EVALUATOR AND ARE COVERED BY A $2,000,000 PRIMARY LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY.

**LOCAL PIONEER!**
**BEYOND THE WARM & FUZZY**
**Commitment to Synergy, Excellence & Reflective Action**

**Angel Paws**, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, has been safely and effectively integrating the beneficial effects of human/animal interactions into a holistic approach to health care and education since 2003. Angel Paws is the first and only comprehensive, standards based Animal Assisted Activities & Therapy (AAA/T) program in Central Ohio to offer Therapeutic Health Care Visitations, Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®) literacy mentoring programs and community outreach. All Angel Paws animal/handler teams are carefully screened, trained, evaluated, registered & insured Delta Society Pet Partners®.

**GOLD STANDARD AFFILIATIONS!**

Pet Partners® (formerly Delta Society®) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the use of animals to help people improve their health, independence, and quality of life. Pet partners has over 35 years experience researching and implementing safe and effective programs that complement patient care in a wide variety of health care facilities. Pet Partners® is the largest and only nationally recognized training and registration program for volunteers, professionals, all domestic pets, and facilities participating in AAA/T. All Pet Partners are carefully screened for skills & aptitude every 2 years by a trained and licensed Pet Partners evaluator and are covered by a $2,000,000, primary liability insurance policy.

“We nourish our bodies with every impulse of trust and love.”
- Deepak Chopra, M.D.

**A new time calls for new techniques.**
Health care and education today face unprecedented challenges. Scientific studies have established measurable correlations between emotions, health, healing and learning. Interaction with animals has proven to reduce blood pressure, cholesterol & triglyceride levels; slow and regulate breathing; relieve pain, anxiety and loneliness; and release pleasure inducing hormones and neurotransmitters in both adults and children. Pets are playing an ever-increasing role in satisfying human needs for intimacy, nurturance and contact with nature.

**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**
- Hospitalized cardiac patients visited by volunteers with dogs showed marked improvements in scientifically measured anxiety, stress, heart pressure and lung pressure as compared with visits from volunteers without dogs! (Cole, 2005)
- The presence of a dog lowers the blood pressure of children reading aloud (Allen, 2002)
- The second most common denominator between students who get A’s & B’s (as opposed to D’s & F’s) is a self proclaimed love of reading.

**COMMENTS**
- “Angel Paws is a role model for anyone seeking true animal assisted therapy in a health care setting.”
  - John Hughes, Former Owner/Administrative Director, Flint Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation
- “This organization highly values the mutually beneficial relationship between volunteer, patient and pet, with a keen attention to safety, sensitivity and effective interaction.”
  - Richard R. Donnard, D.O., Chief of Staff, Medical Center of Newark, Medical Director, Hospice of Central Ohio & Autumn Health Care
- “(Our son) was deaf for almost 4 years. This was terrific for him. The animals relaxed him enough to break through his fear of learning. Thank God for you and the animals.”
  - Parent of Angel Paws/R.E.A.D.® program participant.
- “Angel Paws provides enrichment to the lives of our patients and families and we are proud to work with you in the delivery of quality end-of-life care!”
  - LaTina Schlaffey, R.N., Frmr. ICCQI Coordinator, Hospice of Central Ohio

**VOLUNTEER! WITH OR WITHOUT A PET!**
**COMPREHENSIVE VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

**Therapy Dog Training Discounts & Scholarships!**
- Pet Partners® Handlers Course — 2 day workshop w/licensed Instructor (handlers only, no pets)
- R.E.A.D. Volunteer Training Workshop — 1 day w/licensed Instructor (handlers only, no pets)
- Pet Health Certification with Pet Partners® Application (discounts may be available)
- Free Animal/Handler Skills & Aptitude Test
- Free Angel Paws Handler Training Class & Materials (dog training discounts available)
- Free Facility Specific Orientation, one on one evaluation & training with and without therapy animal.
- Free Therapy Animal Photo Calling Cards & Stickers
- Uniforms & Photo ID’s for Animals & Handlers

**ALL ANGEL PAWS ANIMAL/HANDLER TEAMS MUST:**
- Inspire confidence in safety, comfort and control by demonstrating an effective working relationship with their pet while interacting with others using only verbal &/or visual cues

**ANIMALS MUST:**
- Enjoy interaction with friendly strangers
- Remain relaxed (dogs on a primarily loose leash & flat buckle collar, martingale or Gentle Leader) while walking a straight course & through a crowd
- Accept a full body inspection, hug, & clumsy petting
- Tolerate loud noises & visual distractions
- Be comfortable with wheelchairs & walkers
- Dogs must demonstrate willing response to basic “Sit”, “Stay”, “Down”, “Come”, “Leave It”, & “Heel” (or equivalent)

(see [www.AngelPawsTherapy.org](http://www.AngelPawsTherapy.org) for more information)
ANIMAL ASSISTED ACTIVITIES (AAA)
AAA provide opportunities for recreational, motivational, educational, and/or therapeutic benefits to aid healing, speed recovery and enhance quality of life. AAA are delivered by specifically trained volunteers in association with animals that meet specific criteria.

ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY (AAT)
AAT is a goal-oriented intervention specifically tailored to a particular person or condition as an integral part of the person’s treatment or lesson plan. AAT is directed and/or delivered by a health or human service professional, within the scope of his/her professional practice, in association with an animal that meets specific criteria. AAT is designed to promote improvement in human physical, social, emotional and/or cognitive functioning. The process is documented and evaluated.

“Fear can destroy intelligence.”
- William Ayres, Educator

R.E.A.D.® (AAT) began at Intermountain Therapy Animals in Salt Lake City, Utah and has helped thousands of children discover the joy of books and improve reading and communication skills by providing an empowering opportunity to read aloud to a true friend who will never judge, criticize, intimidate or ridicule. R.E.A.D. dogs are trained & registered therapy animals who volunteer with their specially trained owner/handler literacy mentors in schools, libraries and other facilities for children interested in improving their skills - or just having fun! Angel Paws is a registered Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®) affiliate organization.

Angel Paws
Animal Assisted Activities & Therapy

“As we focus our love where it flows most easily, our capacity to love expands.”
- Marianne Williamson

BENEFITS TO CLIENTS
RELAX - EMPOWER - ENJOY!

- Brighten Affect
- Increase Motivation
- Lower Blood Pressure
- Reduce Anxiety
- Increase Communication
- Increase Self Esteem
- Improve Outward Focus
- Increase Attention Span
- Provide Tactile Stimulation
- Improve Memory
- Improve Reality Orientation
- Improve Fine & Gross Motor Skills

PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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