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## **ALLIANCE OF THERAPY DOGS OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD**

This honor is awarded annually. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an Alliance of Therapy Dogs handler/member or Tester/Observer in good standing;
- Must be actively conducting pet therapy visits;
- Must never have had a grievance, complaint, or bite incident filed against them or their dog; and
- Must have made a minimum of 25 visits during the calendar year of the nomination.

Nominations must be submitted by November 1 of the year for consideration and must be 300-700 words in length.

Nominations should include:

- Details about the number or frequency of therapy dog visits the nominee makes.
- Details about the nominee's impact on the community.
- Details on whether the nominee recruits other therapy dog teams or facilities.
- How many years the nominee has been volunteering with pet therapy and/or with Alliance of Therapy Dogs.
- Any particular attributes that make the nominee outstanding.

The nomination must be postmarked by November 1.

The Nominating and Awards Committee will evaluate all nominations and submit the top several candidates for the members, T/Os, and supporting members to vote upon to determine the winner.

The Outstanding Member Award winner will be announced on December 19.

If you have questions, please contact the Alliance of Therapy Dogs office.