

