


CARING CANINES

Lending a Helping Paw



Created by Dogwood Acres Pet Retreat to provide certified pet therapy teams who enrich lives by promoting physical and emotional health to those in need in our communities

OUR CANINES

- Are current on all legally required vaccinations.
 - Have regular health screenings and are parasite, disease, infection, and illness free.
 - Will not be treated with oily flea treatment within one week of a visit.
 - Are bathed prior to every visit.
- Have no history of biting or aggression or training for protection or bite work.
- Are not discriminated against based on age, breed or handicap.

OUR HANDLERS

- Posses skills to visit safely in hospitals, hospice, classrooms, and other facilities.
- Are current in credentials and insurance, complying with all policies and procedures.
- Observe privacy and confidentiality, act with discretion in a professional manner.
 - Meet facility health requirements, background screening and safety codes.
- Are in control of their dog at all times.
 - Keep safety as their #1 priority.

MEET SOME OF OUR CARING CANINES!



BLUE

CERTIFIED SINCE 2016

A Goldendoodle who is a 113 lb. gentle giant who loves car rides and walks. Blue is certified for Predictable environments and enjoys volunteering with our PAWS for Reading program in libraries, visiting summer camps and special needs elementary students. Blue may be a BIG BOY, but he lies down when with children so they are bigger than him!



HARLEY

CERTIFIED SINCE 2015

A Golden Retriever who is a gentle bundle of love that enjoys spending time with children and seniors. Harley is certified for Predictable to Complex environments and enjoys volunteering with our PAWS for Reading program at local libraries as well as visiting the elderly at assistant living facilities.



KALLIE

CERTIFIED SINCE 2015

A Goldendoodle who loves showing off her "tricks" to anyone who will watch and spent many years doing dog agility. Kallie is certified for Predictable to Complex environments and enjoys visiting hospitals and retirement homes regularly. Kallie also enjoys our PAWS for Reading program in local schools, libraries & summer camps.



MAC

CERTIFIED SINCE 2017

A Boerboel who is a 115 lb. calm and friendly "gentle giant" who LOVES soccer balls and naps! Mac is certified for Predictable to Complex environments and enjoys visiting weekly with patients at the Pediatric Emergency Room and those recovering post-surgery. Mac has also obtained his AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate.



EMI

CERTIFIED SINCE 2014

A French bulldog who LOVES people of all shapes, sizes and ages! Emi melts the hearts of all she meets ...it doesn't hurt that she works for tummy rubs! She is certified for Predictable environments and enjoys volunteering with our PAWS for Reading program in local schools, libraries & summer camps.



CASSIE

CERTIFIED SINCE 2016

A Goldendoodle. Cassie is certified for Predictable environments and enjoys volunteering with Hospice our PAWS for Reading program in local schools, libraries & summer camps.



LILY
CERTIFIED SINCE 2015

A Labradoodle who is most affectionate, loves belly rubs and is so thoughtful that when guests visit her home, she must bring them a toy. Lily is certified for Predictable environments and enjoys volunteering regularly at the hospital, assisted living facilities as well as participating with our PAWS for Reading program in local schools, libraries & summer camps.



TOBIN
CERTIFIED SINCE 2014

A French bulldog who loves children and hanging with his mom when she teaches yoga! Tobin is certified for Predictable environments and enjoys volunteering with hospice, hospitals, rehabilitation and assisted living facilities and our PAWS for Reading program in local schools, libraries & summer camps.



CHIVAS
CERTIFIED SINCE 2014

A Labradoodle with a very gentle disposition and who warms well to everyone, from children to elderly. Chivas is certified for Predictable to Complex environments and enjoys volunteering at senior centers, nursing homes, and hospitals.

Chivas is certified with two handlers, both her mom and her dad, who is a retired law enforcement officer.



LUCY LU
CERTIFIED SINCE 2013

A Goldendoodle who loves car rides, ear scratches and making new friends. Lucy Lu is certified for Predictable to Extremely Complex environments and enjoys volunteering with patients with autism spectrum disorders, traumatic brain Injuries as well as patients with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Lucy also enjoys our PAWS for Reading program in local schools & libraries.



ABBEY
CERTIFIED SINCE 2014

A Goldendoodle who loves to nap on the couch and play with her toys. Abbey is certified for Predictable environments and enjoys visiting hospital outpatient rehabilitation department and infusion center, but pediatrics are her favorites. She also enjoys visiting with many summer camps for kids. Abbey also obtained her AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate at 9 months old.



RILEY
CERTIFIED SINCE 2017

A Goldendoodle who is amazing with children and the elderly, with a special gift of knowing when someone needs a little extra love and attention. Riley is certified for Predictable to Complex environments and enjoys visiting the patients, staff and guests at the local hospital a couple of times a week.

WHAT MAKES OUR TEAMS SPECIAL

One of the cornerstones of Caring Canines is the requirement for participating volunteers to be registered therapy teams – screened, tested and qualified in temperament and skills to do animal-assisted interactions.

We are affiliated with Pet Partners® Therapy Animal Program to ensure our teams achieve the highest standards in certification.

OUR PARTNERS

Through Our Program Partnerships,
Volunteer Opportunities are Limitless!

- Hospice of the Chesapeake
- Anne Arundel Medical Center
- Baltimore Washington Medical Center
- Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
 - Annapolis Wellness House
- Neuro Restorative Brain Injury Rehabilitation
- Bates, Central & Southern Middle Schools, Annapolis High and Phoenix Academy
- Edgewater, Deale & Mountain Road Libraries
 - Local Senior & Assisted Living Facilities



PET THERAPY OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITLESS



Peaceful presence for hospice patients, residents of assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and hospital patients of all ages.



Reading companionship for child literacy programs, including our Public Library PAWS for Reading Program.



Comforting support for victims of domestic violence and those testifying in the circuit courts (adults & children).



Stress relief for caregivers, students, employees, and anyone in need, including soothing care for victims of natural disasters.

GET INVOLVED!

Start by contacting us. We will first guide you through the certification process with our affiliated Pet Partners® Therapy Animal Program. Once certified, we will help you determine the best therapy matches for you and your pet.

To learn more: email Erin Bogan at caringcanines@dogwoodacres.com
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