

ANIMAL-ASSISTED ACTIVITIES

Provides opportunities for motivational, educational and/or recreational benefits to enhance a person's well-being.

Animal-Assisted Activity (AAA), also known as Pet-Assisted Activity (PAA), is delivered in a variety of environments by registered, trained teams. This professional and/or volunteer team has met criteria as defined by the Delta Society's® Standards and Practice®, and/or, R.E.A.D.® (Reading Education Assistance Dogs), regarding health, grooming, behavior and social skills. The team delivers interactions that can enhance existing programs in schools, libraries, private practice, hospitals, nursing/assisted living, rehab, residential and other treatment locations.

ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY

Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT), also known as Pet-Assisted Therapy (PAT), is a directed intervention that utilizes pets such as dogs, cats, horses (other species) to meet specific therapeutic goals in collaboration with attending primary care staff.

AAT/PAT is delivered by a specialist, who in the scope of his/her professional practice includes pets that must meet specific criteria to participate in the treatment plan. This team demonstrates expertise and skill with regard to human-pet interactions and clinical applications. This individual complies with the legal and ethical requirements of his/her profession.

AAT is designed to promote improvement in the physical, psychosocial, emotional and/or cognitive function of an individual or group.

AAT benefits a wide spectrum of populations to enhance recovery, quality of life and help teach life management skills.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- 🐾 Assessment & Consultation
- 🐾 Behavioral Counseling
- 🐾 Team Skills Training
- 🐾 Team Evaluations
- 🐾 Registered Visitation Teams (go to [NEPP—Find a Team](#))
- 🐾 R.E.A.D.® (Reading Education Assistance Dog Teams)
- 🐾 Program Development
- 🐾 Continuing Support & Resources

**P.A.W.S. to R.E.A.D.®
Pets Add Winning Smiles!
READING WITH DOGS? YES!**

Are you or your organization interested in a visiting pet program with qualified, registered pet-assisted therapy and/or R.E.A.D.® teams?

Are you inspired by making a difference with your dog (other pet) by your side?

How you can Help Make a Difference!

We are grateful for donations in any amount to help with costs of offering free visitations, continuing educational resources & support for the teams!

Journey to [NEPP](#) for a confidential and safe way to donate via PayPal, MC, VISA, DISC or mail-in. Learn about our [Sponsorship Benefits](#).

For more Information about our programs or to schedule a consultation:

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Pet Partners, Inc.®

Non-Profit 501(c)(3)

*Bringing People and Pets Together to
Enhance Well-Being and Education
with Pet-Assisted Therapy!*

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In proud collaboration with [Delta Society®](#)
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ABOUT THE FOUNDING ORGANIZATION

New England Pet Partners, Inc., is a non-profit 501(c)(3), privately funded volunteer-focused organization that provides Pet-Assisted Activities and Pet-Assisted Therapy services. While most of our partners are dogs, we joyfully partner up with cats and other domesticated animals too.

Along with a dedicated Board and Volunteers, NEPP offers program services and training for volunteer teams and organizations. NEPP honors the standards and practice of the [Delta Society](#) and [R.E.A.D.](#).

a Smile, a Word, a Laugh, a Deep Breath, a Hand Reaching, a Trust, a Step Forward, a Sense of Self Worth, Well Being, a Small Change Makes a Big Difference ~

ABOUT THE FOUNDERS CHIEF WELLNESS OFFICERS

Maureen Ross, MA, NCC is a board certified counselor with a Masters in Psychology-Antioch College and B.A. in Organizational Management-Leslie College. She is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, behaviorist and author (Train Your Dog, Change Your Life & educational articles). Most of all, she is passionate about pet-assisted therapy.

With co-author Gary Ross, she is a licensed Team Evaluator/Instructor. Maureen is an active volunteer with her “partners” and constantly inspired by the teams she supports.

Gary and Maureen are the Founders of Corporate Sponsor, [Dog Talk & TheraPet, LLC](#), a training and wellness sanctuary for dogs and their humans. The focus is on positive family dog training, counseling, dog sports, therapy dog team training, educational and behavioral programs—

PROGRAM & TEAM TRAINING

The success of any program relies on a vision, passion and qualified training. **NEPP** trains and assists facility staff and pet-therapy teams to be safely integrated, as an adjunct, into therapy programs, with individuals and groups.

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

On-going support, resources and continuing education are encouraged and provided. Being a therapist can be stressful for humans and pets. **NEPP provides “a sanctuary” for the teams to process situations that may arise.**

COSTS OF SETTING UP A PROGRAM

Registered Volunteer Pet Partner[®] and/or R.E.A.D.[®] Teams visit for free upon negotiation with facility and/or individual.

Those listed with NEPP use the “gold standard” training from the Delta Society[®] & R.E.A.D.[®]. NEPP offers a mentoring program and required community service hours.

Costs for developing programs or individual therapeutic interventions are dependent upon individual private practices and the unique needs of an organization. There is a fee-for professional-private services.

CONSULTATION / ASSESSMENT BEHAVIOR & WELLNESS COUNSELING

For more information on costs and/or an appointment for a confidential consultation, journey to the [website](#) or give us a call:

- 🐾 Private Coaching / Assessments
- 🐾 Workshops / Evaluations
- 🐾 Program Development
- 🐾 Treatment Planning / Intervention

OUR VISION

New England Pet Partners, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) privately funded organization dedicated to bringing people and pets together to enhance well-being and education with pet-assisted therapy.

BENEFITS OF VISITING PET PROGRAMS

Across the country, health care professionals are increasingly aware, and excited, about the soothing and therapeutic effects that pets can have on various patient populations.

A growing number of studies have shown that pets can contribute to physiological and psychological well-being including, but not limited to, increased self-esteem, reduced blood pressure and anxiety levels.

Visiting Pet Programs can be designed to enhance general well being and reduce stress, or to promote physical, occupational, speech, emotional and mental health therapies.

In an acute care situation, where patients are often uncomfortable and anxious, the ability to touch and connect with a calm animal can be therapeutic.

In physical, occupational and speech therapy programs, pets are helpful in increasing patient motivation to work on exercises that improve fine motor, wheelchair, and verbal skills.

Private Practices (Physicians, Counselors, Social Workers ...) may introduce pets as a guided intervention (adjunct) to therapeutic goals.

R.E.A.D.[®] Registered Reading Education Assistance Dog Teams are integrated into school and library programs in collaboration with teachers & parents to motivate children to increase reading skills. 🐾