



Paws'itive Teams

PERSONAL PAWS

Personal Paws is our newest therapy dog program and provides a unique opportunity. In this program, clients are partnered with therapy dog teams for one-on-one, on-going, therapy visitations. Visits may take place in the client's home, a nearby park, or perhaps at the Paws'itive Teams Training Center. This unique approach to therapy dog volunteering enables therapy dog teams to develop close relationships with individuals on an on-going basis.

A Typical Personal Paws Visit

A typical Personal Paws visit may include activities such as tossing the ball or toy, brushing the dog, reading a favorite book to the dog, going for a short walk, perhaps even teaching the dog a new trick. And of course, you can simply choose to snuggle with the dog.

Most visits last about an hour and are scheduled a few times a month over an extended period of time. In addition to the handler and dog, each visit will include another Paws'itive Teams volunteer called a Team Manager.

Personal Paws Clients

We are seeking individuals who would appreciate on-going visits with certified therapy dog teams. Our program is for people of all ages and abilities. Many of our clients have physical or developmental disabilities. Do you know someone who needs a special fur friend? If so, someone in the family should give us a call at **858-279-7297** and leave a message on our voice mail. A volunteer will return the call within a week to get additional information about the request. There is no cost to the client for this program.

The Matching Process

Because this program is designed to give one-on-one dog interactions with clients, the matching process is very important. We strive to limit driving times for both our volunteers and our clients by placing teams within geographic areas. We also look at activity levels of both clients and dogs, times and days requested for visits, presence of other animals in the house, and special needs of clients.

For more information?

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