

CHECKLIST FOR NEW THERAPY TEAMS

MID SOUTH THERAPY DOGS & FRIENDS (MSTD)

Attend the Introductory Seminar

This Seminar provides you with an overview of therapy animal work. **People only!**

Therapy Assessment

A short prescreening to determine the new team's readiness and suitability for therapy work. Takes about 15 minutes, no charge.

Obedience Class

Donna Eddins at Dog Woods 386-9900.

Therapy Team Training Workshop

Through this lecture, group discussion and role playing, you will discover how to interact effectively with clients and keep your animal safe in various environments.

To know what is required and expected at the Competency-Based Team Evaluation

Competency-Based Team Evaluation

Registration form must be on file with MSTD to reserve an evaluation time.

Shadow Visits

After Teams complete the Competency -Based Team Evaluation and receive the email confirmation they are required to make several shadow visits. Without their animal where the new team follows a registered therapy team on a visit (this can be made after you successfully pass the Competency -Based Team Evaluation) and several with a registered team who will not bring their animal but will watch the new team work for the first time providing support.

The shadow visits with the animal cannot be made until you receive the email confirmation due to insurance liability issues. Without the confirmation, you are not covered by ANY insurance policy and therefore are not allowed in facilities with your animal.