



**Furry
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Pet
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Dear Prospective Furry Friends Volunteer,

On behalf of the nearly 500 volunteers that make up Furry Friends - Pet Assisted Therapy Services, I want to thank you for your interest in joining our organization and am looking forward to seeing you share the love of your pet with others. I can personally tell you that you are about to join an organization that will allow you to make a real difference in someone's life. It will be something that you can stand proud about, because you will be one of the few in our society that really does give back to others in need.

Furry Friends is a volunteer organization. We are financed solely by private and grant donations. Currently, we service approximately 50 facilities in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties that include the Santa Clara County Children's Shelter, convalescent hospitals, nursing homes, hospitals, senior day care centers, and Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall. With this letter I have enclosed all the necessary documents needed for you to complete your application package and become a Furry Friends volunteer. If you will be joining with someone else (spouse, friend, child, etc.), please duplicate the attached documents (except Vaccination/Fecal Record and Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form) and complete them separately. Our application materials are designed for one human volunteer only. The same goes with our pet related forms (Vaccination/Fecal Record and Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form) when applying with multiple animals.

We have enclosed the following:

1. Frequently Asked Questions About Furry Friends
2. List of Sites that Furry Friends Visits – check web site for latest info
3. Liability Release Form *
4. Volunteer Registration Application *
5. Vaccination/Fecal Record *
6. Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form *
7. Pet Behavior Etiquette Class Aggression Screen *
8. New Volunteer Application Checklist

Once we have received * **your entire application package***, we will process it within 14-20 calendar days. You will receive a confirmation of your enrollment in the Pet Behavior Etiquette Class that you requested or you will be informed about alternative class dates. Unfortunately, you cannot begin your visits with any Furry Friends team until you have completed the Etiquette class and the Team Captain(s) of the team(s) you have chosen have accepted your request to join their team.

Furry Friends is hoping you choose to become one of the growing number of people who truly are making a difference in people's lives. Once you have completed the process of becoming a volunteer, your pet will become the bridge for you both to enhance your own relationship as well as giving a smile or happy tear for someone else who needs a lift in spirit. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anne Tiry
President

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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

How effective is pet assisted therapy ?

Anyone who has ever owned a pet knows of the tremendous love and acceptance pets bring. Pets don't care how we look or even how we act; they love us unconditionally. For people who are in difficult life situations, pets can be of special benefit. Petting a dog, for instance, has been shown to lower blood pressure. Animals can often reach people when human relationships may be difficult. Scientific research has shown that interaction with animals can significantly improve humans' physical and emotional health. Put as simply as possible, pets make people feel good and they help healing happen. The people we and our pets visit have minimal positive experiences in their lives and our pet visits brighten their days.

How do we operate as an organization ?

Pet Assisted Therapy Services, a registered Nonprofit California Corporation, is governed by its Board of Directors. All board meetings are open to the public. We are a 100% volunteer organization that basically facilitates the delivery of the love and affection of our volunteers and their pets. We enhance the lives and reopen the closed emotional doors of people with special needs. We provide umbrella insurance coverage, access to a trained Animal Behaviorist, and vitally needed support and encouragement to our volunteers.

How did Furry Friends get started ?

Furry Friends was begun in 1983 by Judy Kell whose nine year-old daughter came down with a rare and usually fatal form of cancer. Judy noticed that one of the very few things that lifted her daughter's spirits was the interaction with her pets. When her daughter became well, Judy decided to bring pet visits to other people in need. Pet Assisted Therapy Services is an independent Non-Profit Organization that is based on the principles of pet facilitated therapy, a recognized and researched therapeutic technique.

Who supports Furry Friends ?

We have received contributions from over 400 local donors and have received grants from a few major foundations and corporations, including Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Network General, the Community Foundation, the Valley Foundation, and others. In order for any nonprofit organization to survive, its primary source of support must be its individual donors. We do not receive any city, county, state or federal funding.

What can you do to support Furry Friends ?

We need new volunteers as we have more sites waiting for pet visits than volunteers to fill the requests. We also are looking for qualified professionals that are interested in becoming Directors on the Board of Directors. Please fill out our volunteer registration form if you would like to help. We look to you, your friends, and your company for support.

