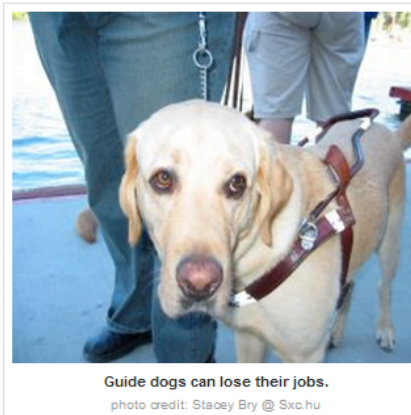




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## Pals with Paws helps students with disabilities

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*Pals with Paws* is a new assisted therapy program that helps children and adults with disabilities. How does it work? Through the Block Institute, a certified pet therapy handler and specially trained dog team up with a student to improve his or her quality of life.

The major focus of *Pals with Paw* is to increase the knowledge and physical capacities of an individual. The creators of this program also hope to decrease the number of out-of work guide dogs that suffer a sudden need for a career change. The dogs are gotten from the Leader Dogs for the Blind, a group that has a special relationship with the Block Institute.

Right now, *Pals with Paws* is in its pilot stage. As a result, this program operates in only one Block Institute school. However, in the future, the hope is to expand services into more Block Institute locales.

Want more information about *Pals with Paws*? If so, visit [www.blockinsitute.org](http://www.blockinsitute.org).

At this Website, you can contact a representative for more details. It might just be the opportunity you need to enhance your life or the one of a friend.

**DONATE** to the *Pals with Paws* program by mail @ *Pals with Paws*, c/o Block Institute, 376 Bay 44th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214.