



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Paws to Heal – Therapy Dogs Serving the Inland Empire

560 Doreen Ct., Upland, CA 91786 ~ ~ www.pawstoheal.org

Please complete application legibly in blue or black ink and mail to the address above

I. Your Name _____

For Family Membership, list Spouse
or Parents or Guardians name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip. _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

E-mail _____

II. What is your dog(s) name/breed? _____

With whom are you registered? **Pet Partners** **Therapy Dogs International** **Therapy Dogs Inc.**
Other (specify). _____

AAA/AAT Team Since _____ Certification # _____ Expiration Date _____

III. Paws to Heal works with children and in some institutional settings. Please answer the following:

(You may be required to undergo a background check and/or be fingerprinted depending on the type of facility you will be visiting.)

Are you over 18 years of age? Yes No Are you over 12 years of age? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? No Yes Explain:

Have you ever been fingerprinted? No Yes Explain _____

List 2 references that we may contact _____

IV. To join Paws to Heal you must be a certified AAA/AAT team, be over 12 years old and:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Complete the application | Enclose \$20 membership fee (\$30 for a Family Membership) |
| Have no felony convictions. | |
| Sign and accept Paws to Heal rules | Parent/Guardian must sign if applicant is under 18 |
| Provide valid AAA/AAT registration | |

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Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian sign _____ Date _____

Accepted Yes No Reviewed by _____ Date _____

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Policies & Procedures
(November, 2005)

As a Paws to Heal team, you agree to:

- Remain members in good standing in the therapy organization with whom you have your registration, credentials and insurance.
- Keep your dog teammate up to date on all required vaccinations.
- Visit with only one animal at a time.
- Ensure that the parameters, scope and services to be provided by your Helping Paws to Heal program are fully understood and agreed upon by both the facility and all participating Paws to Heal teams.
- Assure that a Facility Agreement is in place at facilities where you visit.
- Abide by all policies, procedures and precautions required by the facility hosting your program.
- Check in with the facility staff/supervisor upon arrival for each session.
- Observe all rules of privacy and confidentiality, and conduct yourself with discretion and professionalism.
- Not take pictures of your clients without appropriate prior clearance from the individual, the parents or caretakers, and the facility where your program is held. If permission is granted, signed photo releases must be obtained.
- Be on time for each session, and always notify the appropriate facility contact if you must cancel due to illness or emergency.
- Be responsible at all times for your dog, considering **first** its needs and humane care. Always stay with your dog and be in control of your dog at all times. All dogs must wear appropriate flat collar and be on leash at all times.
- Prior to each visit:
 - Assess your animal's overall health and attitude;
 - Clean and brush your animal so it will be positively irresistible to the people it will be with
 - Cut and file nails, clean eyes and ears; and
 - Allow your animal time for exercise and elimination before and after the session.
- Dress appropriately for your Paws to Heal session: comfortable, neat, washable, well groomed, and safe. (closed shoes)
 - Dog should wear a their therapy jacket and a READ scarf (if on a READ visit)
 - Handler should wear their Paws to Heal polo/shirt
- Clean up after your animal inside and outside the facility.
- Not tie your animal to other people, equipment or furniture during the sessions.
- Not use drugs and/or alcohol within twelve (12) hours of any visit.

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- Not be alone with any child, nor leave the premises with children unless
 - accompanied by staff and
 - a release has been obtained from the facility and/or parent or guardian.
- Not routinely give or accept gifts from people you visit.
- Charge no fees for your individual services.
- Not participate in a therapy visit without appropriate staff supervision. Never hesitate to stop a session or procedure that feels unsafe or uncomfortable for your animal, your client or you.
- Follow the appropriate reporting procedures, If you have an accident or injury with your animal, real or perceived, during a visiting or reading session, as dictated by the organization with which you have your therapy registration and the facility in which your program is operating. Provide a file copy of the report to Helping Hounds.
- Not allow your animal to kiss or lick a client without permission. All kisses should be given on command only.
- Remember that not all animals are comfortable interacting with other animals. Assess the situation with the other handler before allowing your two animals to meet and greet each other at close range.
- Not give your animal treats while it is working with a client unless asked to do so as part of the therapeutic technique, and then only when other animals are a safe distance away. Always be ready to share treats with the other animals present!
- Provide or participate in documentation, testing and student progress notes as agreed with school, and share with Helping Hounds any research results and/or publications that you participate in.
- Conduct an evaluation and review of your Paws to Heal program with your facility at least once per calendar year or school year.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Policies and Procedures for Paws to Heal teams. I understand that my continued participation in the Paws to Heal program is contingent upon myself and my animal holding a current, valid membership in good standing with a recognized therapy registration organization.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you are under 18, your parent or legal guardian must also sign.

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

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Please return a signed copy of these Policies and Procedures with your application.