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What types of pets can become Furry Friends ?

The answer to this question depends on the site team that you wish to be on. All of our therapy sites accept dogs, cats, and bunny rabbits. However, some sites will allow or not allow animals like pigs, goats, llamas, and various reptiles. Please ask our office for detailed answers to this question. Unfortunately, California law will not allow us to allow ferrets on any of our therapy teams.

Do I perform the visits on my own ?

No. At the beginning of each visit, you will meet together as a team. You must check in with your Team Captain who is responsible and in charge of your visit. Depending on the therapy team that you are on, you will either stay together as a team or visit with patients one-on-one.

How much of a time commitment must I make ?

Each of the more than 50 Furry Friends teams visits each site once a month for approximately 1 hour. The time you commit to depends on the number of sites you volunteer for. PATS is an all volunteer organization, so from time to time we have special events that we may ask you to volunteer for. For example we participate in special events like San Jose's Bark In The Park Festival, new volunteer tables at local pet stores, and many types of fundraisers. However, these events are totally optional to our volunteers.

What exactly is the volunteer screening process ?

First, you must complete the attached paperwork and send it to our office. You will have to have your pet evaluated by a licensed Veterinarian to determine the health (must be current on all Furry Friends required vaccinations) and temperament of your pet to be confident that your pet is suitable for this type of activity. Secondly, you and your pet will have to attend a 90-minute Pet Behavior Etiquette class with a Furry Friends approved Class Administrator. Our Etiquette Class is designed and managed by Furry Friends' contracted Animal Behaviorist. In this class, you will learn what is appropriate and not appropriate animal behavior and how to control it. Additionally, you will learn tips in teaching your pet to be more loving to you as well as to the patients that you will be helping.

What are the benefits of joining Furry Friends ?

You will become closer to your pet in ways that may be difficult to see before joining our organization. Your furry friend will become socialized with people as well as other furry friends. He/She will become more comfortable in public places and you will feel great about the good work that you will be doing. Additionally, Furry Friends will provide access to a trained Animal Behaviorist that can assist you in reaching out to your pet to make your living together better for both of you.

Does my pet have to have a CGC (Canine Good Citizenship) certification ?

No. Furry Friends relies on both a veterinary and Animal Behaviorist evaluation of your pet. CGC certification is great to have but is not needed for Furry Friends.



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Weekends – Weekdays - Weeknights

Weekend Visits

Saturday Visits

Belmont Village of San Jose

500 S. Winchester Blvd, San Jose, CA 95128
2nd & 3rd Sat, 2:00 p.m. (TB Test Required)

Cedar Creek Alzheimer & Dementia Care Center

15245 National Ave., Los Gatos 95032
3rd Sat., 10:30 AM (Cats only)

Channing House

850 Webster Ave., Palo Alto 94301
3rd Sat., 10:00 AM (Currently Full)

Courtyard Care Center

340 Northlake Dr., San Jose 95117
1st Sat. 1:30 PM (no cats allowed) (Currently Full)

IOOF Children's Home in Gilroy

290 IOOF St., Gilroy 95020
4th Sat. 10:30 AM (volunteers must be at least 18)
(Currently Full)

EMO – CAMPBELL

251 Llewellyn Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008
1st Sat, 11:00 AM (Currently Full)

EMO – Los Gatos

499 Loma Alta Ave., Los Gatos 95032
1st Sat. 10:00 AM
(volunteers must be at least 18) (Currently full)

EMO – Los Gatos

499 Loma Alta Ave., Los Gatos 95032
3rd Sat. 11:00 AM (volunteers must be at least 18)

Forum at Rancho San Antonio

23600 Via Esplendor, Cupertino
1st Sat. 9:30 AM

Mission Skilled Nursing Facility

410 N. Winchester Blvd, San Jose, CA 95050
2nd Sat., 10:00 AM

Pilgrim Haven Retirement Community(Medical Unit)

