



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:

Pet Partners	www.petpartners.org
Therapy Dogs International (TDI)	www.tdi-dog.org
Therapy Dogs Inc. (TDInc.)	www.therapydogs.com

Please evaluate the requirements for each organization and choose the one that is right for you and your dog. There are local contacts for questions, classes, evaluations and registrations:

Pet Partners Susan MacDougall
smacdougall@rochester.rr.com

TDI Gail Furst Boom Towne Canine Campus
585-429-0776 585-398-3647
deepeace.rural@gmail.com 1296 Beaver Creek Rd.
K9Healers Farmington, 14435
www.k-9healers.com

Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester Kathleen Richards
585-251-1784 585-467-8919
999 Lehigh Station Rd. klgiacherio@att.net
Henrietta, 14467 65 Stonewood Ave.
Greece, 14612

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

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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 at:

Lollypop Farm, Humane Society of Greater Rochester
99 Victor Road
Fairport, NY 14450
Alyssa Boyea
585-223-1330 x 148
aboyea@lollypop.org

Lollypop Farm can do a CGC evaluation for your dog, without taking the class, for \$10. You should be 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 or small animal:

You must register with:

Pet Partners *

www.petpartners.org

**Pet Partners is the only organization that will register cats or small animals.*

Local contact is Susan MacDougall, 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

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!