

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. I will maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, and impartiality, free from any personal considerations, favoritism, or partisan demands.
2. I will be courteous and considerate when dealing with the public, realizing that I serve the public.
3. I will be courteous and professional in all ATD social media interactions.
4. I will maintain mutual respect and professional cooperation in my relationships with other ATD members.
5. I will act cordially and professionally toward ATD staff and all other registered therapy dog teams regardless of registry.
6. I will be firm, fair, and consistent in the performance of my volunteer duties and shall treat others with dignity, respect, and compassion, void of all retribution, harassment or abuse.
7. I will conduct myself in a manner that will not bring discredit or embarrassment to the organization when performing my volunteer duties.
8. I 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. I will not abuse my position, education, or professional title(s).
10. I will not accept payment for therapy dog services, nor directly or indirectly solicit from anyone anything of economic value, such as a gift, gratuity, or favor, for my volunteer services.
11. I will not use the ATD name, logo, or slogan without approval from the president.
12. I will not discriminate against any person, facility employee, or any member of the public based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.
13. I will not sexually harass or condone sexual harassment with or against any person.
14. I will not misrepresent my therapy dog as a service dog for the purpose of gaining public access to planes, restaurants, public buildings, stores, etc.