373 Pine Ln., Los Altos 94022
4th Sat. 10:00 AM(Currently full)

Santa Clara County Children's Shelter

4525 Union Ave., San Jose 95124
2nd Sat., 9:50 AM (volunteers must be at least 18)
(Currently full)

Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall

840 Guadalupe Pkwy., San Jose 95124
4th Sat., 9:35 AM (volunteers must be at least 18,
security check required)

Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall

840 Guadalupe Pkwy., San Jose 95124
2nd Sat., 9:35 AM (volunteers must be at least 18,
security check required)(Currently full)

San Jose Family Shelter

1590 Las Plumas Ave., 95133
2nd Sat. 10:30 AM

Sequoias

501 Portola Rd., Portola Valley
2nd Sat. 10:30 AM

Sunny View Manor Retirement Community

22445 Cupertino Rd., Cupertino 95104
2nd and 4th Sat. 10:00 AM

Sunshine Villa

80 Front St., Santa Cruz 95060
1st (Currently Closed) and 3rd Sat. 11:00 AM

Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford (#3)

725 Welch Rd., Palo Alto 94034 [[map](#)]
2nd Sat., 2:00 PM (LPCH Volunteer Orientation
required, must be at least 16) *see note at bottom*
(Currently full)

Driftwood HealthCare Center

675 24th Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
2nd Sat, 10:30 a.m.

Manor Care

1150 Tilton Dr. Sunnyvale
2nd & 4th Sat., 1:30 PM (TB testing required)

Mission De La Casa

2501 Alvin Ave., San Jose 95121
3rd Sat, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday Visits

Pacific Coast Manor

1935 Wharf Road, Capitola, CA 95010
3rd Sun, 11:00 AM

Ronald McDonald House

520 Sand Hill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304
1st Sunday, 2:00 p.m. (Small dogs only) (Site Currently
Full)

Saratoga Retirement Center

14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070
4th Sun, 2:00 P.M

Pacific Gardens Assisted Living Community

2384 Pacific Drive
Santa Clara, CA 95051
3rd Sunday, 10:30 A.M. (small animals only) (Currently
Full)

Santa Clara County Children's Shelter

4525 Union Ave., San Jose 95124
3rd Sun., 9:50 AM (volunteers must be at least 18)
(Currently full)

Weekday Visits

Monday

Belmont Convalescent Hospital

1041 Hill Street, Belmont, CA 94002
4th Monday, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday

Camden Convalescent Hospital

1331 Camden Ave., Campbell 95008 [[map](#)]
4th Tues. , 10:00 AM (Currently Full)

Hope Rehabilitation

2390 Moorpark Ave., San Jose 95030 [[map](#)]
2nd Tues. , 10:00AM

Pacific Hills Manor Convalescent Hospital

370 Noble Ct., Morgan Hill 95037 [[map](#)]
2nd Tues., 10:30 AM

Los Gatos Meadows

110 Woods Rd., Los Gatos 95030 [[map](#)]
3rd Tues. , 10:00 AM (Currently Full)

Saratoga Sub-Acute Center

13411 Sousa Lane
Saratoga, CA 95070
2nd Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. (Currently Full)(TB testing req'd)

Ronald McDonald House

520 Sand Hill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304
3rd Tuesday, 4:00 p.m (small animals only)(Currently Full)

Vista Manor Nursing Facility

120 Jose Figures, San Jose 95116 [map]
2nd Tues., 9:45 AM

Belmont Village of Sunnyvale

1039 East El Camino Real
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
34d Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Live Oak Cupertino-Sunnyvale

