

## PAWS for Adults & Elders

### **Adults with Disabilities**

Adults with cognitive, physical and developmental disabilities often respond extremely well with pets of all types. Many sites use the therapy companions as an incentive to work on individual goals. Sites include day, long-term, and residential facilities.

**Requirements:** *Basic Level STEX*

#### **Sites:**

Adult Care of Chester County - Exton, PA  
Adult Care of Chester County – Kennett Square, PA  
CERTS – Newark, DE  
CERTS – Smyrna, DE  
Chesapeake Care Lokey Center – Elkton, MD  
Chesapeake Care Resources – North East, MD  
CHIMES – Newark, DE  
CHIMES – New Castle, DE  
Delaware Mentor Day Program – Millsboro, DE  
Easter Seals – New Castle, DE  
Governor Bacon Health Center – Delaware City, DE  
The Arc NCR – Aberdeen, MD  
Roxanna Residential Treatment Program – Frankford, DE

### **Assisted Living**

Assisted living means that people are in pretty good shape both physically and mentally but need some assistance when it comes to things like laundry, cleaning, and making meals. AL folks are relatively hearty and can take a more energetic dog. They also often have lunch dates or are out of the building, so their lives are relatively full. They tend to go into their rooms after meals and watch TV or read. If doors are shut, you can feel confident about knocking & asking if they'd like a visit.

**Requirements:** *Basic Level STEX*

#### **Sites:**

Abbey Manor – Elkton, MD  
Brookdale at White Chapel- Newark, DE  
Cardinal Village – Sewell, NJ  
Country House – Wilmington, DE  
Fouk Manor North – Wilmington, DE  
Fouk Manor South – Wilmington, DE  
Friends Home of Kennett – Kennett Square, PA  
Granite Farms Estates – Media, PA  
Hummingbird Manor – Bel Air, MD  
The Hickman – West Chester, PA

Jenner's Pond – West Grove, PA  
Lima Estates – Media, PA  
Little Sisters of the Poor – Newark, DE  
Lodge Lane – Wilmington, DE  
Manor House – Seaford, DE  
Millcroft – Newark, DE  
Singerly Manor – Elkton, MD  
Sommerford House – Newark, DE  
State Street Assisted Living – Dover, DE  
Sunrise of Wilmington – Wilmington, DE  
The Summit – Wilmington, DE  
United Methodist Communities – Pitman, NJ

### **Alzheimer's/Dementia**

Alzheimer's disease is a disease of the brain causing memory loss. Most ALZ residents are in reasonably decent physical shape but their minds are failing. They must be confined (locked down) so they don't stray away, and are usually kept together in common areas for socialization and stimulation. Pet visits often reach ALZ patients that people cannot. The magic of the pet-human connection is most evident in this type of visit.

**Requirements:** *Basic Level STEX; PAWS Thinking Outside of the Box training highly recommended*

### **Sites:**

Brandywine Senior Living – Rehoboth, DE  
Cadia Rehabilitation Capitol – Dover, DE  
Cokesbury Village – Memory Care Unit – Hockessin/Pike Creek, DE  
Brookdale at White Chapel – Newark, DE  
Elwyn Senior Reflections – Wilmington, DE  
Fouk Manor North – Wilmington, DE  
Fouk Manor South – Wilmington, DE  
Jenner's Pond – West Grove, PA  
KSI, Inc. – Milford, DE  
The Lorelton – Wilmington, DE  
Manor House – Seaford, DE  
Sommerford Place – Newark, DE  
Sunrise of Wilmington – Wilmington, DE  
The Summit – Wilmington, DE

### **Cancer Support**

People who are undergoing cancer treatment have needs that differ from other types of patients. PAWS for People's pet therapy teams who have been trained to visit in cancer treatment centers (including chemotherapy and radiation labs) know how best to support those needs in a respectful, caring manner. And everyone knows that dogs will bring smiles to everyone – even the most dejected or isolated or fatigued patient.

