

**IT WILL REQUIRE
SOME EFFORT
AND RESEARCH
TO DISCOVER
OPPORTUNITIES IN
YOUR AREA WHERE
YOU AND YOUR
CAMELID COMPANIONS
CAN TOUCH MANY
LIVES, BUT MAKE THE
EFFORT AND...**

**PREPARE YOURSELF
FOR A REWARDING
EXPERIENCE!**



Additional information is available at:

www.packllama.org

www.ariAcademy.com

www.icinfo.org



**Information is also available from
your local or regional alpaca or llama
organization or representative:**



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Alpacas & Llamas as Therapy Partners



Bring cheer to nursing home residents with a visit from your llama or alpaca, or have one of them trained and registered as a Pet Partner with the Delta Society for use in animal-assisted therapy. There are ample opportunities for using alpacas and llamas to help others. Some are informal while others may require training and testing of both owner and camelid. Many people would benefit from interacting with camelids, and the experiences are incredibly rewarding for both owners and animals. No matter how much or little time you have to devote to such work, you're bound to find something that fits your lifestyle and interests.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Nursing Homes
- Schools, Daycares, Libraries
- Religious Group Activities
- Behavioral Rehabilitation with Camelids in Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities
- Physical Therapy and Life Skills Using Camelid Fiber
- Animals with Disabilities as Inspiration for Others
- Summer/Youth Camps
- 4-H Camelid Projects
- Farm Visits, Home Stays
- Medically-Prescribed Therapy Sessions
- Pet Partners (formerly The Delta Society)

WHAT DOES A GOOD THERAPY PARTNER NEED TO KNOW?

- How to Stand Still for Periods of Time
- Must Allow Hands-on Interaction
- How to Remain Calm in a Diverse Environment
- Must Transport Easily
- How to Walk on Different Surfaces



WHAT MAKES A GOOD THERAPY PARTNER?

- Mellow Temperament!
- Females and Geldings are Preferable
- Clean and Well-Groomed, Nails Trimmed

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Check Insurance Coverage
- May Need Photo Releases for Publicity Purposes
- Be Aware of Other Animals in the Vicinity (especially dogs and horses)
- Evaluate Site Conditions Prior to a Visit
- Have Animal(s) Visit the “Potty Pile” before Indoor Visits (“bring it and take it”)
- Make the Contact—Don’t Wait for the Call!