



ABOUT PET PARTNERS

Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting the health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education. With thousands of registered teams making more than 3 million visits annually, Pet Partners serves as the nation's most diverse and respected nonprofit, registering handlers of nine different animal species [dogs, cats, rabbits, llamas/alpacas, guinea pigs, potbellied pigs, rats, horses, parrots (born domestically)], as volunteer teams. Pet Partner's teams visit in a wide variety of settings and in various communities across the country, and beyond, with patients in recovery, people with intellectual disabilities, seniors living with Alzheimer's, students, veterans with PTSD, people who have experienced crisis events, and those approaching end-of-life.

What makes Pet Partners different, is our adherence to providing the best in human/animal interaction through:

- Pioneering training (the Pet Partners Handler Course) for the human end of the leash and continuing education for handlers, instructors, and evaluators.
- Requiring all therapy animal teams to renew their registration with Pet Partners every two years, ensuring that animals are healthy and enjoying their work (crucial to their welfare) and handlers are prepared for every situation that might arise on a visit (crucial for clients' safety & staff members' trust).

Our local teams are made up of a variety of community members and students from Purdue's Veterinary School of Medicine. The facilities our teams visit range from reading programs at West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County Public Libraries, retirement communities such as Five Star Residences, and Purdue University during Study Week before finals week. Pet Partners is the gold standard of animal assisted interactions and we are always looking for people who want to be part of our volunteer community!