

THERAPY DOGS INCORPORATED RULES AND REGULATIONS

PART II

CODE OF ETHICS

2010

Therapy Dogs Incorporated (TDInc.) is committed to a code of ethics that will guide the performance, conduct and behavior of its Board and members. This code will ensure that the professionalism of our organization is reflected in the operation of our volunteer activities while representing TDInc. TDInc. members will adhere to the Rules and Regulations and this Code of Ethics or will be held accountable for their actions.

1. TDInc. members shall maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, and impartiality, free from any personal considerations, favoritism or partisan demands.
2. TDInc. members shall be courteous and considerate when dealing with the public, realizing that we serve the public.
3. TDInc. members shall maintain mutual respect and professional cooperation in their relationships with other TDInc. members.
4. TDInc. members are expected to act cordially and professionally towards all other registered therapy dog teams regardless of registry.
5. TDInc. Members shall be firm, fair, and consistent in the performance of their volunteer duties and shall treat others with dignity, respect, and compassion, void of all retribution, harassment or abuse.
6. TDInc. members will at all times conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring discredit or embarrassment to the organization.
7. TDInc. members shall report without reservation any witnessed infractions of TDInc. Rules and regulations or unethical behavior that could affect either members or the integrity of Therapy Dogs Incorporated.
8. TDInc. members shall not abuse their position, education or professional title(s).
9. TDInc. members shall not solicit from anyone, either directly or indirectly, anything of economic value, such as a gift, gratuity, or favor.
10. TDInc. members will not discriminate against any person, facility employee, or any member of the public on the basis of race, gender, creed, sexual orientation or national origin.
11. TDInc. members will not sexually harass or condone sexual harassment with or against any person.
12. TDInc. members shall not misrepresent their therapy dogs as service dogs.

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