Become a Volunteer Therapy Animal Team

Pet Partners is the nation’s leading organization registering volunteer therapy animal teams. These teams make visits providing people in need with comfort, joy, and the healing benefits of the human-animal bond. Considered the gold standard in the therapy animal field, Pet Partners has a passion for educating and supporting our volunteers and a deep commitment to your animal’s welfare that sets us apart. We’d love to have you join us!

To join our program, you and your animal will complete a team registration, which includes handler education, animal health screening, and an evaluation of you and your animal together. This process confirms that you and your pet can visit safely and effectively. When you’re a Pet Partners team, facilities know you meet the highest standards for therapy animal visits and are part of the most prestigious Therapy Animal Program.

To get started, visit PetPartners.org and click Volunteer. Our step-by-step process provides all the tools you’ll need to become a Pet Partners team!

Why Register with Pet Partners

► The largest range of therapy animal species of any national therapy animal organization—nine types of animals are accepted in our program, not just dogs.

► Comprehensive liability insurance coverage for therapy animal visits.

► The ability to visit anywhere in the U.S. and choose the facilities where you visit.

► High quality continuing education, including webinars, educational videos, live online events, and courses available free or at discounted prices.

► Access to a directory of volunteer opportunities.

► Dedicated staff support throughout the registration process and beyond.

► The chance to participate in special visiting initiatives such as Read With Me™ and Walk With Me™.

► Opportunity to train for Animal-Assisted Crisis Response after six months of visiting.

► Options to connect with other Pet Partners volunteers, including a Facebook community, locally-based Community Partner groups, and a biennial conference.

► A Cancer Care Fund to help with treatment costs if your therapy animal is diagnosed with cancer.

► The confidence that comes with being part of the leading therapy animal organization!

Join thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams making more than 3 million visits each year. Visit PetPartners.org to get started today!