



**Furry
Friends**
Pet
Assisted
Therapy
Services

Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services' mission is to consistently facilitate the delivery of the love and affection of our volunteers and their pets. We enhance the lives and reopen the closed emotional doors of people with special needs.

We're Licking Loneliness!

Dear Prospective Furry Friends Volunteer,

On behalf of the nearly 500 volunteers that make up Furry Friends - Pet Assisted Therapy Services, I want to thank you for your interest in joining our organization and am looking forward to seeing you share the love of your pet with others. I can personally tell you that you are about to join an organization that will allow you to make a real difference in someone's life. It will be something that you can stand proud about, because you will be one of the few in our society that really does give back to others in need.

Furry Friends is a volunteer organization. We are financed solely by private and grant donations. Currently, we service approximately 50 facilities in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties that include the Santa Clara County Children's Shelter, convalescent hospitals, nursing homes, hospitals, senior day care centers, and Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall. With this letter I have enclosed all the necessary documents needed for you to complete your application package and become a Furry Friends volunteer. If you will be joining with someone else (spouse, friend, child, etc.), please duplicate the attached documents (except Vaccination/Fecal Record and Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form) and complete them separately. Our application materials are designed for one human volunteer only. The same goes with our pet related forms (Vaccination/Fecal Record and Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form) when applying with multiple animals.

We have enclosed the following:

1. Frequently Asked Questions About Furry Friends
2. List of Sites that Furry Friends Visits – check web site for latest info
3. Liability Release Form *
4. Volunteer Registration Application *
5. Vaccination/Fecal Record *
6. Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form *
7. Pet Behavior Etiquette Class Aggression Screen *
8. New Volunteer Application Checklist

Once we have received * **your entire application package***, we will process it within 14-20 calendar days. You will receive a confirmation of your enrollment in the Pet Behavior Etiquette Class that you requested or you will be informed about alternative class dates. Unfortunately, you cannot begin your visits with any Furry Friends team until you have completed the Etiquette class and the Team Captain(s) of the team(s) you have chosen have accepted your request to join their team.

Furry Friends is hoping you choose to become one of the growing number of people who truly are making a difference in people's lives. Once you have completed the process of becoming a volunteer, your pet will become the bridge for you both to enhance your own relationship as well as giving a smile or happy tear for someone else who needs a lift in spirit. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President

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