

PAWSitive Therapy Troupe Program Requirements:

1. You must have completed all elements of the Hines Volunteer Placement Review if you will be visiting at Hines or Loyola. You must complete the Volunteer Orientation at Good Samaritan hospital if you will be visiting at Good Samaritan.
2. You must attend one scheduled therapy visit each month or at least 10 visits per year to remain an active member of the program. **This requires a serious commitment on your part to participate in scheduled monthly visits.** Monthly visits also ensure that your therapy dog will become confident in the therapy settings in which he works.
3. You must keep your dog's Delta Society Pet Partners registration current, and bear all costs associated with that process.
4. You must maintain current animal vaccinations, fecal testing, heartworm testing and yearly veterinary checkups and bear all costs associated with animal health. You must provide copies of these yearly updates to the program coordinator.
5. You must ensure that your dog is freshly bathed and groomed within 24 hours of a therapy visit. This includes nail trimming and filing to ensure that a rough nail does not scratch a patient.
6. You must respect the rights of others (patients, visitors, and staff) who wish no contact with animals. You must maintain strict confidentiality. Volunteers who break confidentiality will be dismissed from the program.
7. You must notify the program coordinator at least 24 hours in advance when you are planning to come for a therapy visit. This notification can be either by email or by phone.