



OUR MISSION

The mission of Pawsitive Teams is to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs who live in San Diego County by using the skills of highly trained Service and Therapy dogs.

WE OFFER THESE SERVICES

- Service Dogs for Individuals with Mobility Limitations
- Therapy Dog Training for Pet Dogs
- Goal-Directed Animal Assisted Therapy
- Facility Dogs for Professionals to Accomplish Client-Related Goals
- Military Active Duty and Veteran Support Programs
- Educational Demonstrations

DEMONSTRATIONS

Pawsitive Teams offers lively and interactive demos for both youth and adults in local service clubs, youth clubs, schools, disabled support groups, and for health care professionals. Demos are held at our Training Center in the Miramar area or at your location. Activities include a demonstration by some of our therapy dogs and/or service dogs and often a lesson on wheelchair etiquette if you attend a demo in our Training Center.

Book a demonstration on our website
pawsteams.org

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can We Count on Your Donation?

Pawsitive Teams is volunteer inspired and volunteer run. And we depend on donations and grants to provide all of our services. You can direct your donation to support our general operations, the Pawsitive Teams Endowment Fund, or our Emergency Veterinary Fund.

DONATE ONLINE: pawsteams.org

EMAIL: paws@pawsteams.org

CALL: 858-558-7297

WRITE: 7031 Carroll Road, San Diego, CA 92121

If you're interested in giving a gift as a memorial in honor of a person or pet, or in setting up a bequest or estate gift, *please email us at paws@pawsteams.org.*

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SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

Pawsitive Teams places fully trained service dogs with persons with mobility limiting disabilities. In addition to performing numerous tasks that save energy for a partner such as picking up dropped items, opening difficult doors, and help with undressing, our dogs also are trained to bring the telephone or a wheelchair in an emergency. Qualified applicants must reside in San Diego County and be willing to commit to a customized transition training with a dog under the leadership of the Pawsitive Teams training staff.



We provide lifetime follow up support to our certified teams.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

According to the ADA, in order to have access to public areas that pet dogs are restricted from entering, service dogs must be trained to perform tasks directly related to mitigating an individual's disability. Therapy dogs, facility dogs, and emotional support dogs do NOT qualify for public access.

THERAPY DOG PREP SCHOOL

This popular, six-week class is offered four times a year!

Upcoming classes are posted on our website. Class size is limited, so register with a refundable deposit early to hold your spot.

This is an introductory class for dog owners considering volunteering in the community with their pet dog. We cover topics such as identifying stress in dogs, therapy-related cues for your dog, and the opportunities in San Diego County for volunteering with a therapy dog. You'll also experience role-playing scenarios and a field trip to a skilled nursing facility.

This class is not designed to certify teams but rather to give both handler and dog the tools to become effective therapy dog teams and to be better prepared to apply to programs that do certify.

REGISTER FOR
PREP SCHOOL:
pawsteams.org

Where: Pawsitive Teams Training Center near I-805 and Miramar Road.

When: Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 pm for six weeks

Before you enroll, ensure your dog:

Is at least 18-months old by the first class.
Has completed a minimum of one training class such as Basic Obedience or has successfully passed the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test.



PAWSITIVE ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY (PAAT)

Volunteer
with your
therapy dog!

Pawsitive Teams offers a unique therapy dog volunteer opportunity through our goal-directed animal-assisted therapy. In the Pawsitive Teams PAAT program, certified therapy dogs are used as a tool and motivator to help clients (children and adults) achieve clearly defined goals.

We partner with health and human service professionals at schools, the judicial court system, and in the military in San Diego County; our close relationships with these professionals ensure that our carefully selected therapy dog teams participate in activities that work toward the client goals.

You must complete our Therapy Dog Prep School and submit the Therapy Dog Volunteer Application prior to PAAT volunteering.

FACILITY DOG PROGRAM

Pawsitive Teams places **fully trained facility dogs** with working professionals who are able to use the dog in the work setting to help accomplish client-related goals. We consider placements with therapists, psychologists, social workers, school counselors, and special education teachers. Once certified, the facility dog lives in the home of the professional.

Dogs selected for this program receive the same full two years of intensive training as our service dogs and must be adaptable and able to handle the unexpected in the work environment. The handler/professional must reside and work in San Diego County. Unlike service dogs, **facility dogs do not qualify for public access** to public areas that pet dogs are restricted from entering.

MILITARY SUPPORT

Pawsitive Teams passionately supports our San Diego-area **active duty** and **veteran** military communities.

Therapy Clinic at Naval Medical Center San Diego

We use our own certified therapy dogs for a canine-assisted therapy clinic in collaboration with Medical Center staff. This program helps outpatient active duty service members experience and better understand ways dogs can help with their recovery.

Service Dog Placement With Veterans

We place Pawsitive Teams service dogs whenever possible with veterans who reside in San Diego County.

Out-of-Area Service Dog Resource

We serve as a resource for active duty service members in the process of transitioning out of the military if they want to pursue service dog opportunities in other communities.



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