



# Loving Animals Providing Smiles

*Bringing acceptance, laughter and love into the lives of others.*

## Registration for Handling Skills Class

### Mini-Horse, Mini-Donkey, Cat, Rabbit

*(Please complete Sections I & II of this form. Section III is required for potential LAPS volunteers only. Please print clearly.)*

#### Section I - Handler Information

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Loving Animals Providing Smiles? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you done volunteer work before? Please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to / or been a member of any other animal-assisted therapy group? If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Your safety is our concern. Do you have any restrictions or special consideration that could affect the type of therapy programs you attend? If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience living and/or working with animals? \_\_\_\_\_

## Section II - Pet Information

Your pet's name \_\_\_\_\_

Species / Breed / Description \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Pet's Sex \_\_\_\_\_  Altered  Intact

Veterinarian (name and phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you get your pet? (e.g., pet shop, animal shelter, breeder) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you owned this animal? \_\_\_\_\_

How old was the animal when you got it? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the socialization history of your pet. (e.g., How and when did you begin? What have you done? What places has your pet visited? etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Good and bad things happen in our pets' lives. Describe any unpleasant experiences with adults, children, crowds or other animals. (e.g., tail pulling, hit with newspaper, dog fights, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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### What is your pet's reaction when he/she meets the following:

#### Adults

Positive Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Children

Positive Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

**Crowds**

Positive Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other animals**

Positive Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Reaction: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following phrase:**

“My pet may become aroused or reactive when . . .” \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe what he/she does when reacting: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any physical or medical restrictions for your pet.  
(e.g., Epilepsy, arthritis or medications pet receives on a regular basis.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Why do you think your pet would be a good therapy animal? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cats, rabbits, other pocket pets:**

Is your pet habituated to wearing a harness and leash?  yes  no

Would your pet be comfortable riding in your car to therapy programs?  yes  no

Is your pet comfortable with accepting petting from strangers for extended periods? How do you tell if your pet has “had enough”? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will your pet interact with strangers without using a food lure?  yes  no

What else would you like us to know about you and your pet?

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**Mini-horses & mini-donkeys:**

How would you describe your mini's temperament, personality, likes, dislikes? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does your mini perform the following basic ground manners? (Example: relaxed, always complies, resists or protests in certain cases; please be honest and complete)

Hands On – Catch and Touch →

Haltering & Unhaltering \_\_\_\_\_

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Touching all over (while haltered) \_\_\_\_\_

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Yielding to Handler →

Walking on a Lead Rope \_\_\_\_\_

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Having his/her feet picked up or examined \_\_\_\_\_

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Backing up \_\_\_\_\_

Step to either side \_\_\_\_\_

When longeing your mini → How does your mini respond when asked to:

Move Forward/Back Up \_\_\_\_\_

Slow Down \_\_\_\_\_

Whoa and Stand \_\_\_\_\_

Change Directions \_\_\_\_\_

Approach the handler \_\_\_\_\_

Have you and your mini participated in any of the following activities:

- Ground driving
- Cart Driving
- Driving an obstacle course
- Jumping over railings or obstacles
- In Hand Obstacle
- Halter or Showmanship Competitions
- Parades
- Community Events
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

What else would you like us to know about you and your pet?

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Are you taking this class as a potential LAPS team \_\_\_\_\_ or non-LAPS team \_\_\_\_\_ ?

*(Potential LAPS teams please complete Section III and submit with this Class Registration)*

The above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Handler Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*We expect all handlers and pets to attend every class session. Lessons build on skills learned in earlier weeks.  
Please plan to attend all scheduled meetings.*

**Your pet's vaccination records and class fee are due before first class meeting with your pet.**

## Section III - Volunteer Commitment

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**Each Therapy Team must participate in a minimum of two (2) therapy programs within each month to remain active with Loving Animals Providing Smiles (LAPS).**

When making this commitment, please note the following:

- Many of our clients have special needs and require attending staff at the time of our visits. This causes some Loving Animals Providing Smiles therapy programs to occur during the weekday within standard office hours or in the early evening.
- Consider your schedule to include the time to bathe and groom your pet, plus commuting to and from a therapy program.
- Quality animal-assisted therapy requires a significant time commitment for ongoing training throughout the year. Please consider your long-term interest and schedule to allow for extra time to work with your pet outside of therapy programs.

**Based on your schedule, please note the times you have available to devote to therapy programs.**

*(Please mark ALL that apply.)*

Weekday mornings (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)

Weekday afternoons (12:30 pm - 4:30 pm)

Weekday evenings (5:00 pm - 7:30 pm)

Weekend daytime (9:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Which days of the week and times of the day would be **BEST** for you to attend therapy programs?

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During which of the above times would it be **IMPOSSIBLE** for you to attend therapy programs?

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How far are you willing to travel to participate in programs?  1-5 miles  5-10 miles  not sure

Indicate specific client populations you want to serve (seniors, incarcerated teens, children with emotional/behavioral challenges, hospital patients) \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you willing to adapt your personal schedule from time-to-time to help cover programs?  Yes  No

LAPS utilizes e-mail as our primary form of communication. Do you check your email regularly and are you willing to respond in a timely manner?  Yes  No

PRINT EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

There are some out-of-pocket expenses associated with LAPS membership such as uniforms, fuel cost etc. Do you foresee this as hindering your participation?  Yes  No

Because Loving Animals Providing Smiles is a nonprofit, self-supporting, volunteer organization each member helps with ongoing group activities, fundraising, and promotional events. What areas of interest and/or skills can you contribute to LAPS?

AAT Experience     Fund Raising     Writing     Computer / Web

Public Speaking     Media Contact     Photography     Pet Training

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**When is a good time to call you?** (Please give at least two days AND times we can regularly reach you.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Thank you for your interest in joining Loving Animals Providing Smiles. Please return this completed application and a copy of your pet's current vaccination records to:**

**P.O. Box 6596, Napa, CA 94581.**

One of our volunteers will contact you soon.