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Outstanding Member Award

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

- Must be an Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) Handler/Member or Tester/Observer (T/O) in good standing. A Member or T/O in good standing includes the ATD Visit Log being up to date and in compliance with the minimum volunteer visit requirement as stated in ATD Rule No. 11.
- Must be actively conducting pet therapy visits.
- Must never have had a verified incident or accident or a complaint filed against them that resulted in action taken by ATD.
- 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 ATD.
- 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 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 ATD Office.