



## About the program

Delta Therapy Dogs is a heartwarming program that brings the joy of animal companionship to those who need it most.

With over 1,000 volunteers nationally, a Delta volunteer and their adorable four-legged friend can visit your facility, spend time with residents and offer a chat, a floppy ear to listen and paw to shake.

*“Delta Therapy dog teams have encouraged residents to leave the confines of their rooms for the first time in months, to extend their hand post-stroke or surgery, to walk, to talk, to smile, to laugh, to remember, to forget, and to reminisce about their own animals”*



To register your facility for the Delta Therapy Dogs program, simply fill in the online form at [www.deltasociety.com.au](http://www.deltasociety.com.au).

Please see over the page for our FAQs.

## Frequently asked questions

### What's so special about Delta Therapy Teams?

Each team consists of a volunteer and their beloved pet dog. Each Delta-accredited dog has undergone strict temperament testing to determine its suitability for visiting care facilities. All volunteers undergo a police check and complete a training seminar covering topics such as occupational health and safety, facility procedures and policies, human health and communication, and animal behavior and training.

### How often does the Delta Therapy Team visit and how long does each visit last?

A dedicated team will make a regular weekly or fortnightly visit to your facility for between 60 and 90 minutes.

### Can more than one team visit each week?

Of course.

### What happens during a visit?

We can work with you to fulfill any specific requirements, but generally the volunteers and their dogs will visit and talk with residents and patients, offer a hug, and a paw to shake.

### What is the cost?

As a non-profit organisation, The Delta Society relies heavily on sponsorships, community support and donations from participating facilities to make this service available. We ask facilities that wish to participate in the Delta Therapy Dogs program to donate \$1,000 per year for each Therapy Dog team visiting your facility. This donation is in no way related to the services of the volunteer, who receives no remuneration for their participation. All donations are tax deductible and used specifically for the ongoing support and expansion of the Delta Therapy Dogs program.

Visit [deltasociety.com.au](http://deltasociety.com.au) for more information.