



Who? The Anti-Cruelty Society and Canine Therapy Corps.

What? We are partnering to offer a meaningful pet visitation program.

Where? Visits will be in Chicago hospitals, social service organizations, and hospice or assisted-living facilities.

When? This pilot program will kickoff in June. Volunteers will be expected to make at least one visit a month.

Why? It complements CTC's mission seamlessly, bringing the human-animal bond to additional populations. Further, having our name associated with an organization as prestigious and wide-reaching as ACS will bring CTC greater recognition and new opportunities. In return, ACS will benefit from our 20 years of expertise in the animal-assisted therapy arena.

How? The partnership will have its own assessment, which is required for all participating dogs. This is because ACS will be insuring partnership dog teams. While the prerequisite for the partnership assessment includes the AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification, the CGC is NOT required if your dog is certified with Canine Therapy Corps.

The partnership assessment consists of six exercises designed to test temperament and obedience. There are currently two assessments scheduled. They will be conducted at ACS on June 4th and June 25th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Callie for the registration form.

If you are also interested in pursuing the CGC, ACS will also be offering a 4-week CGC prep course and test which will be held on Thursday nights in June. To learn more about the CGC program, visit:

<http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/program.cfm>.