20920 McClellam Rd., Cupertino 95015 [map]
2nd Wed., 12:30 PM

Mills Peninsula Hospital San Mateo

100 S. San Mateo Dr., San Mateo 94401 [map]
2nd and 4th Wed. , 10:30 AM (Currently Full)

Hillview Convalescent Hospital

530 W. Dunne Ave., Morgan Hill 95037 [map]
3rd Wed., 10:30 AM

Thursday

Almaden Health & Rehabilitation Center

2065 Los Gatos-Almaden Rd., San Jose 95124 [map]
1st and 3rd Thurs., 10:30 AM

Live Oak Adult Day Care

651 W. 6th St., Gilroy 95020
3rd Thurs., 10:45 AM (Currently full)

Saratoga Adult Day Center

19655 Allendale Ave., Saratoga 95070 [map]
2nd Thurs. , 2:00 PM (Currently full)

Sunnyside Gardens

1025 Carson Dr., Sunnyvale 94086 [map]
2nd and 4th Thurs. , 9:30 AM (no large animals)

Menlo Park VA

Friday

Mills Peninsula Hospital Burlingame

1783 El Camino Real, Burlingame 94010
3rd Fri., 10:00 AM (Currently Full)

Palo Alto Veterans Hospital, Hospice Unit

3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto 94034
every other Friday, 2:00 PM (Currently full)(TB TESTS REQUIRED)

Palo Alto Veterans Hospital, Hospice Unit

3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto 94034
every other Friday, 1:00 PM (TB TESTS REQUIRED)
(Currently Full)

Weeknights Visits

Monday

Mills Peninsula Hospital Burlingame

1783 El Camino Real, Burlingame 94010 [\[map\]](#)

2nd Mon. , 7:00 PM (small animals only)

Tuesday

Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford (#2)

725 Welch Rd., Palo Alto 94034 [\[map\]](#)

4th Tues., 7:00 PM (LPCH Volunteer Orientation

required, must be at least 16) *see note at bottom*(Currently Full)

Agnew State Hospital

3500 Zanker Road

San Jose, CA

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.(Large animals only) (currently full)

Wednesday

El Camino Hospital Adolescent Health Unit

2500 Grant Road, Mountain View 94039

4th Wed., 7:00 PM (Mandatory Orientations)(Small dogs only) (Currently Full)

Pacific Hills Manor Convalescent Hospital

370 Noble Ct., Morgan Hill 95037

Last Wed., 6:30 PM

Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford (#1)

725 Welch Rd., Palo Alto 94034

3rd Wed., 7:00 PM (LPCH Volunteer Orientation required, must be at least 16, small pets, currently full)

see note at bottom

San Tomas Convalescent Hospital

3580 Payne Ave., San Jose 95117

2nd Wed., 6:30 PM

El Camino Hospital Adolescent Health Unit

2500 Grant Road, Mountain View 94039

2nd Wed., 7:00 PM (Mandatory Orientations)(Currently Full)

Thursday

Gilroy Health Care & Rehab. Center

8170 Murray Ave., Gilroy 95020 [\[map\]](#)

3rd Thurs., 5:00 PM

Valley Medical - Pediatrics

751 S. Bascom, San Jose 95128

1st Thurs., 6:00 PM (Currently Full)

Green Hills Manor

238 Virginia Avenue

Campbell, CA 95008

3rd Thurs., 6:30 p.m.

(currently full) (Requires TB test annually)

Valley Medical Center Spinal Cord & Head Trauma Wards Team 1

751 S. Bascom, San Jose 95128

1st Thurs., 7:00 PM

(small dogs only) (Currently full)

Valley Medical Center

751 S. Bascom, San Jose 95128

3rd Thurs., 6:45 PM (**Currently full**)

NOTE:

If you are interested in joining one of our Lucille Packard Children Hospital teams, you will need to attend a volunteer orientation class at Stanford Hospital. For more information and to on the volunteer orientation or to sign-up visit: <http://www.lpch.org/JobVolunteering/Volunteering/index.html>

Once you have completed the orientation, Furry Friends, PATS will be notified. At that time we will move your name from the "Waiting List" to the "Substitute Roster".



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Liability Release Form

(Each human volunteer must complete and sign this form)

I acknowledge that even though Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services (PATS) may carefully screen its animal therapists prior to accepting them into PATS, animal behavior is inherently unpredictable. Therefore, I do hereby release PATS from any and all liability or responsibility due to any injury or loss that either I or my pet(s) may incur as the result of, or arising in any way from, my participation in any PATS sanctioned visit to a visitation site or other function in promotion of PATS.

Furthermore, I understand that from time to time, photos will be taken of PATS volunteers and animal therapists while PATS visits are taking place. I do hereby give permission to PATS to publish and use for public relations purposes any photo taken of me and /or my pet(s), provided that any such photos are used for PATS promotional purposes only.

