

At  
 Music City  
 Pet Partners,  
 we **LEARN**  
 to provide the best,  
 most professional  
 therapy animal handlers  
 in Middle Tennessee



We **LESSEN** risk

We **EDUCATE** our handlers

We focus on **ANIMAL** welfare

We are committed to **RIGOR**  
 in evaluating our teams

We register **NINE** Species.

*Birds, Cats, Dogs, Horses,  
 Guinea Pigs, Llama/Alpaca,  
 Pigs, Rabbits, Rats*

What makes a therapy animal different?

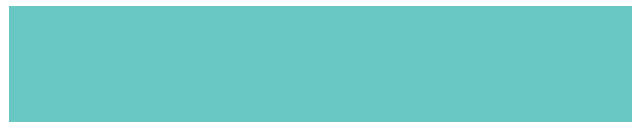
	Therapy Animal	Assistance Animal	Emotional Support Animal
Primary role is to benefit many people.	✓	✗	✗
Primary role is to support one individual.	✗	✓	✓
Okay to approach and pet in public places.	✓	✗	✗
Has been evaluated to be tolerant of a wide variety of environments.	✓	✓	✗
Able to live in housing with "No Pets" policies.	✗	✓	✓
Special rights of access in public establishments such as stores and restaurants.	✗	✓	✗
May fly in the cabin of an airplane.	✗	✓	✓

\* Assistance animals include service, hearing and guide dogs.

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Music City Pet Partners is a Middle Tennessee organization committed to improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond, by educating, evaluating, insuring and supporting volunteer therapy animal teams as they provide enhanced quality of care to clients at health care, court, school, veterans' and other facilities.



Music City Pet Partners was founded in July 2017 as a local affiliate and Community Partner of Pet Partners®, in response to the increased interest in animal therapy in the area. MCPP provides support and training for therapy animal teams in Middle Tennessee and education to the community at large regarding animal assisted interventions. MCPP is the only Pet Partners® Community Partner in the state of Tennessee and adheres to the quality and standards set forth by its parent organization. Pet Partners® is the nation's leading nonprofit organization registering and insuring handlers of multiple species as volunteer teams. Volunteer therapy animal teams provide animal-assisted interventions, which include Animal assisted-therapy (AAT), animal-assisted activities (AAA), and animal assisted-education (AAE).



*“The best therapist has fur and four legs (or two if you’re a bird)!”*

*“An animal’s eyes have the power to speak a great language.”*

Martin Buber



## Benefits of becoming a Music City Pet Partners Therapy Animal Team:

Comprehensive insurance coverage for your volunteer visits.

Access to volunteer opportunities

High quality continuing education classes at reduced or free rates.

Opportunity to participate in Read with Me™ and Walk with Me™ initiatives as well as advocacy on various issues.

Being a part of the most prestigious therapy animal program in the U.S.

## Are you and your animal a good fit for the Therapy Animal Program?

Do you have good people skills, and enjoy interacting with all types of people?

Are you a strong team leader?

### Does your animal:

Sit, down, stay, come, and walk on a loose leash?

Maintain control and not vocalize when exposed to other animals?

Handle being petted and hugged by several people at once?

Enjoy interacting with people and have a strong connection with you as a handler?