

Comfort Caring Canines Therapy Dogs, Inc.



Reaching out... with hand and paw.

Eligibility

- Dogs must be at least one year old.
- Handlers must be at least eighteen years old
- Dogs must be licensed and current on all inoculations (rabies and DHLPP)
- Dogs must have successfully completed a basic obedience course. No Exceptions!
- Dogs must be well-socialized, non-aggressive and immaculately groomed.

Requirements for Membership

1. Attend an orientation . You must pre-register, see events page on website for dates and details.
2. Make two visits with current members without your dog.
3. Pass our two-part evaluation test. You must pre-register,

Evaluation

Part I of our test evaluates the dog's temperament and reliability in the type of experiences encountered on a regular visit (exposure to other dogs, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.) Part II verifies that the handler can control the dog through a demonstration of basic obedience skills, including a 90 second sit/stay and 90 second down/stay.

Once those criteria have been met, the handler/dog team may register with Comfort Caring Canines and proudly wear the Comfort Caring Canines Registered Therapy Dog tag.

Members Receive...

- Special ID tags
- A million dollars of liability insurance coverage
- A network of volunteers and established schedules for visits

Must Bring to Evaluation

- Copy of current vaccination records: rabies & DHLPP
- Copy of dog license
- Two photos of your dog and two photos of you (each with a 1"x1" head shot for ID card)
- Proper leash and collar
- Proof of obedience course (Copy of certificate or letter written by trainer)
- Fees for testing:
 - \$20 for each dog tested (pass or fail)
 - \$22 membership fee
 - \$5 membership fee for each additional dog

Remember:

- ✓ No treats permitted during testing
- ✓ No pinch collars or harnesses
- ✓ If more than one family member will be visiting with dog, they must all test for obedience. Only one temperament evaluation is necessary.
- ✓ Temperament is pass/fail. Decision by evaluators is final.

 ***If you would like to attend an orientation, please e-mail us...***

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