



Community spotlight

Supporting therapy pets and the amazing health benefits they provide

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The RIMS Annual Conference and Exhibition not only gives colleagues the chance to connect with many risk management professionals, but the event also provides an important platform for giving back to the community and encouraging others to join in. At the 2019 RIMS conference, which took place April 28 – May 1 in Boston, Sedgwick hosted New England Pet Partners as its designated charity at the Wellness ZENter. Conference attendees were filled with laughs and smiles, which is a key part of the organization's mission.

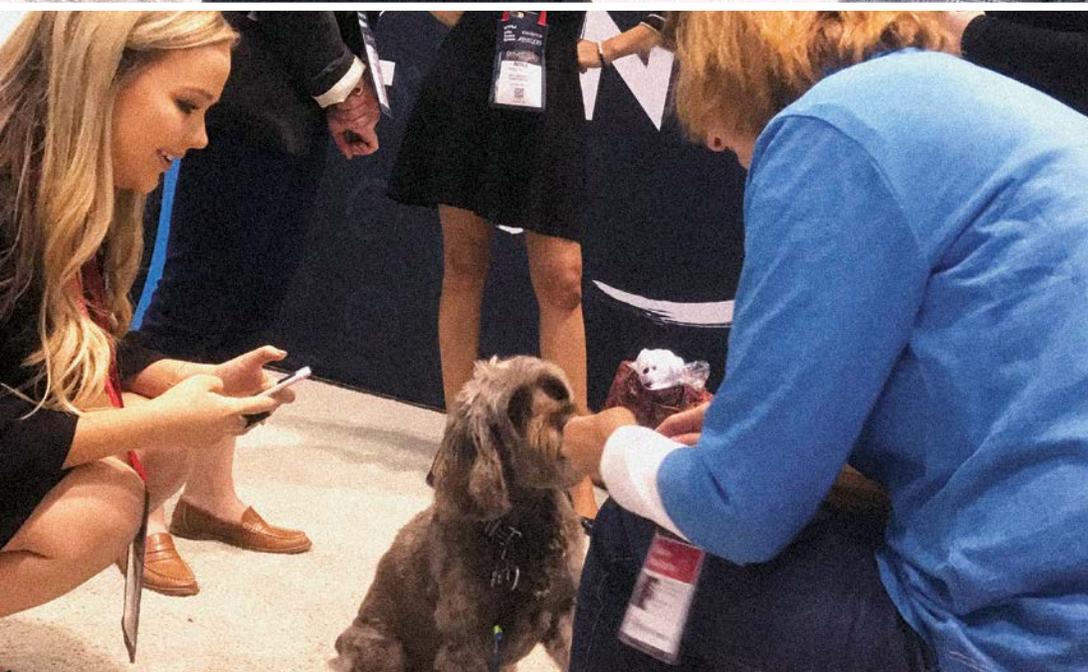
Their partners work with healthcare facilities, education organizations and community events in the New England area. In addition, New England Pet Partners provides individual pet-assisted therapy programs, therapeutic intervention and resources to support the needs of healthcare professionals and other organizations. Their mission of bringing people and pets together to enhance well-being and education with pet-assisted therapy was fulfilled as they brightened the moods and opened the minds of conference attendees who visited the Wellness ZENter.

Going along with Sedgwick's theme for the week, **caring forward**, the company presented a check for \$10,000 to New England Pet Partners to further support its mission.

Throughout the conference, the organization's mission was apparent. Jonathan Mast, director of digital strategy at Sedgwick, emphasized how rejuvenated visitors felt after spending a short amount of time with the therapy animals. The affection they received from the animals had a strong impact on their drained moods from traveling.

Being a responsible corporate citizen, Sedgwick is committed to giving back to the community. By choosing New England Pet Partners, we were able to accomplish this while focusing on one of our key areas for giving, which is health and wellness.

To learn more about the organization and opportunities to become involved, visit newenglandpetpartners.org.



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New England Pet Partners

<http://www.newenglandpetpartners.org/index.html>

Therapy animals produce smiles. Blog article highlighting the Therapy Animals of San Antonio at the RIMS 2018 Wellness ZENTER. Written by Jonathan Mast, Director, Social Media, Sedgwick. April 23, 2018.

<https://www.sedgwick.com/blog/2018/04/23/therapy-animals-produce-smiles>