Pet Partners™

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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2025 PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT

In 2025, the Pet Partners Therapy Animal Program aimed to increase our volunteer pool to support the rising demand for therapy animal visits. As our program has become more accessible, we've maintained our commitment to rigorous standards through our required comprehensive volunteer education and team re-evaluation every two years.

3,542 individuals completed Pet Partners coursework, and volunteer evaluators conducted more than 4,100 team evaluations in 2025.

Through education and evaluation, volunteers learn to read their pets' signals and better understand how to respond to their wants and needs. This ensures they are safeguarding the well-being of the animals who make this work possible.



2025 THERAPY ANIMAL TEAMS & VOLUNTEER LEADERS

8,749
TOTAL ACTIVE TEAMS

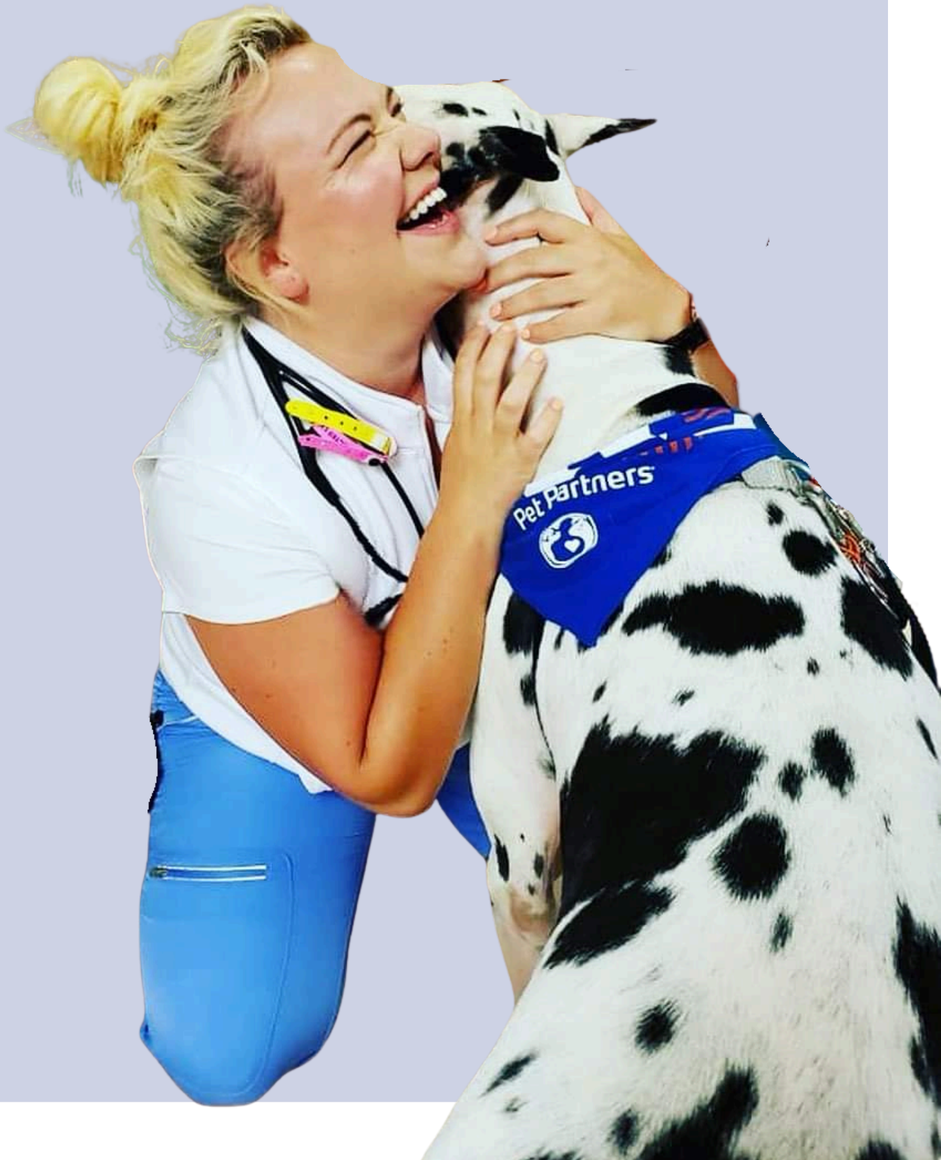
4.2M
VISITS

78
COMMUNITY PARTNER GROUPS

ANIMAL-ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE (AACR)

