



Pediatric Therapy Network

BUDDY CLUB at PetSpace

**An Afterschool Social Skills &
Community Integration Program
located at Annenberg PetSpace
in Playa Vista, CA**

For additional information or to
download an application for
enrollment, please visit:
PediatricTherapyNetwork.org

Or contact us at:
310.328.0276 x348
buddyclub@ptnmail.org

Buddy Club at PetSpace is an afterschool, social skills and community integration program for children between the ages of 6–9. This program is designed to create the opportunity for positive peer interactions and successful community integration experiences. Buddy Club at PetSpace will include animal-focused activities and will benefit children who may have social skills challenges, including difficulty with expected social interactions, difficulty in developing and maintaining friendships, and other behaviors that may interfere with appropriate social interactions with peers and others.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- ◆ Two-hour sessions weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 4–6pm
- ◆ Small peer groups of 4–6 children led by a pediatric occupational therapist and an assistant
- ◆ Children participate in fun-filled activities within a curriculum of specific social skills: greeting & sharing, body language, cooperative & interactive play, taking turns, sportsmanship, making friends, understanding & expressing emotions, participating in and maintaining conversations, self-awareness, avoiding & resolving conflicts, being brave & facing fears, and bullying
- ◆ Onsite activities and lessons will also relate foundational social skills to interacting with animals
- ◆ Activities alternate between PetSpace and other sites in the community, such as parks, libraries, bowling alleys, recreational centers and more
- ◆ Parent collaboration or education is provided weekly through handouts, parent meetings, social stories and viewing video clips from Buddy Club sessions
- ◆ Annenberg PetSpace is located at 12005 Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista, CA 90094