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A Brief History of Alliance of Therapy Dogs

- 1990** - Therapy Dogs Incorporated registered as a nonprofit in Wyoming with approximately 10 Tester/Observers and 500 Members.
Therapy Dogs Inc. was founded by Jack and Ann Butrick.
Jack was the 1st ATD President.
- 1991** - The first Newsmagazine was published, and the original logo was unveiled.
- 1992** - Jack Butrick passed away.
Ann became the Executive Director and ran the day-to-day operations with the help of one volunteer (Billie Smith) out of Ann's house.
Teri Meadows became the 2nd President of Therapy Dogs Inc.
- 1998** - Therapy Dogs Inc. moved into an office in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Therapy Dogs Inc. grew to approximately 1,200 Members.
Therapy Dogs Inc.'s first employee, Billie Smith, was hired as Office Manager.
- 2002** - Therapy Dogs Inc. membership grew to approximately 5,000 Members.
- 2003** - The first Newsmagazine was published in color.
- 2005** - The first Tester/Observer written review was given.
- 2007** - The collar/tag logo was filed for trademark protection.
- 2008** - The Therapy Dogs Inc. Office moved into a new office space.
- 2009** - Therapy Dogs Inc. membership grew to approximately 10,000 Members.
- 2010** - Billie Smith was named Executive Director.
- 2012** - Teri Meadows retired, and Jane Hirsch became the 3rd Therapy Dogs Inc. President.
- 2013** - The online renewal process and Member Portal were launched.
- 2015** - Therapy Dogs Inc. changed its name to Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD).
ATD membership grew to approximately 15,000 Members.
- 2016** - Jane Hirsch retired, and Pat Coglianese became the 4th President.
- 2017** - ATD launched its new website.
- 2018** - ATD updated its Mission Statement.
ATD instituted background checks for all new Members.
ATD redesigned the logo.
- 2020** - ATD created the 30th anniversary logo.
- 2021** - Kimberly Williams became the 5th ATD President.
Billie Smith retired, and Amy Brockel was named Executive Director.
- 2023** - Alliance of Therapy Dogs grew to approximately 17,000 Members.
- 2024** - Don Vaughan became the 6th ATD President.
- 2025** - ATD moved into a new office space.