725
AACR TEAMS

50
AACR DEPLOYMENTS



2025 LEADERSHIP

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It was a privilege to serve as Chair of Pet Partners in 2025. One of our most significant accomplishments was simplifying the volunteer registration process, making it easier for prospective volunteers to get involved while maintaining the high standards that define Pet Partners.

Our unwavering commitment to client safety and the well-being of our therapy animals remains at the heart of everything we do, supported by the exceptional education, training, and rigor that distinguish our program.

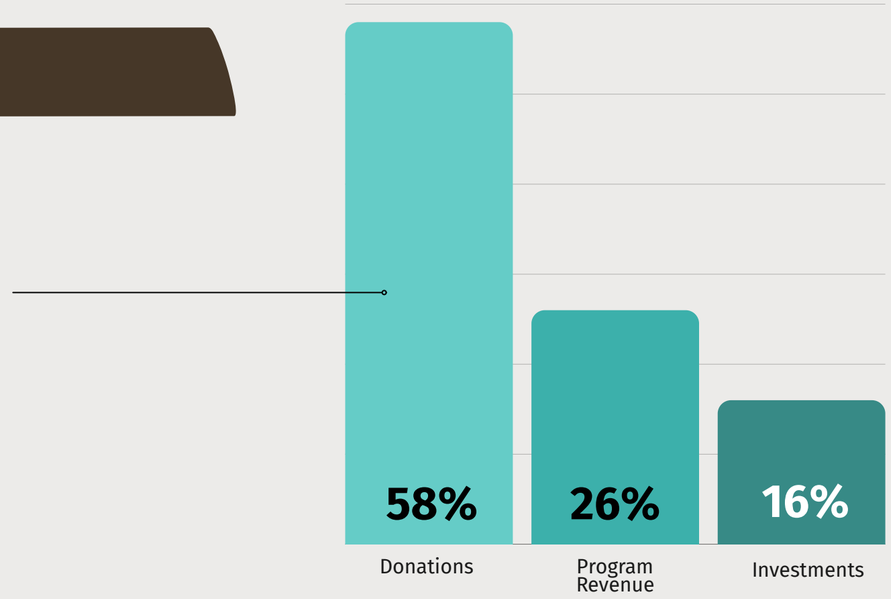
Every new therapy animal team expands our ability to serve communities in need. More teams mean more visits, bringing comfort, connection, and hope to people at times when the presence of a therapy animal can make a profound difference.

– Milton Pappas, Board of Directors Chair

2025 FINANCIALS

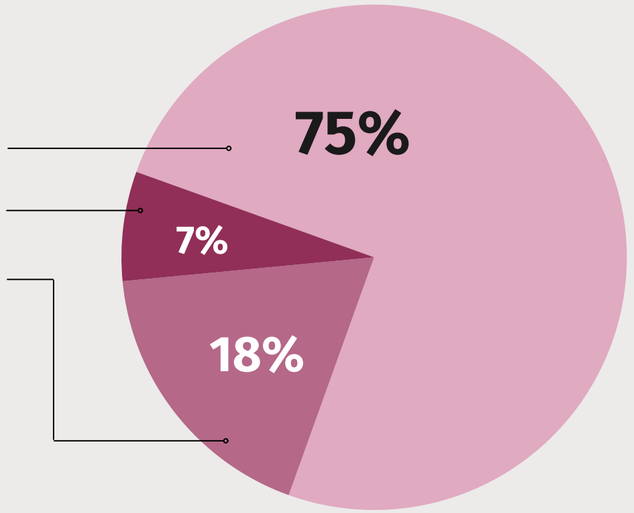
OPERATING SUPPORT & REVENUE

Donations *Including net assets released from restriction*	$1,749,001
Program Revenue	$773,209
Investment & Other	$487,632
Total Operating Support & Revenue	**$3,009,842**



OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services	$3,490,528
Fundraising	$303,651
Management & General	$824,489
Total Expenses	**$4,618,668**



ASSETS

Current	$1,005,275
Long-term contributions receivable	$3,000
Right-of-use assets	$72,904
Property and equipment	$172,710
Investments	$14,169,898
Total Assets	**$15,423,787**

LIABILITIES

Current	$435,050
Operating lease obligations	$75,150
Total Liabilities	**$510,200**

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	$10,895,576
Donor-restricted funds	$476,784
Endowment funds	$3,541,227
Total Net Assets	**$14,913,587**

NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Change in net assets from non-operating activities	$1,507,051
Total change in net assets	($101,775)

2025 PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Baxter FOUNDATION

A highlight of the year was the beginning of our groundbreaking partnership with the **Baxter Foundation** to expand access to therapy animal visits in healthcare settings nationwide. As the largest single corporate foundation investment in Pet Partners' history, the two-year initiative aims to bring moments of comfort, connection, and resilience to more patients and healthcare workers. The partnership supports the expansion of therapy animal programs in key regions, advances volunteer education and evidence-based animal-assisted interventions, strengthens industry research, and creates new opportunities for Baxter employees to experience the power of the human-animal bond. This transformational investment reflects a shared commitment to improving well-being and building a more resilient healthcare system, one meaningful visit at a time.

PURINA® Cat Chow®

Purina Cat Chow expanded its commitment to the human-animal bond through their ***Cats As Therapy Project*** in partnership with Pet Partners, highlighting the unique comfort and emotional support therapy cats provide. As part of this innovative initiative, the Cat Chow Therapod brought a one-of-a-kind wellness experience to New York City during World Mental Health Day, offering college students moments of calm, connection, and stress relief through interactions with registered therapy cats. The mobile experience introduced hundreds of students and community members to the healing power of feline companionship. Through this creative partnership, Purina Cat Chow continues to help raise awareness of therapy cats and support the growth of more registered therapy cat teams nationwide.

WELLNESS PET COMPANY

Wellness Pet Company remained a dedicated champion of Pet Partners in 2025, investing in opportunities that expanded awareness of the healing power of therapy animals. Their charitable support helped fuel key campaigns throughout the year, including the World's Largest Pet Walk and Giving Tuesday, while also creating meaningful opportunities for Pet Partners teams to engage with pet lovers at premier industry gatherings such as Global Pet Expo and SuperZoo. Wellness continues to help connect more people with the comfort, connection, and joy that therapy animals provide.

2025 PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The **Pet Food Institute** continued its longstanding partnership with Pet Partners, providing critical support as the match partner for our Summer Match Campaign. Through their $10,000 matching gift, they helped amplify donor contributions and advance our mission of recruiting, registering, and supporting more therapy animal teams to meet growing community needs. Beyond their financial investment, PFI remains a strong advocate for the human-animal bond by creating opportunities for Pet Partners teams to share their stories and showcase the impact of therapy animals at important Washington, DC events including Pet Night on Capitol Hill and Meet the Pets.

Pet Partners welcomed **Companion Energy to our** family of supporters in 2025. Their generous $15,000 gift helped advance our mission of expanding the reach of therapy animal teams. Guided by their belief in the power of community and compassion, Companion Energy partners with organizations that support animal welfare initiatives and strengthen the communities that care for them. Their investment reflects a shared passion for animals and the meaningful impact they have on people's lives.

Martin Luther King Community Healthcare (MLKCH) continued its partnership as a Premier Facility Partner, bringing the benefits of the human-animal bond to healthcare employees in South Los Angeles. Through this partnership, Pet Partners supports MLKCH's commitment to employee well-being by connecting dedicated therapy animal teams with those who care for others every day. Together, Pet Partners and MLKCH are helping create moments of comfort, connection, and resilience for healthcare professionals through the proven power of animal-assisted interventions.