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____

(Each adult human volunteer must complete and sign a separate form as shown above)

(Each human volunteer, under the age of 18, must have a separate form completed and signed by his/her Parent or Guardian)

I am a parent or guardian of _____, who is currently under the age of 18. I acknowledge that even though Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services (PATS) may carefully screen its animal therapists prior to accepting them into PATS, animal behavior is inherently unpredictable. Therefore, I do hereby release PATS from any and all liability or responsibility due to any injury or loss that either I, my child or my pet(s) may incur as the result of, or arising in any way from, our participation in any PATS sanctioned visit to a visitation site or other function in promotion of PATS.

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Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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Volunteer Registration Application

Name of human volunteer _____ Date of this application: ____/____/____
 (Complete a separate form for each volunteer)

Home address: _____, _____, CA _____

Home phone: (____) ____-____ Work phone: (____) ____-____ Fax: (____) ____-____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ Name of your employer _____

E-mail address: _____ (email addresses will not be shared with anyone outside Furry Friends)

Do you prefer that we correspond to you by: Email or US Mail

What type and breed (if applicable) pet is your furry friend? _____

How did you hear about Furry Friends? _____

Have you signed up for an Etiquette Class on-line? _____

Have completed a Canine Aggression Screen Form on-line (if applicable)? _____

Site Selection(s) – Choose as many as you would like (must have at least one choice)

(Please refer to the enclosed list of Visitation Sites,
 NOTE some also have age restrictions and some are Full)

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1- _____ | 2- _____ |
| 3- _____ | 4- _____ |

Alternate site selections are encouraged – Please write “alternate” next to the team name for alternate choices

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T-Shirt Selection

You will receive a Furry Friends T-Shirt (100% pre-shrunk cotton) after the processing of your Furry Friends application. Please tell us what size T-Shirt you would like.

Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

Furry Friends would like to know if you could assist us in additional ways. Please indicate what areas below that you would be willing to help us with in addition to your participation in our coordinated therapy visits.

Please indicate all of your interests:

- Volunteer clerical work
- Fund raising activities
- Phone calling (calling existing volunteers)
- New Volunteer Recruitment Activities
- Computer work (email, data entry, web page work)
- Publications work (Furry Friends Newsletter and brochure)
- Evaluating new visitation sites
- Being a Team Captain
- Helping with mailings to current volunteers
- Membership on the Board of Directors

If you are unable to pay the \$40 membership fee, please include a note in the return envelope stating the reason. For information, call our office (408) 280-6171 or email the treasurer at: randee@furryfriends.org

There is a \$20.00 fee per person for the Pet Behavior Etiquette Class
(Etiquette class fees cannot be waived and are mandatory)

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Application Received: ___/___/___ Registration Fee Received: \$_____ Class Fee Received:
\$_____

Veterinary Paperwork Complete Release Form Complete Etiquette Class Completed: ___/___/___

Captain(s) Sent Notification: ___/___/___ Site(s) Assigned: _____

Volunteer Number _____ Data Entry Completed ___/___/___ Welcome Packet Sent: ___/___/___



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VACCINATION/FECAL RECORD

DIRECTIONS TO VETERINARIAN:

Please complete all items below that pertain to the animal you are treating.

Owner's Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone (____) ____-_____

Pet's Name _____ Species: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____
(approximate)

1. FECAL CHECK: (see reverse side of this form for exceptions)

Date of last fecal or de-worming: ____/____/____ Results: Negative / Positive

OR

Fecal test not needed as this pet is on the following preventative program: (see reverse)

Heartgard-PLUS Interceptor Sentinel

2. CANINE VACCINATION RECORD: Please give the dates of last exam/vaccinations.

DATE OF LAST ANNUAL EXAMINATION: ____/____/____ (valid for 1 year only)

RABIES: ____/____/____ (1 or 3 year ?) DA2PL / PARVO: ____/____/____ (1 or 3 year ?)