**Requirements:** *Advanced level STEX; Hospital-specific training (if appropriate); PAWS PATHS Training highly recommended*

### **Sites:**

Cancer Support Community – Greater Philadelphia, PA  
Justin's Beach House (Families) – Bethany Beach, DE

Helen F. Graham Cancer Center – Newark, DE  
MD Anderson (Cooper Hospital) – Camden, NJ  
Regional Oncology & Hematology – Elkton, MD

### ***Drug & Alcohol Treatment Programs***

Residential treatment centers provide several types of visits for our therapy teams. Sometimes there is unstructured time when the patients can just hang out with our pets and get the love and attention they may be missing. We also are invited to attend group discussion sessions where the presence of a therapy pet can reduce anxiety, provide comfort, and become a reminder that there is hope and a future.

**Requirements:** *Basic Level STEX*

**Sites:**

Bowling Green Brandywine – Toughkenamon, PA  
Cecil County Dept. of Health Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center – Elkton, MD

### ***Hospice***

Working in partnership with both various hospices throughout our visiting area, PAWS provides the pet therapy training and coordination to interested hospice volunteers. In some instances, PAWS pet therapy teams can also volunteer with hospice and complete the Hospice's own orientation and training. Visits are conducted at a variety of locations.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX, Hospice-specific training required*

**Sites:**

Amedisys Hospice – Elkton, MD  
Compassionate Care Hospice – Wilmington, DE  
Compassionate Care – Media, PA  
Crozer Keystone Inpatient Hospice - Hospice  
Heartland Hospice – Newark, DE  
Season's Hospice Inpatient Units – Newark, DE  
Willow Tree Hospice – West Grove, PA

### ***Hospitals***

PAWS has a presence at many of the hospitals in our service area. We visit with patients, staff and visitors in every unit providing the calm and loving presence of a therapy companion. Visits with all patients must be cleared with the nursing staff.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX and hospital-specific volunteer requirements; PAWS PATHS training highly recommended*

**Sites:**

Beebe Medical Center – Lewes, DE  
Cooper University Hospital – Camden, NJ  
Christiana Care – Newark, DE  
Christiana Care – Wilmington, DE  
Union Hospital - Elkton, MD  
St. Francis Healthcare – Wilmington, DE  
Wilmington VA Hospital – Wilmington, DE

### **Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy/Speech Therapy**

PAWS teams work directly with therapists at a number of different sites to assist in their clients' progress. Besides the love and comfort that our pets give freely, they also provide the motivation for trying some new movements, working longer, and enjoying the activities. This in turn allows the clients to relax while exercising, which helps their muscles work with less strain and tension.

**Requirements:** *Basic Level STEX*

#### **Sites:**

Christiana Care Rehab Services – Newark, DE

### **Psychiatric Services**

PAWS' psychiatric services offer care and compassion for those that are either in a long-term or short-term care setting for mental illnesses. The severity of the illness may vary, but our therapy dogs do not mind – they provide comfort on a level that is very healing for these patients. Staff and families frequently benefit as well.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX, PS PAWS training highly recommended*

#### **Sites:**

Carneys Point Care Rehab & Nursing Center – Penns Grove, NJ

Connections CSP – Wilmington, DE

Dover Behavioral Health – Dover, DE

Haven Behavioral Hospital – Philadelphia, PA

MeadowWood Behavioral Health – New Castle, DE

Rockford Center – Newark, DE

### **Skilled Care**

Patients residing in skilled care facilities are in need of serious medical care on a regular basis. Much like a hospital setting, a skilled care facility presents a pet therapy team with challenges such as visiting people in their beds, ventilator noise, lots of wheelchairs, and nursing staff on call 24 hours a day. Therapy teams are needed in such places to help people stave off boredom, brighten their days, and give them some comfort and maybe a little escape from the daily issues of their illness.

