

MO-KAN PET PARTNERS TEAM EVALUATION

We are pleased that you are interested in having your pet evaluated and registered with Pet Partners. Mo-Kan Pet Partners is a Community Partner with the international Pet Partners organization. You will find more information and a description of the evaluation on the Pet Partners web site. Remember that the evaluation is viewed as though you are conducting a visit at a facility. The team's behavior and interactions the entire time, starting from arrival in the parking lot, are taken into consideration when determining the team's score.

You must either attend an instructor-led workshop or complete the Pet Partners Team online course prior to the evaluation. Attending a workshop is highly recommended by Pet Partners. Potential volunteers who complete an instructor-led course are more likely to pass the evaluation on the first attempt. Visit Pet Partners website or Mo-Kan website for details on upcoming workshops. The Handler Guide will be provided as part of the instructor-led course. If you take the online course, you can download the Handler Guide from the Pet Partners website. The website also lists in detail the steps required to become a registered Pet Partner.

You must begin your evaluation scheduling process at the Pet Partners website. When you request an evaluation date for Kansas City, MO, it may tell you that the class is full and will put you on a wait list. At that time the Evaluation Coordinator will receive notification and respond to let you know if there are openings on your requested date and what additional information is needed to secure an appointment.

Please read Pet Partners® Policy on the Raw Food Diet. If you feed a raw diet to any animal in your household you will not be able to visit as a Pet Partners registered team.

Required items to be provided by the Handler on day of evaluation:

1. Towel or small blanket if the animal will be carried (cat or very small dog).
2. Acceptable collar or harness and leash for all pets other than caged birds. (A listing of acceptable equipment is available in the Handler Guide or at the Pet Partners® web site.)
3. The animal's brush or comb (**NO wire bristles or sharp edges**).
4. Treat for one of the exercises.

Please note that you and your animal are being evaluated as a team. This is a simulation of a visit so please dress accordingly (**no jeans, shorts or open toed shoes**). As your animal's advocate, it is your responsibility to ensure your animal's safety and comfort. DO talk to your pet and do what is necessary to help your pet and the volunteers participating with the evaluation feel comfortable.

Additional Requirements of Registration with Pet Partners:

1. Pet Partners fee for 2-year registration. This covers the Pet Partners newsletter and liability insurance.
2. A photograph of you and your pet (a digital photo will be taken at the evaluation that you can use).
3. The animal health screening form and any associated veterinarian costs.
4. Optional, but encouraged: Dues (\$15 annually) to Mo-Kan Pet Partners.

PURPOSE: The evaluation may only be performed for the purpose of evaluating teams for Pet Partners, and may not be performed in conjunction with evaluations for other therapy animal organizations, the AKC Canine Good Citizenship test, to certify an animal as a service animal, or for any other purpose (from Pet Partners' Policies and Procedures Manual).

Pet Partners® website: www.petpartners.org

Mo-Kan Pet Partners website: www.mo-kanpetpartners.org

MO-KAN PET PARTNERS TEAM EVALUATION REGISTRATION FORM

Sponsored by Mo-Kan Pet Partners Association (Mo-Kan affiliate number is 40177)

Evaluation Fee: \$10.00 per animal per evaluation

Appointments must be made for evaluations. Appointments will be scheduled in the order received. Space is limited so completed paperwork and check will reserve your spot.

What to send to make your appointment:

- This form filled out
- Proof of current rabies immunization as required by law
- Handler's Questionnaire filled out
- A copy of Handler Course Completion Certificate (new teams only)
- Check for evaluation fee

Important information:

Pets must be at least one year old. Pets must be living at owner's household/home for a minimum of six months. Animals must be clean and well groomed. Per Pet Partners regulations, you will not be evaluated if you do not bring the required items listed on the previous page or are late for your scheduled evaluation time.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly and complete a separate form for each animal.

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

ANIMAL'S NAME _____ SPECIES _____ BREED _____

ANIMAL'S DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ SPAYED/NEUTERED: Y _____ N _____

Requested Evaluation Date _____

Existing Teams: Renewal _____ New Animal _____ Pet Partner Number _____

New Teams: Took Class _____ Took Online Course _____ Date of class or on-line course _____

I indemnify and hold Pet Partners, Mo-Kan Pet Partners, and the evaluation facility harmless from and against all claims, losses, liabilities, and damages to persons or property, governmental charges of fines and attorneys fees arising out of the acts or omissions of Pet Partners Animal Evaluation, including but not limited to interactions with evaluators, volunteers, attendees, or animals, screening or demonstrations involving my pet, or transportation of my pet to or from the evaluation site or within the evaluation site.

Date _____ SIGNATURE _____

Photo/Video Release

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent of my own free will, without coercion or inducement of any kind, to grant to MO-KAN Pet Partners to reproduce, copyright, publish, circulate or otherwise use photographic reproductions or likenesses or videotape segments of me and or my name. This authorization and release covers the use of said material in any published form and any medium of advertising, publicity or trade in any part of the world for ten years from the date of this release. Furthermore, I for myself, my heirs, executors, or administrators, sell assign and transfer to the organization and its successors all my rights, title and interest in and to all reproductions taken of me by representatives of the organization. This agreement fully represents all terms and considerations and no other inducements, statements or promises have been made to me. I fully understand to no monetary payment will be made to me for such uses as described above.

Date _____ SIGNATURE _____

Please make checks payable to: **MO-KAN PET PARTNERS**

Mail this form along with the Handler's Questionnaire, Proof of Rabies, Course Certificate and check to:
MO-KAN PET PARTNERS, C/O Amy Wurst, 444 W. 68th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113

Questions? Call Amy Wurst at 816-215-9170 or email ALWurst@gmail.com

Getting Ready

- ❖ Bathe and groom your animal the **day before** the evaluation. Bathing on the same day as the evaluation causes too much stress on the animal being tested.
- ❖ Make sure your animal doesn't have any cuts, scrapes, open wounds, or infections.
- ❖ The day of the evaluation brush your animal's teeth, clean its ears, around its eyes and tail, and clip and file its nails
- ❖ Bring your bird, rabbit, cat, or pocket pet in a carrier or cage
- ❖ All animals must be on a leash at all times including the facility parking lot
- ❖ The evaluation process begins when you arrive at the facility and ends when you leave

Other important information:

- ❖ Handler, please come to the team evaluation dressed appropriately for a visit: closed toe shoes (*no sandals*), slacks (*no jeans or shorts*), appropriate shirt. Be comfortable, but look professional.
- ❖ No treats or clickers are allowed in your pockets.
- ❖ Upon arrival at the registration desk, please avoid any other animals that may be inside or outside the building. Meeting another animal can be stressful to all animals and may affect the outcome of the test for either animal. Be alert to your surroundings as you enter. Support and reassure your pet. If there is an incident before the evaluation, you may choose to return at another time to ensure a fair evaluation.

Be aware that these following behaviors by you or your animal partner mean an automatic score of **Not Ready** for the exercise and will stop your evaluation:

- ❖ You dropping the leash at any time,
- ❖ The animal vocalizing more than once or twice out of stress or excitement
- ❖ The animal jumping up on a person or piece of equipment
- ❖ The animal frequently and excessively licking the Evaluator or volunteers
- ❖ The animal mouthing the Evaluator, volunteers, or equipment (e.g. its leash)
- ❖ The animal crossing your midline to reach the neutral dog,