3. FELINE VACCINATION RECORD: Please give dates of last exam/vaccinations.

DATE OF LAST ANNUAL EXAMINATION: ____/____/____ (valid for 1 year only)

RABIES: ____/____/____ (1 or 3 year ?) FVRCP: ____/____/____ (1 or 3 year ?)

4. OTHER ANIMAL VACCINATION RECORD:

Please give dates of last vaccinations appropriate to the species. Also, please state the duration of the vaccine.

FOR ALL PETS:

This pet is a Pet Therapist who regularly visits patients. Many of the patients that this pet is in direct contact with have compromised immune systems. Based on your annual examination and the pet's past health record, are there any reasonable health risks to the humans who come in contact with this pet ? _____

Yes or No Initial

Veterinarian's signature Veterinary Hospital Name (____) ____-____ Date

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Fecal Exams and Prevention Programs

The only worm prevention programs accepted by Furry Friends PATS in lieu of annual fecal tests or deworming are Heartgard Plus (regular Heartgard is not accepted), Interceptor, and Sentinel. However, annual fecal tests are still encouraged (even if your pet is on one of these programs) by Furry Friends because there are other health problems that can be detected with these tests. A positive result for non-contagious parasites may not disqualify the animal.

Flea prevention programs such as REVOLUTION, ADVANTAGE, PROGRAM, FRONT LINE, BIOSPOT, etc. do not prevent or kill roundworms, hookworms, etc. These types of worms can lie dormant in fecal for weeks or even months. Note that regular Heartgard kills only heartworm larvae and will not be accepted.

Distemper/Parvo or FVRCP

Every dog or cat must be vaccinated for this. Protective Titer's will not be accepted by Furry Friends.

Rabies

There is no reason whatsoever that a dog or cat should not have a rabies vaccination. Every dog & cat that is a Furry Friend must be vaccinated against rabies regardless of whether they are an indoors or outdoors pet.

Hookbills

Hookbills (parrots, parakeets, and cockatiels) can be used for PATS visits. These birds should be checked for Tuberculosis (TB) and have an elisa test for psittacosis. Although a fecal exam is not necessary, they are a valuable aid in maintaining healthy birds. Birds are not suggested for immuno-compromised clients unless there has been a bacterial culture on the choana and cloaca – found to be normal.



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Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form

(To be completed and signed only by a Veterinarian)

Owner's Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Pet's Name: _____ Pet's Age: _____ years old Weight of Pet: _____ lbs.

Breed of pet: _____ Species: _____ Sex: _____ Spayed or neutered ? _____

Note to the Veterinary Professional: You are being asked to perform a suitability evaluation of the pet above for work as a Pet Therapist. Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services acknowledges that animal behavior cannot be accurately predicted and thus holds you harmless from any legal liability from your observations and recommendations below. However, your professional opinion of the suitability of this animal for pet therapy work is vitally needed for Furry Friends and its animal behavior consultant(s) to have so we can better evaluate the suitability of this pet for therapy work. You must feel free to state your observations accurately below, as answers that look negative in nature may not (in themselves) disqualify this pet from service as additional behavior tests will be administered to this pet prior to admission to Furry Friends.

I. Approaching the pet:

When you first approached the pet above, did he/she growl, raise his/her fur, bare teeth, or show any other exhibitions of aggression or defensive behavior ? *(yes or no with further observations if needed)*

II. Handling the pet:

When handling (picking up in arms or laying fully or partially on lap) the pet, did he/she growl, raise his/her fur, bare teeth, or show any other exhibitions of aggression or defensive behavior ? Did he/she try to escape from you in a frantic manner ? *(yes or no with further observations if needed)*

III. Pain Threshold:

Briefly and gently pinch the webbing between toes and pull the hair from his/her side and back. Did the pet growl, snap, bite, hiss, scratch, act fearful, or frantically try to escape from you after administering the above test ? *(yes or no with further observations if needed)*

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IV. Overall Evaluation:

Please provide us with any general observations about this pet.

V. Final Thoughts

In general, do you feel that this pet will be suitable for volunteer service as a Pet Therapist in nursing homes, developmentally disabled treatment facilities, schools, juvenile probation sites, and/or hospitals ?

