

Share the Joy of Your Dog With Others



Are you a dog lover?

Wouldn't it be great if our patients could experience that same sense of comfort and joy that you cherish when you interact with your dog? That's now possible, thanks to a generous gift provided by The Beckwith Institute.

All staff at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC are invited to apply for enrollment in the Therapets program offered by Animal Friends.

After successfully completing the six-week course and certification test, you and your pooch will be certified to bring the comfort of pet therapy to patients, their families, and your colleagues at Magee.

Here's more great news — the cost of your Therapets training will be paid by The Beckwith Institute.

Complete your application by Friday, June 30. For more information, search "Therapets" on Infonet.



Interested in Serving as a Therapets Volunteer?

Some basics you need to know are:

- There are no breed restrictions.
- Dogs must be at least 1 year of age and have had a relationship with their handler for at least six months.
- Dogs must be spayed or neutered (exceptions may be made for medical reasons) and be current on all required vaccinations.
- Handlers wishing to be certified in the Therapets program must be at least 18 years of age and must attend an evaluation and complete all prep classes with the dog.