



Pete's **PET POSSE**

Ready to join Pete's Pet Posse? *Woof!*

Please have your human help you fill out this application form so we can get to know you better. Completed applications should be submitted to peththerapy@okstate.edu no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Applications may also be dropped off in person at the Ann Hargis OSU Center for Pet Therapy (224 Student Union) Monday-Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Eligibility: OSU faculty and staff, spouses of OSU employees, OSU retirees, OSU alumni, and former Pete's Pet Posse handlers are eligible to apply. While we welcome applications from all eligible groups, priority will be given to current OSU faculty and staff.

Please note: While we think all dogs are awesome, there are a very limited number of spots available. A completed application does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Your humans' name(s):

What do your humans call you? (List ALL the names)

What is your breed?

How old are you? Bonus points if you also provide your age in human years!

How long have you lived with your human(s):

What is your size?

- ☐ Small (up to 20 pounds)
- ☐ Medium (21-50 pounds)
- ☐ Large (51-100 pounds)
- ☐ Extra Large (100+ pounds)

ELIGIBILITY QUESTION – TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR HUMAN

Bite History

To be eligible for Pete's Pet Posse, your dog must have no known history of biting a person or another animal, whether intentional or incidental, regardless of the circumstances or severity of the incident. This includes any bite that occurred at home, at a veterinary clinic, grooming facility, boarding or daycare facility, training class, dog park, or any other setting.

Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD), the certifying organization for Pete's Pet Posse, will not certify dogs with a bite history. Therefore, Pete's Pet Posse cannot accept an application for a dog with a known bite history.

To the best of your knowledge, has your dog ever bitten a person or another animal, whether intentionally or incidentally? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tell Us About Yourself

Tell us about your personality! What are your favorite activities, tricks, or talents? Do you have a favorite toy? (attach additional page if needed)

Have you completed any obedience training or earned any certifications (e.g., AKC Canine Good Citizen, obedience classes, etc.)? If yes, please describe.

Tell us your story! Did you rescue your human? Why do you (and your parents) want to join Pete's Pet Posse?

Are you current on all required vaccinations and in good health? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you microchipped? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If yes, please provide the microchip number, if known:

Who is your veterinarian (name, address, telephone number, etc.)

Have Your Humans Complete This Section

Full Name _____

Home Address _____

Work Address (if applicable) _____

Email _____

Work Phone (if applicable) _____

Cell Phone _____

Affiliation with OSU*:

☐ Faculty

☐ Staff

☐ Spouse of employee

☐ OSU retiree

☐ OSU alumnus

☐ Former P3 handler

☐ Other _____

Job Title (if applicable) _____

Department (if applicable): _____

Former OSU Department (if applicable): _____

College (if applicable) _____

Former OSU College (if applicable): _____

If currently employed by OSU, are you in good standing with the university? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain: _____

If not employed at OSU, may we contact your employer to verify that you are in good standing?

☐ Yes ☐ No

*Please note: Undergraduate students are not eligible to apply.

Has your dog ever displayed behavior that we should be aware of when evaluating them for therapy work? This may include growling, snapping, resource guarding, significant fear or anxiety, reactivity toward people or other animals, or difficulty being handled or restrained. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Has your dog ever been asked to leave or been dismissed from a training class, daycare, boarding facility, grooming facility, veterinary practice, or other animal-related setting because of their behavior?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Additional Human Information

Name of employer/supervisor and contact info:

Will another member of your household also be applying as a handler for this dog? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name: _____

Please note: A separate application must be completed by each applicant. Each human applying must submit an application and participate in the process (interview, physical exam for the dog, disposition evaluation for the dog).

I understand that I am responsible for all fees associated with becoming part of Pete's Pet Posse, as well as all fees related to the health and wellness of my animal. I also understand that certain fees related to training and certification may be paid by me, by my department, or by a donor to Pete's Pet Posse.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Pet Therapy Program Fees and Benefits+

Item	Cost to Owner*	Industry Partner/Sponsor Benefits
OSUVMH Fee During Application Period: Physical Exam at OSUVMH ** One-time Fees After Program Acceptance: Pre-training fecal test at OSUVMH (January) Group Therapy Dog Training ** (January) AKC Canine Good Citizen Test (April) Alliance of Therapy Dogs Background Check (April) Alliance of Therapy Dogs Initial Membership Fee (May)	\$70 \$33.10 \$300 \$20 \$20 \$45	Paid by Pete's Pet Posse
Annual Fees/Benefits: Alliance of Therapy Dogs Membership Renewal Required annual vaccinations Monthly preventatives (must complete a release form and sign up for the benefit) HomeAgain Microchip (Appointment must be made with OSU VMH) Hill's Dog Food (Dogs must have been seen at OSU VMH within the past year to place an order.) Royal Canin Dog Food (Order can be placed monthly and is delivered to your home.)	\$35 Discounts offered through industry partner clinics - see following pages for details regarding each clinic \$0 \$0 One free bag of food per quarter 50% of MSRP monthly discount	\$438-\$502 NexGard Plus \$35 Merck Animal Health & Henthorne Professorship for registry costs (Dr. Sypniewski, OSUVMH)

+ Benefits are subject to change.

* All costs are estimated and are subject to change.

** These costs can be paid by the owner, OSU Foundation donor via the Pete's Pet Posse Pet Therapy Fund, or by the Department. All other costs are the responsibility of the owner.



Are you and your dog willing to participate in a variety of marketing activities? Opportunities may include, but are not limited to: OSU promotions, printed media, social media, and other media outlets as requested.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you and your dog willing to participate in a variety of OSU sponsored outreach activities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

There is no fee to apply to Pete's Pet Posse. However, the OSU Veterinary Medical Hospital (OSUVMH) requires a fee of \$70 for the physical examination of the dog. This fee is to be paid directly to the OSUVMH at the time of the exam. I understand that this fee is required and payment is due when services are rendered regardless of whether my dog and I are accepted into the program.

☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand that all teams accepted into Pete's Pet Posse must successfully complete the background check required as part of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs certification process.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Owner Name (please print): _____

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____

Department Head Name and Title (if applicable): _____

Department Head Approval Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: If owner is the Department Head, please have your Supervisor approve below:

Supervisor Name and Title (please print): _____

Supervisor Approval Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: All OSU employee applicants must have Facility Manager approval.

Owner's Facility Manager Name (please print): _____

Owner's Facility Manager Approval Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for applying to Pete's Pet Posse!

Upon submitting your application, the OSU Pete's Pet Posse Program Coordinator will contact you to confirm receipt. Your application will be reviewed and, if you meet eligibility requirements, you will be asked to schedule a physical examination for your dog at the OSU Veterinary Medical Hospital. Additional application steps include a disposition evaluation of your dog with Pete's Pet Posse trainers and a handler-only interview with a subset of the Ann Hargis OSU Center for Pet Therapy Governing Board. You will be contacted by the Program Coordinator and these steps will be scheduled shortly after applications close on September 30.

Full acceptance into Pete's Pet Posse is based on successful completion of all application steps, including the physical examination, disposition evaluation, and handler interview, as well as recommendations from the evaluating veterinarian, interview committee and Pete's Pet Posse trainers. The Ann Hargis OSU Center for Pet Therapy Governing Board will make final selections for new therapy teams in December 2026, with training beginning in January 2027. A very limited number of spots are available.

Contact Information

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