

## 'ROMP FOR RESEARCH'

# Good dog! Fundraiser for cancer research

Brain cancer survivor organizes event to highlight healing power of animals

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**C**ancer survivor and entrepreneurial painter Scott Leaver is putting a new twist on cancer-research support. He's inviting dog lovers to bring their pets to a fundraiser called "Rompe for Research" on Sunday at Wompatuck State Park.

He wants the event to pay tribute to the healing power of animals.

"When I was sick, taking Lulu for walks was really the only thing that made me feel better," he said of his Swiss mountain dog.

Doctors diagnosed Leaver, 34, with brain cancer in 2003 after discovering a tumor the size of an apple in his frontal lobe.

During months of recuperation from surgery, Leaver found a new talent: painting, especially pictures of his dog. The cartoon-like images on lithograph prints, shirts, mugs and books are now sold through Leaver's company, Lulu Enterprises. The company donates 10 percent of its profits to cancer research.

The event Sunday is a continuation of Lulu Enterprise's goal of supporting cancer research, Leaver said. Officially sanctioned by the Jimmy Fund at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, festivities will include a scavenger-hunt style raffle, music, vendors, gourmet doggie treats, giveaways, prizes and dog walks through the state park.



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**Brain cancer survivor Scott Leaver of Hingham says when he was sick, taking his dog Lulu for walks was the only thing that made him feel better.**

"There are so many dog lovers out there and so many people who have been touched by cancer," Leaver said.

Registration for Rompe for Research is \$25 and includes a Lulu T-shirt, a water bottle and dog goodies. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information click on the events tab at [healgooddog.com](http://healgooddog.com).