

4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:

Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer Leader Training

DATE/DEADLINE:

Event date: Saturday, March 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Registrations due Monday, March 4, 2019

LOCATION:

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The registration fee is \$35.00 per person. This fee covers the cost of registration, lunch, teaching materials, and CGC testing (dogs). Each participant is responsible for purchasing a set of the 4-H PetPALS curriculum prior to the training (except youth); and one set per club is fine. Registrations are due Monday, March 4. Refer to the registration form. *(Note: Youth ages 13 and older who would like to help Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteers with their clubs are welcome to attend this training. They must complete a registration form and pay the \$25.00 fee.)*

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

4-H PetPALS (People and Animals Linking Successfully) is an intergenerational 4-H project connecting youth and their pets with senior adults in various types of healthcare facilities. The core curriculum relies on trained adult volunteers, called Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer Leaders, who teach youth skills needed to interact with residents of healthcare facilities, specifically assisted living and skilled nursing environments. Members learn to select, socialize, and train appropriate pets to participate as youth-pet teams in animal-assisted activities. They learn how animals behave and communicate, and how to interpret their own pet's temperament and personality. Youth practice safe and humane animal handling techniques, involve their pets in animal wellness programs, and practice responsible pet ownership and care. Youth participate in aging sensitivity simulation activities to learn about the physical changes associated with aging. After completing additional sensitivity simulation activities to learn about medical conditions they may encounter, youth role play with their pets to learn how to meet and communicate with senior adults. Upon successfully completing the curriculum, 4-H members and their pets, accompanied by adult volunteers, visit senior healthcare facilities, thus enhancing intergenerational relationships. Refer to the Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer job description.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

This Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer Training is designed to:

- Teach volunteers the key elements necessary for youth to have a positive 4-H experience.
- Familiarize volunteers with the 4-H PetPALS Leader's Guide and Project and Record Book.
- Prepare volunteers, using experiential learning teaching methods, to conduct the activities described in the 4-H PetPALS curriculum.
- Teach volunteers animal handling and assessment skills.
- Teach volunteers how animals communicate and the appropriateness of pets for 4-H PetPALS animal-assisted activities.



- Teach volunteers how to form partnerships with senior healthcare facilities.
- Teach volunteers how youth should communicate and visit with residents in senior healthcare facilities.
- Teach volunteers about aging, physical, and medical conditions 4-H PetPALS may encounter during visits.
- Teach volunteers the protocols for 4-H PetPALS animal-assisted activities.

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