**Requirements:** *Basic Level STEX*

#### **Sites:**

Cadia Rehabilitation at Broadmeadow – Middletown, DE

Cadia Rehabilitation Capitol – Dover, DE

Cadia Rehabilitation at Pike Creek – Hockessin/Pike Creek, DE

Cadia Rehabilitation Renaissance – Millsboro, DE

Cadia Rehabilitation Silverside – Wilmington, DE

Carneys Point Care Rehab & Nursing Center – Penns Grove, NJ

Cokesbury Village – Hockessin/Pike Creek, DE

Country House – Wilmington, DE

HealthSouth – Middletown, DE

Jenner's Pond Preston Residence – West Grove, PA

Lima Estates – Media, PA

Manor House – Seaford, DE

Millcroft – Newark, DE

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales – Elkton, MD

Southgate Healthcare – Carney's Point, NJ

Wilmington VA Hospital – Wilmington, DE

# PAWS for Children

## **Autism Initiative**

Autism is a spectrum disorder that affects children very differently so each child needs to be approached differently. Many children who have autism do not form relationships, are very aware of space around them, may internalize things and repeat words or phrases and not initiate questions or interactions.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX and PAWS Autism Initiative training*

**Sites:**

Brennan School – Newark, DE

## **Children with Behavioral Issues**

Children in these visiting settings are typically adolescents (ages 12-18) who may have conduct disorders, anger, impulsivity, and/or ADHD. Many of these children have been sentenced by the court and are awaiting a hearing, or have been pulled out of their home and are awaiting a decision by the court system. PAWS therapy teams are used for self-soothing and stress management, as well as integration into other activities.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX, PS PAWS Training highly recommended; site-specific training (Cottages and Detention Center)*

**Sites:**

CONCERN – Coatesville, PA  
Grace, Snowden & Mowlds Cottages – Wilmington, DE  
New Castle County Detention Center – Wilmington, DE  
Seaford House – Seaford, DE

## **Children with Special Needs**

Special needs may range from learning differences that make it impossible for a child to succeed in a public school environment to physical disabilities that keep a child from functionally successfully in a public school setting. The children we visit in this category range in age from 6 months to 21 years.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX*

**Sites:**

Exceptional Care – Newark, DE  
Nurses 'N Kids – New Castle, DE  
Ronald McDonald House – Wilmington, DE  
UD Lab Preschool – Newark, DE

## **Courthouse Companions**

Partnering with the Cecil County and Harford County Child Advocacy Centers, this program focuses on working with children before, during and after critical case testimony. In the Delaware County Court program, teams visit the court waiting areas providing a welcome relief to the stresses of being inside a courthouse.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX, Courthouse Companions Training (area specific)*

**Sites:**

The County of Delaware Court Program – Media, PA  
Cecil County Child Advocacy Center – Elkton, MD  
Harford County Child Advocacy Center – Bel Air, MD

**Early Learning Center Mobility Project**

PAWS teams have been working with the preschoolers at the Early Learning Center in Newark, Delaware since the fall of 2008. In the spring of 2009, we added work with Cole Galloway's Mobility Project, which utilizes our therapy companions' skills in working with children who are not independently mobile. Working one-on-one with physical therapists and patients, our teams provide motivation for extended movement, distraction from difficult exercises, and fun for the children who are working so hard to learn to walk or use their motorized devices.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX and a PAWS recommendation*

**Sites:**

Early Learning Center – Newark, DE

**Nemours/Al duPont Hospital for Children**

Our partnership with Nemours is one of great pride and visibility. We work with patients in both the inpatient and outpatient setting and PAWS teams provide approximately 100 hours of pet therapy each month in this highly-esteemed children's hospital in Delaware.

**Requirements:** *Master's Level Certification through PAWS for People; Nemours Prep Training; hospital-specific training*

**PAWS for Reading**

PAWS for Reading is a program that allows children to read aloud to a therapy dog (or cat) in order to improve reading and communication skills. Children read individually to trained therapy pets (and their handlers) in schools, libraries, or other settings where they can feel comfortable and confident -- and have fun! After all, a dog will not correct them or make them feel awkward if they stumble.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX; PAWS for Reading Training*

**Library Sites:**

**Delaware:** Appoquinimink, Bear, Brandywine, Claymont, Corbit-Calloway, Delaware City, Dover, Elsmere, Frankford, Garfield Park, Kent County, Kirkwood, Middletown, Newark, New Castle, Seaford, Selbyville, South Coastal

