

Congratulations to Peter Bak and his special companion, Lucy, for a remarkable milestone!

We all know what a great club MCCNE is...a group of people who come together to help each other, share their knowledge, give to others and conduct special events - all interconnected by the Ford Mustang. It's a team in every sense of the word.

We don't think of the individuals very often who make up the team – unless there is a crisis. But we do have a club member who has provided special help for many people over the past seven years.

Peter, an MCCNE member for over 20 years – his member number is 2 digits – and his dog, a pit bull named **Lucy**, have been providing pet therapy to healing children and hospice patients. Lucy has been a therapy dog for the past seven years and she will turn 9 this October. She was a rescue dog for Peter, and together they had to pass an intensive 10-step program by the American Kennel Club and tests by Therapy Dogs International. It is rare for a pit bull to be certified as a therapy dog.

Members will recognize Peter – the tall, friendly guy with the classic '68 Mustang and the propped up surfboard on the trunk. He has a smile and a handshake or hug for everyone – one-to-one therapy of his own. Peter and Lucy have joined our MCCNE Board meetings on numerous occasions.

And the Milestone..... This past July Peter and Lucy celebrated their 2000th therapy visit.

The pair has logged visits to Cedar Crest Rehab, the Ronald MacDonald and Halworth houses, and St. Mary's Home for Children in the Providence area, and multiple other sites. A volunteer at Beacon Hospice said it best..."Peter and Lucy are just amazing and the time they take week after week without getting paid for their special visits is just amazing"

Thank you Peter and Lucy – and extra biscuits for Lucy, please.

