

Visitation Sites by Program

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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 Day Services At Union Hospital
CERTS - Newark
CERTS - Smyrna
Chesapeake Care Resources
Chesapeake Care Resources - Lokey Center
Chimes Delaware - New Castle
Chimes Delaware - Newark
Daylesford Crossing
Delaware Mentor Day Program
Easter Seals - New Castle
HollyDell Twenty-One Plus
The Arc NCR

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
Brookdale White Chapel
Elwyn Senior Reflections
Fouk Manor North
Fouk Manor South
Jenners Pond, Preston Residence
Lodge Lane Assisted Living & Memory Care
Sommerford Place (Alzheimer's Program)
The Lorelton Assisted Living
The Summit

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 Assisted Living
Brookdale Dover
Cardinal Village
Country House
Friends Home In Kennett
Gilpin Hall
Granite Farms Estates
Hummingbird Manor
Jenners Pond, Ruston
Lima Estates
Little Sisters of the Poor
Manor House
Millcroft
Singerly Manor
Somersford House (Assisted Living Program)
Stonegates
Sunrise Of Wilmington
The Hickman
United Methodist Communities - Pitman

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:

Helen F. Graham Cancer Center
Justin's Beach House
Regional Hematology & Oncology
Tunnel Cancer Center - Beebe

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

Cecil County Dept. Of Health - Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center

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:

Compassionate Care Hospice
Crozer Keystone Inpatient Hospice
Heartland Hospice
Seasons Hospice Inpatient Units
Willow Tree Hospice

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 (including Bookhammer Outpatient Surgery Center Beebe)

Christiana Care - Newark

Christiana Care - Wilmington

Cooper University Hospital

Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children

St. Francis Healthcare

Union Hospital

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 - Springside Plaza

Psychiatric Services (All Ages)

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:

Dover Behavioral Health
Penn Psychiatric Center
Rockford Center

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 - Broadmeadow
Cadia Rehabilitation - Capitol
Cadia Rehabilitation - Renaissance
Cadia Rehabilitation - Silverside
Cokesbury Village Healthcare
Harrison House Of Georgetown
HealthSouth
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
Southgate Healthcare
Wilmington VA Hospital

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:

Brennen-Delaware Autism Program

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 Treatment Center For Boys

Ferris School

New Castle County Detention Center

Grace, Snowden & Mowlds Cottages - State Of Delaware

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:

Arrow Child & Family, Crossroads
Early Learning Center, University of Delaware
General Wayne Elementary School
New Castle County Detention Center
Nurses 'N Kids – New Castle
Nurses 'N Kids - Milford
Ronald McDonald House of Delaware
Seaford House
Terry Children's Psychiatric Center
University of Delaware - Laboratory Preschool

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:

Cecil County Department of Social Services

Harford County Child Advocacy Center

The County Of Delaware Court Program

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, University of Delaware

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*

Sites:

Albert Einstein Academy
Appoquinimink Library
Atglen Public Library
Avon Grove Charter School
Avon Grove Library
Avon Grove School District
Bay View Elementary
Bear Library
Birches Elementary School
Brader Elementary School
Brandywine Hundred Library
Brick Mill Elementary School
Carrie Downie Elementary School
Cecil Manor Elementary School
Claymont Library
Coatesville Public Library
Conowingo Elementary School
Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library
Delaware City Library
Dover Public Library
Downingtown Library
Elkton Library
Elsmere Library
Frankford Public Library
Frederick Douglass Elementary School
Green-Fields Elementary School
Haverford Township Free Library
Havre De Grace Library
Helen Kate Furness Free Library
Highlands Elementary School
James Mason Tomlin School
John Fenwick Academy
Kenmore Elementary School
Kennett Library
Kirkwood Library
Leasure Elementary School
Linden Hill Elementary School
McVey Elementary School

Media-Upper Providence Free Library
Middletown Free Library
NCCL School
New Castle Library
Newark Library
Phillip C. Showell Elementary School
Pleasant Valley School
Please Touch Museum
Primos Library Branch Of Upper Darby
Rachel Kohl Community Library
Radnor Middle School
Richey Elementary School
Rising Sun Branch Library
Rosa International Middle School
Route 9 Library & Innovation Center
Seaford District Library
Selbyville Library
South Coastal Library
Southern Elementary School
Springer Middle School
St. James United Church Of Christ
Star Hill Elementary School
Stratford Public Library
Swarthmore Public Library
Thomas E. Bowe School
Upper Darby Sellers Memorial Free Public Library
Wallingford Elementary School
Whitman Library

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

Swedesboro Head Start

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*