



## How to become a Pet Partners® Team

**Welcome!** Thank you for your interest in becoming a Delta Society Pet Partner! Your involvement will allow your pet to share joy, love, and assistance to people in need. This document outlines the steps necessary to become a registered Pet Partner team. Additionally, you can check out the Delta Society web site for more information about our organization, the Pet Partner registration process, the activities you can participate in as a Pet Partner, and much more!

### Four major steps to becoming a registered Pet Partner team

#### Prerequisites

1. Handlers must be at least 10 years old. Handlers younger than 16 must have written permission to participate and be accompanied by a parent or guardian
2. Animals should already have a basic level of training to ensure that they are reliable, predictable, and controllable even in crowded or noisy situations
3. Animals with a bite history, aggression, trained for protection or bite work are not eligible
4. Go to [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org), click on *Become a Pet Partner*, then *Prerequisites* to review all

#### Step 1: Course work

1. Go to [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org),
2. Click on *Become a Pet Partner*, then on *Step 1: Pet Partners Team Training Course* and review
3. Click on *courses (note the training is for you!)*
4. Find dates and locations of available workshops in your state and sign up
5. If no workshops are held in your area, you can order the home study course for \$37.50 plus shipping/handling. You can order online at [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org), or by calling 425/226-7357 (Prices subject to change)

#### Step 2: Animal health screening

Different species have different health needs. In order to become Pet Partners, animals need to be healthy, friendly, sociable, and up-to-date (as required by your veterinarian) on vaccinations. Proof of rabies vaccination and fecal exam with results must be included in your animal's health screening. Go to [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org) click on *Become a Pet Partner*, then on *Step 2: Health Screening for Your Pet*. All health screening requirements are also listed in the Pet Partners training materials.

#### Step 3: Team evaluation

1. Go to [www.deltasociety.org](http://www.deltasociety.org)
2. Click on *Become a Pet Partner*, then on *Step 3: Team Evaluation* and review
3. To find a Team Evaluation in your area, click on *Course Schedule* and sign up
4. If no evaluations are held in your area, click on the *Online Delta Society Contact Search* for a Team Evaluator and sign up for their next evaluation day. For further assistance, please contact Delta Society at 425/226-7357 or [petpartners@deltasociety.org](mailto:petpartners@deltasociety.org).

#### Step 4: Paperwork

Once you complete the evaluation, send all completed paperwork from the back of the Team Training manual (including your evaluation and volunteer review) along with the registration fee to Delta Society. You soon will receive a temporary ID letter which allows you to begin making your special visits. Your permanent ID badge and animal tag will arrive in 3 - 4 weeks.

| Category   | 2 Year Registration Fee (subject to change) |
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| *Pet Partner Patron  | \$150                                       |
| Pet Partner with 1 animal  | \$75  |
| **Pet Partner Affiliate Group Member   | \$50  |
| Pet Partner without an Animal  | \$40  |
| Pet Partner Senior or Pet Partner w/disability   | \$40  |
| Pet Partner additional Handler   | \$30  |
| Pet Partner additional Animal  | \$20  |
| *\$50 of the Patron registration is tax-deductible plus you receive a free Pet Partners vest as a thank you! |   |
| **If you do not know whether your group is a Delta affiliate, please call us or ask your local group leader  |   |