



Who's Who in One Health

# Pet Partners



(Formerly Delta Society)

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**One Health: Supporting the Health of Humans and Animals Together**

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## 1. Narrative Description

Pet Partners, formerly Delta Society, is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and demonstrating that positive human-animal interactions improve people's physical, psychological and emotional lives. The organization's Therapy Animal Program has more than 11,000 currently registered therapy animal teams that visit in hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, schools, prisons and other settings. These teams bring the comfort and healing of the human-animal bond to more than 1 million people each year.

## 2. Purpose

To promote and demonstrate that positive human-animal interactions improve people's physical, psychological and emotional lives.

## 3. Type of Organization

Private, Non-Profit Organization

**4. Scope**

International, with primary focus in the United States

**5. Country and State and City**

345 118th Ave SE #100, Bellevue, Washington 98005 United States

**6. Primary Funders** Private donations

**7. One Health Courses being taught** <https://petpartners.org/learn/online-education/>

**Online Courses**, meet the requirements outlined in “Animals in Healthcare Facilities: Recommendations to Minimize Potential Risks” published in 2015

**8. Participants and Key Collaborators**

/co-Founders: Bill McCulloch DVM MPH and Rebecca Johnson PhD, RN, FAAN

**9. Brief History of Your Organization’s One Health Involvement**

Pet Partners Co-Founder Bill McCulloch DVM MPH served as member and Chair of the AVMA Council on Education and also was founding Chair of the AVMA Human-Animal Bond Task Force. McCulloch’s major efforts throughout his career have been on the One Health efforts of the health and allied professions. His papers “One Health Concept: the Human-Animal Bond as a Collaborative Model” was published as part of a One Health in Action Series in *Veterinaria Italia* edited by Laura Kahn, MD, Bruce Kaplan, DVM and Thomas Month, MD in 2007.

In 2010, Pet Partners former board member Gregg Takashima DVM collaborated with American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) to create a One Health seminar at AAHA’s annual meeting. The One Health seminar was held again in the AAHA’s annual meeting in 2011. Dr. Takashima was later the AAHA representative to the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) and a key player on the WSAVA One Health Committee.

In conjunction with the Iowa State Center for Food Security and Public Health and the One Health Commission, Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Pet Partners Board of Directors and Dr. Bill McCulloch, Co-founder of Pet Partners, co-authored a chapter in the revision of their book, "[Handbook for Zoonotic Diseases of Companion Animals](#)" with chapter heading of: "Human-Animal Bond"

