

## Become A KPETS Team!

Do you enjoy helping people? Is your pet calm, comfortable and well-behaved in unfamiliar settings and around other animals? If so, becoming a registered KPETS team is the first step to an incredibly rewarding experience.

Here's what you'll need to do:

- Learn about pet therapy opportunities and requirements at a KPETS Orientation meeting.
- Attend and pass a pre-assessment session to evaluate how your pet reacts to loud noises, strangers, crowds, other pets, wheelchairs, and different surfaces, etc.
- After successfully completing the pre-assessment, you'll join an evaluator on two actual pet therapy visits where you'll get on-the-job training.
- If the evaluators determine you and your pet are ready, the documentation is then submitted to receive a certificate, letter of insurance, and photo ID to be worn during all visits and functions.

By becoming a KPETS team, you share the therapeutic effects of your pet's joy for life. With every visit, your pet will be rewarded with hugs and belly-rubs while you marvel at seeing hearts filled with hope and happiness. You, your pet and those you serve - It's a win-win situation!

To learn more, visit [www.KPETS.org](http://www.KPETS.org)  
or call 888.68.kpets (888.685.7387)



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Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services

Touching Lives  Warming Hearts



Promoting the Healing and Rehabilitating  
Benefits of the Human / Animal Bond

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**MISSION:** *KPETS is a non-profit organization established to promote Animal Assisted Therapy/Animal Assisted Activities (AAT/AAA). The healing and rehabilitating benefits of the human/animal bond are provided by registered KPETS volunteers to the community in health-related facilities, social agencies, special-needs programs, schools, libraries, hospices, or wherever the human/animal connection may be beneficial. By recruiting, educating, uniting, motivating, and coordinating volunteers with these agencies, KPETS provides our communities with thousands of pet therapy hours a year.*

Young and old, healthy or sick experience a brighter day with that little extra love.

That's what KPETS brings with every visit - a wagging tail and bright eyes that are delighted to interact with everyone.

The benefits go on and on, and without insurance or prescriptions, pets can be part of the health care solution. But no matter who or where a KPETS team visits, they bring with them boundless love and joy for all to share.



## Did you know . . .

KPETS is a network of specially trained and registered teams – people and their pets – committed to sharing the therapeutic benefits pets instinctively provide.

KPETS volunteers are visiting someone, somewhere every day of the year.

KPETS does not charge for any services to the community.

KPETS has over 150 volunteer teams serving over 120 facilities in eight counties in South Central PA and Northern MD.

KPETS administration supplies the coordination and connection point between all KPETS registered teams and the facilities and persons requesting our services.

KPETS does all this with very minimal staffing and overhead.

## How can I help further the KPETS mission?

The demand for KPETS' services is growing rapidly. KPETS **needs your support** in order to continue to provide the highest quality of service to our clients and volunteers as we grow.

To manage this growth, we are expanding our volunteers base, increasing our training and education programs, upgrading our administrative infrastructure, and working hard to continue to improve our response time for filling requests for services. Our goal is to continue our quality services on an all-volunteer basis while keeping our membership costs affordable to those who volunteer their time. This means we must fund our growth through the generosity of individuals and organizations.

To make a donation to this worthy cause, go to our website at [www.kpets.org](http://www.kpets.org) to donate online, or send your tax-deductible contribution to the address listed on the front of the brochure.

*The official registration and financial information of "KPETS - Keystone Pet-Enhanced Therapy Services" may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, 1-800-732-0999 (within PA). Registration does not imply endorsement.*



# Touching Lives, Warming Hearts

## Types of Facilities We Serve

- Long term care facilities
- Hospice Programs
- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation Hospitals working with Physical, Occupational, Speech and Cognitive therapies
- Schools - Reading programs as well as behavioral motivation
- Libraries - Reading programs
- Juvenile detention facilities
- Churches
- Private homes
- Group homes
- Adult Day Care

## Types of Clientele We Reach

- Seniors, Children and Terminally Ill
- Special Needs Children & Adults
- At-risk teens
- Anyone who may benefit from the human/animal bond

## Types of Services We Provide

- One-on-One visits
- Informal Group visits
- Animal Assisted Therapy working with professionals utilizing pets to motivate patients in various rehabilitation therapy settings
- Various programs customized to meet the needs of group requests
  - Educational: dog safety and responsibility, dogs with jobs
  - Fun: Interactive for special occasions
  - Informative: Pet therapy overview or focused on specific needs or benefits

Contact us to request our services!

“ Sammy has been fantastic for Wyatt. Wyatt was struggling to follow a simple two-step verbal instruction; we must have been working on that for weeks, or maybe even months.

As soon as Wyatt started working with Sam, it was like he never even had a problem with following a verbal sequence! He went from not being able to follow a two-step sequence, to being able to follow a five-step sequence with ease! I would have never believed it if I hadn't seen it. What a difference!



*Kristen Schreiber  
OT, Schreiber Pediatric*

“ When Maggie and Carol are with us, the group feels more cohesive. The clients are willing to work together and it feels more like a family environment. Since these clients live in our residential program and not with their families, working together does not easily happen...

Maggie and Carol provide a wonderful and therapeutic gift every week!



*Maggie Hackman, MS, CPRP  
Cognitive Therapist, Acadia*

“ We are very fortunate to have KPETS providing pet therapy to our patients, family members and staff in our MICU/MIMCU units at the Hershey Medical Center. For those patients who are in the unit for quite a while, these weekly pet visits are so important to their well being.

It is the hope that as the medical community becomes more aware of the benefits that patients and staff derive from pet visits, that more areas of the hospital will begin to utilize this service and that more patients will be able to experience and benefit from these visits.



*Several Doctors and Staff of  
Hershey Medical Center*