Veterinarian's Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services thanks you for your cooperation.



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Pet Behavior Etiquette Class

Canine Aggression Screen

Name of volunteer: _____ Name of dog: _____ (one pet for each form)

Directions: DOG OWNERS should please complete the following rating system to rate your dog's reaction to each of the given scenarios. Your answers on this form are confidential and are not meant to eliminate you or your dog from further visits. This form will be forwarded to and retained by Furry Friends' Behaviorist. The purpose of administering this screen is to gauge your dog's overall reactivity and help Furry Friends' Animal Behaviorist to access what might be a future problem area that can be worked on together. **ONLY DOG OWNERS NEED TO COMPLETE THIS SCREEN.** There are no screens for other animal types.

Possible Answers: N/R = No Negative Reaction SL = Snarl/lift lip BG = Bark, Growl (not alerting bark)
SB = Snap or Bite N/A = Not Applicable

SCENARIO	RATING					COMMENTS
	N/R	SL	BG	SB	N/A	
1) Take dog's food dish with food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2) Take dog's empty food dish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3) Take dog's water dish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4) Take human food that falls on the floor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5) Take rawhide away from dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6) Take real bone away from dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7) Take biscuit away from dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8) Take toy away from dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9) Human approaches dog while eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10) Dog approaches dog while eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11) Cat approaches dog while eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12) Human approaches dog while playing with toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13) Dog approaches dog while playing with toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14) Human approaches/disturbs dog while sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15) Dog approaches/disturbs dog while sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16) Step over dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17) Push dog off bed/couch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18) Reach toward dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19) Reach over head of dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
20) Put on leash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
21) Human pushes on shoulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>OVER</u>

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22) Dog mounts or shoves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
23) Human pushes on rump	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
24) Towel feet when wet		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25) Bathe dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26) Groom dog's head	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
27) Groom dog's body	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28) Human stares at dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
29) Dog stares at dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
30) Take muzzle in hands and shake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
31) Push dog over onto back	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
32) Stranger knocks on door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
33) Stranger enters room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
34) Dog in car at toll booth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
35) Dog in car at gas station	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
36) Dog on leash approached by dog on street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
37) Dog on leash approached by person on street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
38) Dog in yard – person passes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
39) Dog in yard – dog passes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
40) Dog in vet' office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
41) Dog in boarding kennel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
42) Dog at groomer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
43) Dog yelled at	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
44) Dog corrected with leash	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
45) Dog physically punished	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
46) Someone raises voice to client in presence of dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
47) Someone hugs/touches client in presence of dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
48) Squirrels, cats, small animals approach dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
49) Bicycles and/or skateboards nearby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
50) Crying infant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
51) Playing with 2 year old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
52) Playing with 5-7 year old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
53) Playing with 8-11 year old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
54) Playing with 12-16 year old children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services' mission is to consistently facilitate the delivery of the love and affection of our volunteers and their pets. We enhance the lives and reopen the closed emotional doors of people with special needs.

We're Licking Loneliness!

Application Checklist

Please be sure that ALL of the following items/forms are sent to the Furry Friends office. All forms must be received two weeks prior to your requested etiquette class date in order not to delay your application process.

Thank You!

- Volunteer Registration Application, one for each human applicant.
 - Please note your preference(s) for sites on this form. **Please check the site selection list online for a current list of sites currently accepting new volunteers and choose a main site as well as two alternates.** If we have any problem with your site selection, we will notify you.
- Liability Release Form, one for each human applicant
- Vaccination/Fecal Record (completed and signed by a licensed Veterinarian, one per animal).
- Veterinary Pet Evaluation Form (completed and signed by a licensed Veterinarian, one per animal)
- Pet Behavior Etiquette Class sign-up request for each human applicant
 - Please note your requested class may be full. The Furry Friends admin will notify you of your class date.
- Pet Behavior Etiquette Class Aggression Screen Form .Required for dogs only (one form per dog)
- Check made out to Furry Friends to cover the following:
 - \$40 for each human applicant, to cover first year membership dues
 - \$20 one-time class fee for each human applicant

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