

Become a Paws Pet Therapy Team



Paws Pet Therapy (PAWS) is a registered charity with a head office in the Macarthur area and teams around NSW. As the popularity of pet therapy grows, we are now also welcoming teams from other states of Australia.

As one of several reputable, professional, and ethical pet therapy providers operating in NSW we recruit and train volunteer teams comprising an owner and their dog to become a therapy team under our guidance, insurances, and support to visit people of all ages in a wide variety of health settings.

What makes a great team?

PAWS dogs are confident, friendly, and calm dogs who like being patted, who are adaptable to a variety of settings, have good manners and love interacting with people of all ages.

PAWS people are also adaptable. They are empathetic, friendly, and reliable. They have sufficient time in their lives to dedicate to visits, have a great rapport with their dog and are in tune with their needs whilst having a genuine desire to contribute to their community.

What training will I receive?

A once off fee of \$275 helps to cover the cost of the PAWS course which includes a self-paced written course and attendance at a training day for assessment. It also contributes towards equipment and uniforms, dog training advice, insurances, placement, and ongoing support for the duration of your volunteering time with us.

Opportunities in my area

There are plenty of visiting opportunities around NSW with thousands of eager recipients just waiting for some quality time with your dog. When placing teams we take into consideration your preferences, your dog's size and personality and your location, staying within a 30-minute radius from your home wherever possible to minimise your travel.

The PAWS modules will prepare you for visits in a variety of settings such as palliative and aged care, disability, hospitals, schools, and mental health.

What else do I need to know?

PAWS dogs must be over 18 months and up to 10 years of age, desexed, vaccinated to C7 and on a regular health regime. The first thing we will ask you to do is to visit your vet to have your dog's general suitability assessed. All PAWS dogs must be washed within 24 hours before a visit, be well groomed in general and of outstanding health.

Personally, you will need to supply Police and WWCC certificates along with vaccination status as required. The provided uniform for yourself and your dog must be worn for all visits and includes a fully equipped backpack with everything you will need for a successful visit.

Visit <https://www.pawspettherapy.com> and click on the **Volunteer Today** button for more information about how volunteering with your best furry friend will be the most enjoyable and rewarding thing you do this year.

The details provided in this Fact Sheet are for general informational purposes only. Please consider your personal circumstances and always do your own research to ensure the right outcome for you.



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