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Therapy Animals of Utah Visit Airport

Therapy Animals of Utah and the Salt Lake City Department of Airports have collaborated to bring registered therapy dogs to Salt Lake City International Airport to visit with passengers and the public.

Two days a week, three volunteer Pet Partner teams made up of a handler and a specially trained dog will rove the Airport seeking friendly encounters. The program is an extension of Therapy Animals of Utah's mission to share the comfort, love, hope, and healing of the human-animal bond through training, service, education, and research.

"This type of animal interaction has been proven to be beneficial to people in a variety of situations," comments Maureen Riley, Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Department of Airports, "We look forward to offering this innovative program to our customers."

"That was so much fun," said handler Vicky King, who escorted her Pet Partner, a Golden Retriever named Bert, around the Airport during the inaugural visit, "We can't wait to come back."

Therapy Animals of Utah, the state's only affiliate of the internationally-recognized Pet Partners, has been bringing animal-assisted therapy and activity services to the Wasatch Front since 1997. For information on Therapy Animals of Utah, visit: www.TherapyAnimalsUtah.org.

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