



OPPORTUNITIES

Los Robles Health System provides rewarding volunteer positions that consider your strengths, talents, skills, energy level and availability. All positions include a service description, training and a four-hour weekly commitment. Our volunteers are recognized as an integral part of the Los Robles Health System staff and provide encouragement, comfort and strength to our patients and visitors. Volunteers are empowered by a desire to serve and provide personal touches that make an impact. We look forward to welcoming you.

Where you can help

- Admitting
- CCU/ICU Lobbies
- Clerical Support
- Emergency Room
- Gift Shop
- Information Desk
- Laboratory
- Oncology/Infusion
- Pet Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Pre-Surgery
- Recovery Room
- Surgi-Center
- Surgery Information
- Wound Care Center
- TOSH Hospital
- ARU/Rehab (East)



Human

kindness...service...
priceless.



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Paws For Petting

PET THERAPY PROGRAM
of
LOS ROBLES HEALTH SYSTEM



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Paws for Petting, the pet-assisted therapy program of Los Robles Health System, was begun in 2000 after careful consideration and preparation for allowing animals into the acute-care hospital setting. Since its beginning, the program has continued to attract people with pets that would like to share the experience of visiting patients and staff.

If you and your pet are a certified team and would like to apply to join the *Paws For Petting* program, please contact:

Marty Kaniger – Chairperson,
Paws For Petting
vmk11@sbcglobal.net, (818) 991-9938

Our team of visiting therapy pets and their handlers are a part of the Los Robles Hospital Volunteer program and are the only pets allowed on hospital premises.



Founders of Paws for Petting, Nancy Wohl with Chloe (top photo) and Maureen Parker with Lid' and Cricket. Though now retired from our program, they shared visits with patients, families and staff for over 10 years. (Not pictured: Sally Sakai and Otis, also founding members.)

Therapy pets have been bringing comfort, hope and uplifting experiences to people who are ill for many, many, years. Sharing your well-mannered, therapy-certified pet with others can be very rewarding. At Los Robles Health System, our therapy-pet teams visit most areas of the main hospital, as well as our two other hospital campuses in Westlake and Thousand Oaks.

What Is Pet Therapy

The most commonly used term for social visits with a pet is "pet therapy" or "pet-assisted therapy." A therapy pet can be one of several types of animals, though dogs are the most popular type of therapy pet. Certified therapy pets may visit places such as convalescent homes, special education school classes, senior centers, library reading programs, or acute-care hospitals.

Who can join the Los Robles pet therapy program?

You can join the program if you are at least 18 years of age and own a certified therapy pet. This brochure will provide information to get you started with pet therapy, whether or not you choose to join the Los Robles *Paws For Petting* program.

How do I get my dog certified?

If you and your dog are not currently certified through a recognized therapy-pet organization, you will need to complete the requirements for certification before applying to join the Los Robles pet-therapy program. You and your dog must be fully certified by one of the three certifying organizations below, and accepted in our program before being able to enter a Los Robles Health System facility with your pet:

Alliance of Therapy Dogs
www.therapydogs.com
 (877) 843-7364


Love On A Leash – The Foundation for Pet Therapy
www.loveonaleash.org
 (760) 740-2326

Pet Partners
<https://petpartners.org>
 (425) 226-7357

Please visit their websites to see which group fits you and your dog the best. Requirements and fees for joining vary with each organization.

Los Robles Hospital Volunteers, Inc. is a non-profit corporation, comprised of more than 350 adult and high-school-age volunteers who support local health care by donating over 72,000 hours of service each year at Los Robles Health System. All monies raised by the Los Robles Hospital Volunteers, Inc. through their Gift Shop are used for patient services at Los Robles Health System, following non-profit law.

3 TYPES of SUPPORT ANIMALS

	SERVICE DOGS	THERAPY DOGS	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS
COMPARISON	SERVICE DOGS	THERAPY DOGS	EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
ADA* law gives rights to bring animal into public establishments	✓	X	X
PTSD is disability, not merely "emotional support," and is covered by ADA law	✓	X	X
Needs to tolerate a wide variety of experiences, environments, people	✓	✓	X
Primary function is to provide emotional support through companionship	X	X	✓
Specifically trained to assist just one person	✓	X	X
Provides emotional support and comfort to many people	X	✓	X
May live with their disabled owners, even if "No Pets" policy in place	✓	X	✓

*ADA = AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (FEDERAL LAW)
 FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION SEE: www.ada.gov



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