**Maryland:** Elkton, Havre de Grace, Norrisville

**Pennsylvania:** Atglen, Avon Grove, Coatesville, David Cohen Ogontz, Downingtown, Fishtown, Haverford, Helen Kate Furness, Kennett, Media, Parkesburg, Rachel Kohl, Rodriguez Neighborhood, Swarthmore, Whitman

**NJ:** Stratford

**School Sites:**

A I DuPont High School – Wilmington, DE  
Albert Einstein Academy – Wilmington, DE  
Avon Grove Charter School – West Grove, PA  
Avon Grove School District – West Grove, PA  
Baltz Elementary School – Wilmington, DE  
Bay View Elementary School – North East, MD

Birches Elementary School – Turnersville, NJ  
Brader Elementary School – Newark, DE  
Carrie Downie Elementary – New Castle, DE  
Conowingo Elementary – Conowingo, MD  
Green-Fields School – West Deptford, NJ  
Highlands Elementary School – Wilmington, DE  
James Mason Tomlin School – Mantua, NJ  
John Fenwick Academy – Salem, NJ  
Kenmore Elementary – Elkton, MD  
Leasure Elementary – Newark, DE  
Linden Hill Elementary – Hockessin/Pike Creek, DE  
Maclary Elementary – Newark, DE  
McVey Elementary School – Newark, DE  
NCCL School – Newark, DE  
Phillip C. Showell Elementary School – Selbyville, DE  
Pleasant Valley School– Mullica Hill, NJ  
Radnor Middle School – Radnor, PA  
Richey Elementary – Newport, DE  
Springer Middle School – Wilmington, DE  
Star Hill Elementary – Dover, DE  
Thomas E. Bowe School - Glassboro, NJ  
Wallingford Elementary – Wallingford, PA

**Other Sites:**

Oxford Feed & Lumber – Oxford, PA  
Please Touch Museum – Philadelphia, PA  
St. James United Church of Christ – Havertown, PA  
Terry Children’s Center– New Castle, DE

***Pre-K PAWS (a subsidiary of PAWS for Reading)***

An educational program designed specifically for our earliest learners focusing on pre-reading and pre-math skills.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX; PAWS for Reading, Pre-K PAWS Training*

**School Sites:**

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool – Wilmington, DE  
Swedesboro Head Start – Swedesboro, NJ

***Psychiatric/Addiction Services***

Working with children who suffer from mental health challenges is a fantastic opportunity for the PAWS teams. Learning to meet the child where they are on any particular day is the key to success in visiting with these kids. Visits may include playing with, grooming or walking the dog, or just allowing the healing calm of a therapy companion with kids in need.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX, PS PAWS Training highly recommended*

**Sites:**

Aquilla of Delaware – Wilmington, DE  
Terry Children’s Center (Children) – New Castle, DE  
Penn Psychiatric Center – Phoenixville, PA  
Rockford Center (Children & Adolescents) – Newark, DE  
Silver Lake Treatment Consortium (Adolescents) – Middletown, DE

## PAWS by Special Request

**Requirements:** *Varies*

PAWS by Special Request is a service PAWS offers to people who wish to request personalized one-on-one visits for a loved one. People are invited to contact PAWS for this service when they think a visit with a loving PAWS pet and caring PAWS human would be good for someone they care about. Some of the visits we have done within this program have included individual work with children who have autism, spending time with a father on hospice care, sitting with patients receiving chemotherapy, and visiting with a woman with worsening Alzheimer's helping her recall her youth and good times with her dog.

### ***Pet Emergency Response Therapy Teams***

A brand new program designed in conjunction with DEMA (Delaware Emergency Management Agency), PERTT volunteers will visit with those displaced by a natural disaster (flood, fire, etc.) into a temporary shelter. Our teams will be on call to visit these folks to ease their anxiety while displaced.

**Requirements:** *Advanced Level STEX; PAWS member for at least six months;  
DEMA Training*