About Alliance of Therapy Dogs

We are a volunteer organization of dedicated therapy dog handlers and their dogs on a mission of sharing smiles and joy. ATD's goal is to provide testing, certification, registration, support, and insurance for Members who are involved in volunteer animal-assisted activities. These activities include, but aren't limited to, visits to hospitals, special needs centers, schools, nursing homes, and airports. Our objective is to form a network of caring individuals and their special dogs who share smiles and joy with people, young and old alike.

Therapy Dogs for Facilities

Researchers and experts agree that pets excel as therapeutic agents and that dogs are an antidote to depression. Studies have shown a decrease in both blood pressure and stress levels during therapy dog visits.

A visit from one of our therapy dog teams can break the daily routine, increase overall emotional well-being, and stimulate the mind in dramatic ways. Our certified therapy dogs offer so many wonderful benefits to people of all ages.

If your facility would like to start a therapy dog program, Alliance of Therapy Dogs is at your service. Best of all, there is no cost to your facility.

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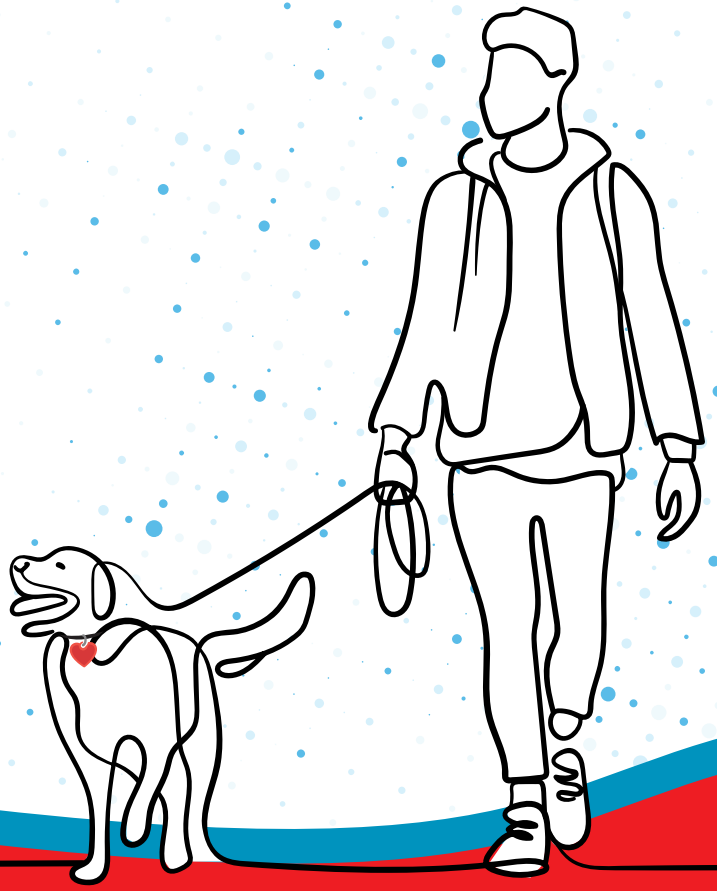
Sharing Smiles and Joy



Caring People and Sweet Dogs

Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) provides testing, certification, registration, support and insurance for Members who volunteer with their dogs in animal assisted activities. We're a network of caring individuals and their special dogs who share smiles and joy with people, young and old alike. Whether you and your dog are looking to become a certified therapy team or your facility would like to start a therapy dog program, Alliance of Therapy Dogs is your #1 choice for pet therapy.

Where We Work

Our teams provide therapy in many settings, including but not limited to airports, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab facilities, special needs centers, mental health institutions, schools, hospitals, cancer centers, hospice facilities, college campuses and can also provide therapy in patients' homes. ATD doesn't restrict where our team visit.

What Makes a Good Therapy Dog?

We look for well-mannered, well-behaved dogs that enjoy meeting people. ATD doesn't require formal training, certifications, or tests other than our own. ATD is open to register any breed of dog except wolf or coyote mixes because the rabies vaccination is not proven to be effective with those breeds.

- A dog at least 1 year old.
- A calm and gentle disposition.
- A dog that is attentive to its handler.

Our Unique Testing Process

Unlike other therapy dog organizations, we have a unique testing process that involves handling your dog. Our testing is designed to make sure you and your dog have a good relationship with each other and that your dog has the right temperament for therapy dog work. After the test, a Tester/Observer (T/O) will monitor you and your dog during 3 visits to facilities that include 2 visits to a medical facility. During these supervised visits, the T/O will instruct you and your dog on the art of visiting and give you advice and guidance while observing you in action. If all goes well, the T/O will pass you and your dog and recommend you for certification with ATD.

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Our Human Members

We do not prioritize fundraising or rely on fundraising to succeed. None of the therapy teams you see in action or our testers who evaluate teams for registry are paid or permitted to charge fees. Even our Board of Directors is made up of volunteers who donate their time to our mission. Our only paid employees are our Office Staff. This keeps our membership costs low and allows us to provide therapy dog services at no cost to facilities that we visit.

Affordable Registration

Registration is very affordable. For $35 per year (plus an initial 1-time $20 new member fee and a $20 background check fee), a team can be registered with ATD and covered by our insurance in order to share in the mission of sharing smiles and joy.