

## Oakdale Memorial Gardens to host Pet Memorial Day event

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Service animals to be honored, pet-related organizations will participate

What: Oakdale Memorial Gardens is hosting Pet Memorial Day ( [www . oakdalememorialgar  
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) on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at the Petland area of the cemetery, 2501 Eastern Avenue, Davenport.

Pet Memorial Day honors all service animals and allows the public the opportunity to talk to representatives of various service animal and pet rescue organizations. Everyone is welcome to attend the event. The event will open with a service animal memorial ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

Who: The memorial ceremony will include an invocation / pet blessing by Rev. Richard Miller of First Presbyterian Church (Davenport) and the playing of Taps by bugler and Clinton County Sheriff's Reserve member Bill Hall.

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Organizations that will be on hand with information and/or service animal demonstrations include the Bettendorf Police Department, Humane Society of Scott County, Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption, Trinity Caring Canines, Bettendorf Community School District, Emergency K-9 Operations and Clinton County Sheriff's Reserve.

Where: Oakdale Memorial Gardens - Petland (turn left just inside the main entrance gates)

2501 Eastern Avenue

Davenport, IA 52803

When: Sunday, September 8, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

RSVP: Members of the media please contact office manager Deb Williams with any questions or requests.

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About Petland

The late Sandy Weerts had a vision to bring a feeling of peace to those who have lost a family pet and companion in death. Oakdale Memorial Gardens has honored her with a lovely garden

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to commemorate the lives of these dear family friends. It is called "Love of Animals" Petland. Among the flowers, oak trees and rare dwarf conifers, pets and service animals alike are buried with honor and dignity.

### About Oakdale Memorial Gardens

Oakdale Memorial Gardens ( [www . oakdalememorialgardens . org](http://www.oakdalememorialgardens.org) ) was established in 1857 and is an independent, non-profit cemetery located on 78+ acres along Eastern Avenue in the heart of Davenport, Iowa. It is one of the Quad Cities oldest and most beautiful cemeteries, boasting century-old Oaks, gently rolling hills and knolls, and a beautiful reflecting pond near the cemetery entrance.

From September 6 to 22, 2013, the Quad Cities hosts East West Riverfest, a community-wide, two-week celebration of the arts, culture and heritage thriving on this bend of the Mississippi River. Over 300 events will take place at almost 100 various theaters, music venues, galleries, historic sites, museums, parks, and attractions on both sides of the river in the Quad Cities. For more information, visit [www.eastwestriverfest.com](http://www.eastwestriverfest.com) or the official [Facebook page](#) .