

Prerequisites to becoming a Delta Society® Pet Partner®

Prerequisites for the Person

- The person handling the animal (handlers) must be at least 10 years old. Handlers younger than 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must have written permission to participate from a parent or guardian.
- People who do not have an animal may also register as Pet Partners

Prerequisites for the Animal

- All animals except birds must have lived in the owner's home for at least 6 months. Birds must have lived in the owner's home for at least 1 year.
- All animals except "pocket pets" must be at least 1 year at the time the animal is evaluated. Pocket pets (e.g., guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, etc.) must be at least 6 months at the time the animal is evaluated.
- **Dogs trained to aggressively protect and/or encouraged to actively bite, even as a component of a dog sport (e.g., bite work that is part of Schutzhund) may not be Pet Partners.**

Animals That Can Be Pet Partners

There are a great many species that make wonderful visiting animals and can form a strong human-animal bond. Only domesticated animals may become Pet Partners. Examples of registered pets include:

- Dogs
- Cats
- Guinea pigs
- Rabbits
- Domesticated rats
- Horses
- Goats
- Llamas
- Donkeys
- Potbellied pigs
- Miniature pigs
- Cockatoos
- African Gray Parrots
- Chickens

Wild or exotic animals (e.g., snakes, ferrets, lizards) may not be Pet Partners.

If you would like additional information, please visit the following website

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