Want to Get Involved?

• **Visit!** Become a registered Pet Partners® team and visit with your own animal.

• **Volunteer!** We always need volunteers without pets to help with a variety of tasks:
  – Workshops and evaluations
  – Educational events
  – Marketing
  – Public relations
  – Office help

• **Donate!** Our volunteer group is non-profit and we do not charge for any visitation. Your monetary gift helps us train and mentor new teams, and keep our visits going.

Contact Us

Tufts Paws for People is a Massachusetts Community Partner of the national Pet Partners® program

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Tufts Paws for People is a volunteer group at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University that provides animal visitation for those in need.
Tufts Paws for People is a non-profit organization in New England associated with the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Tufts Paws for People provides education, evaluation, and mentorship for individuals looking to visit with their pet. We also provide assistance to facilities looking to start an animal visitation program, and our teams work in a variety of environments to provide safe and effective animal visitation.

Training:
Members start with an 8 hour workshop provided by Pet Partners® instructors on safe and effective visitation.

Evaluation:
Members must pass a rigorous Pet Partners® evaluation with their animal every 2 years.

Mentorship:
Members are mentored by experienced Paws for People members for their first visits.

Health:
All Tufts Paws for People teams are required to have:
- Annual veterinary examinations
- Current rabies vaccination
- Annual parasite testing
- Grooming within 24 hours of each visit
- Proper identification and knowledge of facility policies
- No contact with raw meat diets

Liability:
All registered Pet Partners® teams carry liability insurance.

Types of Visitation
Tufts Paws for People currently offers a variety of animal-assisted activities and therapy to facilities including:

- Elder Care Facilities: Day & Residential
- Libraries and Literacy Programs
- Public and Private K-12 Schools
- Psychiatric Centers
- Adolescent Homes
- Adult and Children’s Hospitals
- Cancer Centers
- Crisis Support
- University/College Exam Stress Relief
- Hospice Care
- Women’s Shelters

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