



## Steps to Becoming a Lollypop Farm Pet Assisted Therapy Volunteer

We are thrilled that you are interested in joining the Pet Assisted Therapy (PAT) Volunteer team at Lollypop Farm! Lollypop Farm requires all of their PAT volunteers be registered with an organization whether you are visiting with an animal or not. We accept dogs, cats and small animals and we would still love to have you join us even if you don't have a pet. Below is all of the information you will need to become a registered pet therapy volunteer and how you can start visiting with Lollypop Farm!

### If you want to do pet therapy with your dog:

You can choose to register with one of the following:

The Delta Society	<a href="http://www.deltasociety.org">www.deltasociety.org</a>
Therapy Dogs International (TDI)	<a href="http://www.tdi-dog.org">www.tdi-dog.org</a>
Therapy Dogs Inc. (TDInc.)	<a href="http://www.therapydogs.com">www.therapydogs.com</a>

**Please evaluate the requirements for each organization and choose the one that is right for you and your dog.** There are local contacts that you can get in touch with in regards to questions, classes, evaluations and registrations:

*Delta Society* Susan MacDougall  
smacdougall@rochester.rr.com

*TDI* Gail Furst Boom Towne Canine Campus  
607-522-7818 585-398-3647  
[deepeace.rural@gmail.com](mailto:deepeace.rural@gmail.com) 1296 Beaver Creek Rd.  
K9Healers Farmington, 14435  
[www.k-9healers.com](http://www.k-9healers.com)

Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester Kathleen Giacherio  
585-251-1784 585-467-8919  
999 Lehigh Station Rd. [klgiacherio@att.net](mailto:klgiacherio@att.net)  
Henrietta, 14467 65 Stonewood Ave.  
Greece, 14612

*TDInc.* Risa Paonessa  
(716) 831-5558  
Buffalo, NY 14223

Note: Your dog may first need to successfully complete the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Class (CGC) and evaluation. Classes are ongoing and are offered locally by the following instructors or at the following locations:

- Gail Furst
- Boom Towne Canine Campus
- Dog Obedience Club of Rochester
- Kathleen Giacherio
- &
- Celeste Lorch  
Lollypop Farm  
Humane Society of Greater Rochester  
99 Victor Road  
Fairport, NY 14450  
585-223-1330 x 160

[lorch@netacc.net](mailto:lorch@netacc.net)

\*Celeste can do a CGC evaluation on your dog, without taking the class, for \$10. You must be very confident that your dog is going to pass the test before attempting this option.\*

### **If you would like to do pet therapy with your cat, small animal or without an animal:**

You must register with:

The Delta Society \*

[www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)

*\*The Delta Society is the only organization that will register cats, small animals or a volunteer without an animal.*

Local contact is Susan MacDougall, [smacdougall@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smacdougall@rochester.rr.com)

### **Once you have completed your registration with one of the above organizations:**

You will need to attend Lollypop Farm's Pet Assisted Therapy Introductory Training Session. You will be asked to bring proof of registration. Please check our website for upcoming dates and times. If you have questions you can contact our Pet Assisted Therapy Coordinator, Joette Hartman at 585-223-1330 ext. 243 or [pat@lollypop.org](mailto:pat@lollypop.org)

Upon completion of the Lollypop Farm training you will be ready to get out into the community and start making a difference in the lives of all the people you visit! You will join the email list and Joette will email you our monthly PAT calendars. You will respond to sign up for visits. See you soon!