For the past eleven years, the employees at Select Equity have voted for the **Select Equity Group Foundation** to grant funds in support of the Pet Partners Therapy Animal program. Special thanks to **Christine Weldon** for her ongoing support of this partnership.

2025 SIGNATURE EVENTS

PET OF THE YEAR

In 2025, we hosted our 4th Annual Pet Partners Pet of the Year signature event. This special fundraising competition recognizes the incredible value that pets bring to our lives.

Pets of all kinds (not just therapy animals) can be candidates for this exciting competition, where the winner is the pet candidate who, with the help of their humans, raises the most funds in support of the Pet Partners Therapy Animal Program during the six-week competition.

The 2025 competition ran from March 3 to April 14, and **134 pet candidates** representing ten different species participated, with **214 human supporters** pitching in to help their favorite candidates fundraise.

The winner of the **2025 Pet of the Year competition was River**, a golden retriever from Norwalk, CT. River and his human partner **Katy** raised over **$14,000** during the competition. **Koda-the-Sidekick**, a black lab from Maine, came in second, raising over **$6,000**, and **Ruby**, a chihuahua from Connecticut, came in third raising more than **$6,000**.



2025 SIGNATURE EVENTS

WORLD'S LARGEST PET WALK

On September 27, walkers, teams, and sponsors came together to celebrate the power of the human-animal bond at the World's Largest Pet Walk, presented by Wellness Pet Company. The 2025 walk raised over **$100,000**.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **RETURNING SPONSORS**
  WELLNESS PET COMPANY RETURNED AS PRESENTING SPONSOR, AND PET GENIE AND BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA AS GOLD SPONSORS.
- **NEW SPONSOR**
  LAZY DOG JOINED AS A PLATINUM SPONSOR.
- **NATIONAL WALK CHAMPIONS**
  HANDLER TRISH SMITH AND HER YORKIE, ROSIE
- **GLOBAL PARTICIPATION**
  44 U.S. STATES AND 8 OTHER COUNTRIES
- **ALL REGISTERED SPECIES REPRESENTED**
  DOGS, CATS, EQUINES, RABBITS, GUINEA PIGS, RATS, BIRDS, MINIATURE PIGS, AND LLAMAS/ALPACAS

TOP WALKERS

- Rob Duval
- Nadene Hinkel
- Kay Mooney
- Linda Dicus
- Alyson Baros-Kabler

TOP WALK TEAMS

- Pet Partners of Fairfield County
- Pet Partners Staff
- Blue Shield of California
- Pet Partners of Southern Arizona
- Pets of IAB



Pet Partners of Fairfield County won the Top Community Partner Award, raising over $10,000.

2025 DONOR RECOGNITION



CORPORATE & FOUNDATIONS

We are sincerely thankful to the corporate partners and foundations who supported Pet Partners in 2025. Their generous contributions made it possible for us to share the healing power of therapy animals with millions of people across the country. Together, we're building healthier communities through the human-animal bond.

$50,000+

The Baxter Foundation

Purina Cat Chow

Wellness Pet Company

Select Equity Group Foundation

E. Hadley and Marion Stuart Foundation

$20,000-$49,999

Scaife Family Foundation

The McCune Family Foundation

$10,000-$19,999

Companion Energy

Pet Food Institute

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2025 DONOR RECOGNITION

DELTA GIVING SOCIETY

We are proud to recognize the dedicated members of the Delta Giving Society. These are donors who contribute $1,000 or more annually. Your generosity is pivotal in sustaining our mission and expanding the reach of therapy animal visits. Thank you for being an essential part of our community and helping us create lasting impact through the human-animal bond.

(M) = monthly donor
(V) = volunteer

$10,000-$24,999

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$1,000-$2,499

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2025 DONOR RECOGNITION

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Thank you to the generous individuals who have chosen to include Pet Partners in their estate plans. Their lasting commitment helps ensure the future of our mission. Thanks to these thoughtful Caring Community members, we can grow our impact and reach even more people through therapy animal visits.



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