

Expected Behavior Checklist

Use this checklist as a tool to assess your animal's readiness to become an animal-assisted therapy team. These behaviors will be tested during the official evaluation. This checklist will help you determine if you and your animal have the skills and aptitude to become a therapy team. All behaviors in the Skill requirements section are mandatory (i.e., your animal must be able to pass these tests.).

Skill Requirements- Basic "good behavior" skills.			
<i>Animal</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Handler</i>
			The handler must have good control of, and communication with their animal. The animal should be reliable and under control, well behaved and confident. The emphasis being that the animal is under control at all times.
Greet a friendly stranger without fear or uncontrollable enthusiasm			
Enjoys petting			
Comfortable with light brushing			
Walk on a loose leash, close by your side			
Walk through a crowd, loose leash by your side			
Comfortable with a loud noise			
Sit on command, preferably on 1st command			
Down on command, preferably on 1st command			
Stay on command, preferably on 1st command			
Come when called, preferably on 1st command			
Show no reaction or only mild interest in another dog			
Aptitude Requirements- Temperament or ability/potential for therapy visits.			
<i>Animal</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Handler</i>
			The handler must demonstrate social skills and aptitude for working with a variety of people in different settings. The handler and their animal must work together as a team showing a level of trust and understanding needed to work well together in unpredictable environments.
Comfortable with being lightly examined and touched all over			
Comfortable being clumsily petted			
Comfortable with a restraining hug			
Comfortable around an individual acting in an unusual manner			
Confident when a group of people are talking loudly			
Accept a light bump from behind			
Walk by and leave an object on the floor			
Accept being petted and crowded by several people			
Appropriately accepting a treat			