HOW TO BE A PARTICIPANT WITH ANGEL PAWS PET THERAPY

Thank you for your interest in our Angel Paws Pet Therapy. Our mission is to provide comfort and hope, through the unconditional love our pets give so we can share Jesus to those whom God has placed in our path. Everyone has a story about how God has helped them through a difficult season in their life. We believe that story should be shared with others. God will bring someone into your path and your dog will open the opportunity for you to share your God story with others. We are all about using our dogs to help be Kingdom Builders.

We would love for you and your furry friend to join us. However, there are a few things to consider before you apply to participate. Below are some of the things to consider.

- You must read and agree and sign our Beliefs Statement
- Have a dog at least 1 yr old. (Exceptions to dog's age may be considered)
- Attend an Informational Meeting before you apply to become a participant Dates and times will be announced on our Facebook page and on our website.
- Complete a Participant Application. This will be emailed to you after you attend an Informational Meeting.
- Your dog must be tested and successfully pass the Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC). See below CGC test requirements. We do not do the CGC training, we only perform the CGC test. If your dog is already CGC Certified, then you must provide a copy of your CGC Certificate and then your dog must be re-evaluated by one of our designated CGC Evaluators. This is done at your expense.
- Once your dog has passed the CGC test, your dog must be fully vetted by your veterinarian. A form will be emailed to you that must be completed by your vet.
- Once you and your dog have met all the participant requirements, you must agree to make visits with one of our Angel Paws Team Leaders at one of our approved locations at least once within a two month period. Failure to do so, may place your participation in suspension status and your dog may have to be temperament or CGC tested to be re-admitted into the program.
- You must provide proof each year that your dog has had their annual veterinarian wellness checks and are current on vaccinations. The Wellness Form will be available on the Participant portal.
- You understand that once your dog is certified that your certification is only valid through Angel Paws Pet Therapy and it only allows you to visit facilities on the days and time we have an agreement with unless prior authorization has been given by the Team Leader.
- You agree to bathe or groom your dog as needed before visiting. Your dog's nails must be trimmed and smoothed.
- If your dog shows aggression you understand that your dog will be removed from the program. Your dog may be considered for re-admission after it has been evaluated.
- Some facilities have additional requirements to be met before visiting their facilities. You must agree to comply with their facility requirements.
- Please pray and seek God's wisdom about your involvement. While we are a pet therapy group, we are a ministry as well. We see our dogs as a way to open up doors of communication to bring hope, comfort and Jesus into our conversations.

"The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

CGC Test Requirements

1. Accepting a friendly stranger: Evaluator approaches, shakes hands with handler, Does not touch dog.

2. Sitting politely for petting: Evaluator pets dog, dog must show no shyness or resentment.

3. Appearance and grooming: Evaluator inspects the dog, combs or brushes lightly. Examines ears and each front foot.

4. Out for a walk: Handler takes the dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn and stop.

5. Walking through a crowd: Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show casual interest but not jump up.

6. Sit and down on command/staying in place: Handler shows dog can do a sit and down, then chooses a position , leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20ft line and returns immediately.

7. Coming when called: With dog still on 20 ft line from test 6, handler walks out 10 ft and calls the dog.

8. Reaction to another dog: Two handlers and dogs approach then shake hands, exchange pleasantries, move on. Dogs can show casual interest.

9. Reaction to distractions:Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.

10. Supervised separation: Handler goes out of sight for 3 minutes. Dog is held on a 6ft leash by the evaluator.

NOTE: No dog treats can be used during the CGC Testing.