

ANIMAL ASSISTED ACTIVITIES/THERAPY (AAA/T)

Do you and your companion animal want to visit people in need? Take this opportunity to learn how!

Pet Partners® are human-animal teams who visit people in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, adult day care centers and rehab centers. Pet Partner® teams are highly trained and have passed stringent evaluations

that show they possess the appropriate skills and aptitude to do AAA/T and work well together in visiting animal programs. Delta Society registered volunteers are covered by a \$1,000,000 liability insurance. See www.deltasociety.org for more information.

BAPTIST BEAUMONT HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Once the Pet Partner® team is certified through Delta Society, the handler can also become a registered volunteer of Baptist Beaumont Hospital. The handler must complete all hospital volunteer requirements before Pet Partner® team visitations can begin.

For more information contact:
Baptist Beaumont Hospital
Volunteer Services Department
(409) 212-5808

E-mail: vicki.holcombe@mhbh.org
www.mhbh.org

EVALUATION INFORMATION

Pet Partners® Skills Test

To test basic good behavior skills, animals and their handlers complete the PPST. Skills are evaluated for how well the team can manage in an unfamiliar setting, such as a nursing home, hospital, school, etc. There are 12 items in the PPST.

1. Review the Handler's Questionnaire
2. Accepting a Friendly Stranger
3. Accepting Petting
4. Appearance and Grooming
5. Out for a Walk
6. Walking Through a Crowd
7. Reaction to Distractions
- 8 - 10. Sit on Command, Down on Command, and Stay in Place
11. Come When Called
12. Reaction to a Neutral Dog

Pet Partners® Aptitude Test

During the PPAT, the handler and animal should interact (i.e., role play) with the evaluator and assistants as though they are people being visited at a facility. The handler should be able to work with the animal while at the same time interacting socially with the "client" (evaluator and assistants) as if on a visit.

- Exercise A: Overall Exam
Exercise B: Exuberant and Clumsy Petting
Exercise C: Restraining Hug
Exercise D: Staggering, Gesturing Individual
Exercise E: Angry Yelling
Exercise F: Bumped from Behind
Exercise G: Crowded and Petted by Several People
Exercise H: Leave It
Exercise I: Offered a Treat
Exercise J: Overall Assessment



Delta Society® Pet Partners®

Home Study / Workshop Pet Partner Team Evaluations

Baptist Beaumont Hospital

Workshop:

Saturday, February 27, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In the Hospital's
Magnolia-Cypress Room
3080 College Street

Evaluations:

Sunday, February 28, 2010
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Workshop & Evaluation Provided By:

Paws 4 Love Chapter
Huntsville Pets Helping People



Benefits of Animal-Assisted Therapy

Studies have shown that physical contact with a pet can lower high blood pressure, and improve survival rates for heart attack victims. The presence of an animal during painful procedures reduced the distress level of both children and adults.

Many skills can be learned or improved with the assistance of a therapy animal. Patient rehabilitation can be encouraged by such activities as walking or running with a dog, or throwing objects for the animal to retrieve. Fine motor skills may be developed by petting, grooming, or feeding the animal. Patient communication is encouraged by the response of the animal to either verbal or physical commands. Activities such as writing or talking about the therapy animals or past pets also develop thinking skills and communication. These are benefits that can be enjoyed by pet owners and by non-pet owners from visiting animals.

Creative inclusion of an animal in the life or therapy of a patient can make a major difference in the patient's comfort, progress, and recovery.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE \$45.00

The Team Training Manual and lunch are included in the registration fee.
Registration should be sent 4 weeks prior to workshop in order to receive the manual and complete the home study.

Saturday, February 27
Check-In - 8:30 to 9:00 AM
Workshop - 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Sunday, February 28
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Pet Partner Evaluations
Evaluations are scheduled
In 20 minute intervals.
EVALUATION FEE - \$25.00 (Pass or Fail)

For more information on the training:
Contact Jo Ann Russell
E-mail: russelljr@awesomenet.net
Phone: (936) 549-7613

Questions on Registration:
Contact MHBH Volunteer Services Dept.
(409) 212-5808

TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP

This one day course is offered for persons who are interested in working with animal-assisted activity/therapy.
The following topics will be reviewed:

- *Introduction: Discovering Delta Society*
- *The Handler's Responsibilities*
- *Pet Partner's Workbook*
- *Delta Application Process*
- *Pet Partners Evaluation*
- *Advantages of Group Membership*
- *Hospital Volunteer Responsibilities*
- *R.E.A.D.*
- *Safety Around Dogs*
- *Hospice*
- *PR Events*

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Handler's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ ST ____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Phone Number (Day) _____

Animal's Name _____

Species/Breed _____

Animal's Age _____ Sex _____

Pet must be a minimum 1 year of age, and handler must have known pet for a minimum of 6 months.

Do you plan to evaluate your pet on Feb. 28?
____ Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure

REGISTER TODAY!

Your workbook along with confirmation and directions will be mailed upon receipt of your check.

Make check payable and mail to:

Auxiliary of Baptist Hospital
c/o Baptist Beaumont Hospital
Volunteer Services Department
PO DRAWER 1591
Beaumont, TX 77704

Check for \$45 enclosed. Check # _____