

PAC Policy states that all new volunteers must complete the following (prior) to visiting with their dog for the first time:

STEPS TO BECOME A PAC VOLUNTEER

- **Take Pet Partners Workshop – online or in-person**
(Please go to www.petpartners.org for more information)
Pet Partners workshop highlights the aspects of Animal Assisted Therapy and Animal Assisted Activity (AAT/AAA), Types of Facilities and Settings, Staff Relationships, Interacting with Specific Populations, Conversational Techniques, Volunteers Responsibilities, Acting as Your Animals Advocate, and the rules, regulations, and policy of Pet Partners. (www.petpartners.org)
- **Pass Pet Partners Evaluation & Register with Pet Partners**
Passing does not guarantee you will be allowed to become part of People-Animal Connection but will allow you to register with Pet Partners with your animal.
- **Apply to PAC** (uclahealth.org/PAC)
- **Join UCLA Volunteer Services** (2-3 visits with this department may be required) (Clear background check and medical requirements, purchase volunteer jacket)
- **Join PAC** (interview, provide health documents for dog, completion)
- **PAC Shadow Orientation** (about 2 hours) (Follow experienced PAC Volunteer team)-**Without** your dog-please!
- **PAC Orientation** (**With your dog**, 5-6 supervised visits are the average) – two visits per month max. This is probation period and it is possible that you may not be asked to complete this series of visits if you and your dog do not (or not able) to perform to our high standards. (We do not guarantee that you will pass this probation period)

Please keep in mind that becoming a PAC volunteer is a long process. Passing the Pet Partners Evaluation and completing all the steps above does not assure you acceptance into UCLA's People-Animal Connection.

You must be able to communicate with patients, their families, staff, volunteers, and other PAC volunteers according to PAC/UCLA Policy. You must show that you have complete control of your canine at all times. You must follow all medical center and PAC rules and regulations. You must be friendly, outgoing, and an active listener. You must follow HIPPA Policy and never discuss patients' conditions or illness.

Your dog must be friendly, well mannered, and listen to your commands at all times.