

Visiting Pet Program offers orientation in Harahan



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The Visiting Pet Program, New Orleans' oldest and largest animal-assisted therapy program, will offer their volunteer orientation Oct. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harahan Senior Center, 100 Elodie, Harahan.

This is a people-only orientation. Registration is required and there is a \$10 fee to attend. To register, email paws4visits@gmail.com.

In addition, the Visiting Pet Program will be showing off its new therapy booth, which will be available for local pet events.

Winners of the prestigious Dorothy Dorsett Brown Humanitarian Award, the 100 pets and handlers of the Visiting Pet Program currently visit 20 nursing homes and hospitals in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes.

The Visiting Pet Program also provides a literacy project, Reading to Rover, to area libraries. Designed to help beginning readers practice their reading aloud skills, the gentle, patient dogs prove to be excellent listeners. Reading to Rover is offered at area libraries in Jefferson Parish.

For more information about the Visiting Pet Program, visit www.visitingpetprogram.org [<http://www.visitingpetprogram.org>].

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