

**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](http://www.packllama.org)  
[www.ariAcademy.com](http://www.ariAcademy.com)  
[www.icinfo.org](http://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!