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**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

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| 1. **Complete online Volunteer Application**  * Attend Community Open House Info Session * Submit Rabies Certificate and Group Obedience Course Certificate to:   Volunteer Coordinator Stacey Roudebush: [stacey@handinpaw.org](mailto:stacey@handinpaw.org) |
| 1. **Schedule interview/pet screening with Hand in Paw**   Please bring the following forms to the interview/evaluation:   * 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 |
| 1. **Complete one Shadow Visit (without your pet)**  * Observe Hand in Paw Therapy Team in action |
| 1. **Complete Hand in Paw Therapy Team Workshop Sessions**  * Workshop sessions are held once a week for 4 weeks * Each session is ~2 hours * $50.00 fee is due at the first workshop to cover the cost of workshop materials |
| 1. **Complete Practice Evaluation**  * This is your opportunity to practice for the Final Evaluation |
| 1. **Complete Final Evaluation**  * $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 |
| 1. **Attend New Team Orientation**  * 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 |

\*ITA- Hand in Paw is an affiliate of Intermountain Therapy Animals. Intermountain Therapy Animals sets the standard for force- free training, positive reinforcement and relationship- building in the training, handling and the care of animals.

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