Scholarship Program Information

How we can help you and your pet become a Therapy Team.

Dogs On Call Inc.

1 What is a Therapy Animal?

A therapy animal works with their handler/owner as a registered team. The volunteer team brings a friendly face and interaction to those they visit in facilities where they are invited. Therapy animals live a life as their owner's pet. Therapy animals do not have unlimited access to public facilities.

2 How to become a Registered Therapy Animal Team & apply for a scholarship.

- *Submit a completed scholarship application. Award will cover: Pet Partners Handlers Workshop, Team Evaluation & two-year Pet Partners membership, plus a Dogs On Call one-year membership & ID badge. Costs will be reimbursed to you upon successful registration with Pet Partners & Dogs On Call.*
- *Attend a one-day Pet Partners handlers workshop, conducted by Dogs On Call. (No Pets)*
- *Pass the Pet Partners online test.*
- *Have your pet's veterinarian complete an animal screening form that approves your animal as suitable for therapy animal work.*
- *Pass the Pet Partners handler/pet in-person evaluation conducted by Dogs On Call.*
- *Join Pet Partners and Dogs On Call.*

3 Benefits of becoming a Therapy Animal Team.

- *When you and your pet become a Registered Pet Partners Team, you will be associated with one of the premiere animal-assisted therapy organizations in the country.*
- *As a registered team, you will also be covered by Pet Partners liability insurance during your visits.*
- *Becoming a registered team with Pet Partners and joining Dogs On Call, you and your pet will have the knowledge and skills to be a successful therapy animal team, with the support of over 100 local members.*
- *With Dogs On Call, you will have access to a list of 100+ facilities looking for therapy animal teams to visit.*

4 What is Pet Partners? What is Dogs On Call?

Pet Partners *is a national organization devoted to helping people be healthier and happier by incorporating therapy animals into their lives. They provide training guidelines to ensure our animals' welfare, the clients' safety and that we conduct our visits in a professional manner. They license therapy animal team evaluators and instructors, so that teams can be trained, tested and registered with their organization and operate under their liability insurance.*

Dogs On Call *is the local Pet Partners chapter in southern Wisconsin. Our 100+ members have been providing comfort and joy to people in need for over 25 years. All members of Dogs On Call must be registered with Pet Partners.*

5 Requirements for your pet & you to become a Registered Theapy Animal Team.

- *Your pet is a dog, cat, equine, rabbit, guinea pig, llama, alpaca, bird, miniature pig, or domesticated rat.*
- *Is at least one year old (six months for pocket pets), and has lived with you for at least six months (one year for birds).*
- *Likes people & new situations. Has the temperament to provide comfort & joy to many people.*
- *Knows basic obedience.*
- *Is NOT on a raw food diet.*
- *Is current on rabies vaccination (rabbits, guinea pigs, domesticated rats & birds are exempt).*
- *Is NOT on immunosuppressants, antibiotics, antifungals or steroids.*
- *Has NOT been trained for protection or bite work.*
- *Handler age requirments:*
  - *Be at least 10 years old.*
  - *Age 10-15: must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or an approved adult during workshops, evaluations & visits.*
  - *Age 16-17: can visit independently, but must submit a signed permission document from a parent or guardian.*
  - *Age 18 & over: are adults and therefore visit independently.*

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