

# Attention Dog Owners!

## Volunteers Needed for Huntington Hospital's Pet Assisted Therapy Program

Huntington Hospital seeks volunteers and their dogs to join Pet Assisted Therapy (PAT) in which volunteer/dog teams visit hospital patients, visitors and staff. Positions are available 7 days a week.

We require our teams to be evaluated by Pet Partners, which is a non-profit pet therapy organization.

Please visit [www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org) to learn how to become a Pet Partner. Click on the link that says "Volunteering with your pet."

Here are the steps:

- 1 Take Pet Partners' on-line Handler's Course **or** their full day workshop.
- 2 Be evaluated by a licensed Pet Partners' evaluator. The locations and dates are on Pet Partners' website.
- 3 Once you pass the evaluation and register with Pet Partners, please contact us for next steps (626.397.5208 or [VolunteerServices@huntingtonhospital.com](mailto:VolunteerServices@huntingtonhospital.com)).

The program is very rewarding and you and your dog truly make a difference in the lives of our patients and staff!

### PAT Team Requirements

- Dog must be one year of age or older
- Dog must have current required vaccinations
- Successful completion of Pet Partner registration as part of training program
- A commitment to at least 8 hours/month of visitation
- Completion of the hospital's general volunteer orientation and special PAT training sessions

