



A THERAPY ANIMAL IS MORE THAN A PET ON A LEASH



WHO IS COMPASSIONATE PAWS?

We are a team of humans and animals - dogs, cats, horses, and even rats - who volunteer to bring cheer to people in hospitals, personal care facilities, and schools. *READ WITH ME* is a program to help primary-grade students with their reading skills.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A PET PARTNER?

Determine if your pet is suitable for therapy work and take the necessary steps. These steps include taking an online course with Pet Partners, Inc., along with written and practical tests. Upon meeting their requirements, you and your pet partner will need to pass an evaluation by *Compassionate Paws, Inc.*

WHAT MAKES AN ANIMAL SUITABLE?

Pet must be healthy, clean and groomed, friendly, well-behaved, and calm. They must pass a basic obedience test and accept handling by a stranger. They also need to pass near a neutral dog without making contact or showing aggression and to handle loud voices and equipment.

ARE THERAPY ANIMALS THE SAME AS SERVICE ANIMALS?

No! Service animals are specially trained to help people with a medically documented disability such as blindness, hearing loss, and a number of physical limitations. They are allowed, by law, in restaurants, grocery stores, and other facilities. Therapy dogs are allowed only in facilities to which they are invited and their job is to bring comfort and joy.

HOW TO BECOME A PET PARTNER OR HELP IN OTHER WAYS

Contact **COMPASSIONATE PAWS** for information at www.romepaws.org or on Facebook. For information on Pet Partners, Inc., our parent organization, see petpartners.org. **COMPASSIONATE PAWS, INC.** is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your donation will help put smiles on faces of people in need.



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