

UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh: Pet Friend Program Interest Form

Owner’s Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Dog’s Name: _____ Dog’s Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Thank you for your interest in the Pet Friends program at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. The Therapy dog program is very popular and brings smiles to many patients, families, and staff members. We are accepting Interest forms for our Wait List.

Steps to becoming a Pet Friends Volunteer at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh:

- Submit Pet Friends Program Interest Form & Therapy Dog Certification Documentation
- Submit Well Dog Form (completed by veterinarian and signed by handler)
- Submit UPMC Volunteer Application (link provided by Volunteer Services department)
- Participate in Volunteer Interview and be accepted as a volunteer
 - Provide all required documentation (Clearances, Immunizations & Paperwork)
- Canine on-site evaluation
- If on-site evaluation is passed:
 - Volunteer will attend required Volunteer Orientation
 - Volunteer and dog will shadow veteran handler and/or participate in guided first visit.
- After shadow and guided visit, volunteers will be added to Pet Friends schedule and begin volunteering

Requirements for your dog to be evaluated:

- Dog is one year of age or older
- Annual well visit with veterinarian within the last year. (Well Dog Form signed and completed by veterinarian & signed by handler)
 - Leptospirosis/Rabies/Distemper/Parvovirus vaccinations are current. Proof must be submitted prior to evaluation.
 - Fecal and Heartworm exams are negative. Proof must be submitted prior to evaluation.
- Dog must be certified by a formal certification program such as but not limited to Therapy Dogs International, Pet Partners, Therapets, Misty Pines Pet Company, Therapy Dogs United and Therapy Dogs Incorporated. Certification card must be submitted before evaluation.

We required that all Pet Friends volunteer, at minimum, 2 times per month, for a scheduled consistent shift (e.g. 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 10 am to Noon). Please note: Dogs must be bathed the evening before the visit to the hospital or the day of the hospital visit.

What made you interested in the Pet Friends Program at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh?

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Share a little information about your dog and his/her temperament.

Please detail the training your dog has received including content, name of program, certifications, etc.

Please provide any relevant information you would like to share about your dog.

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