

## ANIMAL ASSISTED ACTIVITIES (AAA)

Provides opportunities for motivational, educational or recreational benefits to enhance wellbeing. AAA is delivered in a variety of venues by Registered Pet Partner® Therapy Teams. Volunteer teams have met criteria, as defined by Pet Partners®, regarding health, grooming, training, skills, aptitude, integrity and professionalism.

The team offers interactions that can enhance programs in schools, libraries, private practices, hospitals, assisted living, rehab, residential and other treatment modalities offering comfort, motivation and connection.

## ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY (AAT)

Animal Assisted Therapy is a goal-directed intervention delivered by a health service professional with specialized expertise within the scope of their profession. The team uses pets such as dogs, cats and horses, in collaboration with attending primary care staff, to promote improvement in physical, social, emotional and cognitive functioning of an individual or group.

Visit: [AAAI](#)

**Association of Animal Assisted  
Intervention Specialists (Pet Partners)**

## OUR PASSION

Sharing our pets to enhance well-being and education.

## WHAT WE OFFER

Experience, support, mentoring and coaching to potential and Registered Pet Partner and Read with Me teams.

Being a pet therapy team can be stressful for humans and pets. NEPP provides a sanctuary for the teams to learn.

### Therapy team training (private)

- Visit [Dog Talk LLC](#) (fee for service)
- Team Evaluations (*Pet Partners*)
- Behavior / wellness coaching (private)

### Facility / Team Connection Assistance

- NEPP CONNECTS, E-News
- Facebook Private Team Group Page
- Scholarship Fund for potential teams

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



# New England Pet Partners, Inc.®

**Non-Profit 501c.3**

**Community Pet Partner® #46489**

***Sharing our pets to enhance  
well-being and education***

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## ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

New England Pet Partners, Inc. (NEPP) is a 501c.3, non-profit, Community Pet Partner, #46489. We are a volunteer-focused organization providing pet therapy team coaching and licensed team evaluations.

## PROGRAMS AND TEAM TRAINING

The success of a pet assisted therapy program relies on experience, a plan, approvals, safety and Registered Pet Partner Teams.

Program development and safely integrating programs into your venue requires site assessment and consultation.

- Visit [www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org) for resources on setting up facility therapy programs.
- Visit Pet Partners for the ABC's on How to become a Registered Pet Partner Team.
- Sign up for NEPP CONNECTS, our e-newsletter, to list your facility / team requests. We do not deploy teams.
- Join us on Facebook at New England Pet Partner's Team Group page to connect with teams/facilities. Post your visiting gigs / requests here too!

## FOUNDERS / TEAMS / VOLUNTEERS

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the backbone of the program: Founders, Board Directors, Volunteer Teams, Sponsors and Events. *Gratefully enjoying the journey.*

## JOIN US!

Are you or your organization interested in a visiting pet program?

Does your pet enjoy engaging with people and have good socialization skills and manners?

Consider making a difference by:

- Becoming a Registered Pet Partner or
- Read with Me Team
- Volunteering at events or Team Evals
- Sponsor an event for fund-raising
- Donate to NEPP to help with operating costs and our Scholarship Fund

Registered Pet Partner Teams visit for free after meeting with facility staff. As a Community Pet Partner we offer our facility for licensed team evaluations for free.

Costs for developing programs or **therapeutic intervention** depends upon the professional delivering the service, and the unique needs of an organization, individual or group.

Visit [AAAIP](#) (*Association for Animal Assisted Intervention Professionals*) to learn more about Pet Partner's program.

## DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

VISIT NEW ENGLAND PET PARTNERS  
TO DONATE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT  
SPONSORING NEPP AT EVENTS.

## BENEFITS OF VISITING PET PROGRAMS

Humans are keenly aware of the therapeutic benefits of well-trained pets who enjoy engaging with people.

A growing number of studies show that pets can contribute to physiological and psychological well-being, connection, increased self-esteem, reduce blood pressure and lower anxiety levels.

- Visiting Pet Programs can enhance general well being, reduce stress, break barriers of communication and increase motivation.
- Visiting Pet Programs can support physical, occupational, speech, emotional and cognitive functioning therapies.
- In acute care, where patients can be fragile and anxious, connecting /touching a calm pet is therapeutic.
- Pet Therapy can increase patient/client incentive to exercise fine motor, wheelchair and verbal skills.
- Read with Me Teams collaborate with schools and libraries to boost children's reading skills and reduce sensory overload.
- Health Care Professionals may introduce pets as an intervention with specific goals. SEE AAT and AAAIP.