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Why does Alliance of Therapy Dogs require one visit every 3 months?

The Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) Board requires each team to visit and log that visit once every 3 months to ensure that certified 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 3 months for any reason, they must perform 1 observed visit with a ATD Tester/Observer.

If a team fails to make a visit within 6 months of a previous visit, a full retest is required to reinstate insurance. The team becomes inactive and is not covered by insurance until retested and paperwork is approved by the ATD Office.