

ALLIANCE OF THERAPY DOGS

CODE OF ETHICS

Alliance of Therapy Dogs is committed to a code of ethics that will guide the performance, conduct and behavior of its board and members.

1. Members will maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, and impartiality, free from any personal considerations, favoritism, or partisan demands.
2. Members will be courteous and considerate when dealing with the public, realizing that we serve the public.
3. Members will be courteous and professional in all ATD social media interactions.
4. Members will maintain mutual respect and professional cooperation in their relationships with other ATD members.
5. Members will act cordially and professionally toward all other registered therapy dog teams regardless of registry.
6. Members will 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.
7. Members will conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring discredit or embarrassment to the organization when performing their volunteer duties.
8. Members will report without reservation any witnessed infractions of ATD Rules and Regulations or unethical behavior that could affect either members or the integrity of ATD.
9. Members will not abuse their position, education, or professional title(s).
10. Members will not directly or indirectly solicit from anyone anything of economic value, such as a gift, gratuity, or favor, for their volunteer services.
11. Members will not use the ATD name, logo, or slogan without approval from the president.
12. Members will not discriminate against any person, facility employee, or any member of the public on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.
13. Members will not sexually harass or condone sexual harassment with or against any person.
14. Members will not misrepresent their therapy dogs as service dogs for the purpose of gaining public access to planes, restaurants, public buildings, stores, etc.