

# ABOUT THE LOVE<sub>ON</sub>4 PAWS<sup>SM</sup> PROGRAM...

*“Here come the dogs!” says the nurse excitedly. Everyone turns to look at the parade of volunteer teams coming down the hospital corridor.*



## **Animal Assisted Therapy**

It turns out that most people really enjoy a brief visit from a furry, tail-wagging critter -- especially people in stressful or lonely situations. Medical studies show measurable improvements in pain reduction, blood pressure, and stress.

## **Animal Assisted Therapy Teams**

Each therapy team consists of a handler and a specially trained therapy animal. Although these special furry therapists come in all shapes and sizes, they share a single purpose: to bring happiness and comfort to those needing it. These wonderful animals have a way of making every person visited feel special.

## **What We Do**

Each Love On 4 Paws volunteer brings his or her own animal to a specified facility at a scheduled time to visit. Our teams arrive on time, dressed professionally, and both members know their jobs well. The Love On 4 Paws program is unique in that we provide a Polaroid-type photograph as a souvenir of the visit to those who want one, free of charge. Some of these photographs later become treasured mementos.



## **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are always interested in new volunteers. If you feel that your four legged friend would make a wonderful therapy animal and if you are willing to make the necessary commitment, please contact us as shown on the back of this brochure.

