

# Pet Partners® Animal Assisted Intervention Training in Little Rock, AR



## **BE A VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR ANIMAL**

Take the first step towards becoming a registered Pet Partners® volunteer team by attending a ***Pet Partners Handler Training Course***. Learn the skills needed to visit safely with your animal in hospitals, nursing homes, classrooms, and other facilities. Successful completion of this course is required for registration as a Pet Partners team.

***These workshops are for the handler end of the leash only.***

Topics include:

- How to tell if both you and your animal are a good fit for the Pet Partners program.
- Preparing yourself and your animal for visits.
- Identifying and decreasing stress in your animal.
- Animal health and safety.
- Special needs of specific client groups.
- How to interact with different types of people.
- Facility health and safety codes.
- Patient confidentiality.
- **A mock Evaluation will be demonstrated by a Pet Partner Evaluator and experienced Pet Partner Handlers.**

[Volunteers may affiliate with only one organization registering therapy animal teams nor may they charge a fee]

**2017 Handler Training Course**  
**Four (4) One-day courses offered in 2017**  
**Dates: Sunday:**  
**January 29; April 23; August 13; October 22**  
**Time:**

**Registration: 9:00 a.m.**

**Class: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: UALR, Ross Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor**  
**2801 S. University, Little Rock, AR, 72204**

**Cost: Early \$60.00.**

**Includes:**

- **Classroom Instruction: Lecture and Discussion.**
- **Live Demonstrations by experienced Pet Partner teams**
- **Networking with others interested in Animal Assisted Therapy & experienced handlers**
- **Opportunities to practice**
- **Visiting resources**
- **Snacks, light breakfast, lunch**
- **Evaluation Demonstration.**

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**To Enroll: A 2-step process: (must complete all to be considered enrolled).**

1. Go to [www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org). At top menu click on **Volunteer** and pick **Become a Handler**.  
1a. **\*Order Handler Guide under "Shop"**
2. Go to [www.ablepaws-arkansas.com](http://www.ablepaws-arkansas.com). **Events Calendar** complete the **Handler Course Registration Form** and submit, with fee payment, as instructed. You will be contacted by the instructor with additional information

**Enrollment: minimum 6, maximum 12. No refunds or additional students 7 days prior.**



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