



Volunteer Roadmap

General Requirements before taking the next steps to becoming a Hand in Paw Therapy Team:

Animal must be 18 months old

You must have lived with your animal for 6 months

You and your dog must complete a group obedience class

Animal must have up to date rabies and vaccinations

<p>1. Complete online Volunteer Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Community Open House Info Session • Submit Rabies Certificate and Group Obedience Course Certificate to: Volunteer Coordinator Stacey Roudebush: stacey@handinpaw.org
<p>2. Schedule interview/pet screening with Hand in Paw</p> <p>Please bring the following forms to the interview/evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Handler's Questionnaire • Towel or blanket for small dogs or cat (10- 15 pounds is considered small) • Collar and leash must be leather or fabric, no prong collars or retractable/metal leashes
<p>3. Complete one Shadow Visit (without your pet)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe Hand in Paw Therapy Team in action
<p>4. Complete Hand in Paw Therapy Team Workshop Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop sessions are held once a week for 4 weeks • Each session is ~2 hours • \$25.00 fee is due at the first workshop to cover the cost of workshop materials
<p>5. Complete Practice Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is your opportunity to practice for the Final Evaluation
<p>6. Complete Final Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75.00 registration fee due when evaluation is complete • Registration fee includes cost of liability insurance, lifetime membership fee for *ITA, visit backpack, and Hand in Paw gold polo shirt
<p>7. Attend New Team Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You and your pet attend a 1 hour new team orientation at HIP to review important procedures to begin your Hand in Paw Therapy Team visits

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