

PET REQUIREMENTS

- Calm and under full control of the handler.
- Willingly approaches strangers for petting.
- Enjoys all types of people
- At least 1 year old.
- Has been with owner for at least 6 months.
- Confident in unfamiliar environments.
- Can ignore other dogs on leash in proximity.

HANDLER REQUIREMENTS

- 18 yrs old (12 - 17 yrs can test as Jr. Volunteer).
- Available to do regular visits (we ask our teams to average one visit per month).

ACCEPTED EQUIPMENT

- Head or body harness (Gentle Leader/Halti)
- Martingale, flat, or nylon slip collar
- Stroller or wagon

CERTIFICATION PROCESS



STEP 1: Application (Town License/Rabies/Distemper - titer accepted)

STEP 2: Intake Call

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions and for the Creature Comfort staff to get to know you.

STEP 3: Evaluation

The pet therapy test is a combination of obedience and pet temperament. Certification is valid for two years.

STEP 4: Orientation

This online live session will cover visiting techniques, safe handling practices and will review our policies.

STEP 5: Mentor Visit

On your first therapy visit, you will be accompanied by an experienced therapy team.

STEP 6: Scheduling Call

We know scheduling your first few visits can be overwhelming. Our facilities manager will assist you in using our dynamic online calendar and getting started on visits.

FEES

- New team \$100.00
- Re-certification (every 2 years) \$50.00

The fee for certification includes:

- Test preparation video
- Certification test
- Orientation
- Mentor visit
- Volunteer team materials
- Pack leader guidance
- Certificate suitable for framing
- Team building activities
- Insurance coverage at CCPT facilities