

Why does ATD require one visit every 3 months?

The ATD Board now requires each team to visit and log that visit once every three months to ensure that registered teams continue to practice their good manners and social skills needed for visiting, just as in any other dog activity. Many dogs lose their obedience and/or socialization skills when they go for an extended period of time without visiting. Likewise, handlers can forget ATD and/or facility rules, and their teamwork might decline. If a team is not able to visit for more than three months for any reason, they must perform one observed visit with a T/O.

If a team fails to make a visit within six months of a previous visit, a full retest is required to reinstate insurance. The team becomes inactive and is not covered by insurance until re-tested and paperwork is approved by the office.