

## **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 2000<sup>th</sup> 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.**

