

School and Therapy Dog Handler Agreement

Therapy Handler Name:

School:

School Year:

Rationale for Therapy Dog Services in this school:

Length of time the Therapy Dog and Handler have worked together:

Therapy Dog Handler acknowledges and understands the responsibility to:

1. Provide the Principal with all required documentation, certificates, including:
 - 1.1. Provide up-to-date proof of vaccinations, licensing, insurance, and liability coverage of not less than two million dollars.
 - 1.2. Provide documentation of Therapy Dog certification through St. John Ambulance or another approved Canadian association.
2. Assume financial responsibility for the Therapy Dog's training, veterinary care, city/town/country license and other related costs.
3. Assist the Principal to communicate relevant information to the school community.
4. Work cooperatively with school staff to make this service a success for students.
5. Provide the required equipment and dog care items.
6. Provide food, water, and "bio-breaks" to the Therapy Dog as required, and remove and dispose of animal waste in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.
7. Remove the dog immediately from the school, should it exhibit any unprovoked behaviours (ie. Growling, scratching, nipping, biting, etc.) until the plan is re-evaluated to ensure the safety of staff, students, and visitors.

I acknowledge having read a copy of the Good Spirit School Division
Administrative Procedure 331 Service Dogs in Schools.

Name of Therapy Dog Handler:

Signature of Therapy Dog Handler:

Date:

Signature of Principal: