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**Volunteer Roadmap**

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

Animal must be 2 years old

You must have lived with your animal for 6 months

You and your dog must complete a group obedience course

Animal must have up to date rabies and vaccinations

Handler must have COVID vaccine

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| 1. **Complete online Volunteer Application**  * Submit Rabies Certificate, Group Obedience Course Certificate, and COVID card to:   Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Stoltzner: [stephanie@handinpaw.org](mailto:stephanie@handinpaw.org) |
| 1. **Schedule interview/pet screening with Hand in Paw**   Please bring the following forms to the interview/evaluation:   * 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 Hand in Paw Therapy Team Workshop Sessions**  * Workshop sessions are held once a week for 4 weeks * Each session is ~2 hours |
| 1. **Complete Practice Evaluation**  * This is your opportunity to practice for the Final Evaluation |
| 1. **Complete Final Evaluation**  * The evaluation gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your team skills. Our Evaluators will guide you through a series of exercises that show the connection you share with your dog and their willingness to follow your cues. |
| 1. **Complete Two Shadow Visits (without your pet)**   • Observe Hand in Paw Therapy Team in action |
| 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 |

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