



GUIDELINES AND REGISTRATION FORM for ALL TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN PAWS for TALES READING PROGRAM

1. All dogs must be mature animals certified with Guide Dogs for the Blind, Pet Partners, Human-Animal Bond in Colorado, Alliance of Therapy Dogs, or other approved organizations.
2. Prospective new members participate in two introductory school visits: 1) a visit to the school without their dog, to learn entrance procedures and to observe classroom procedures; and, 2) one classroom participation with their dog and a PAWS member present as an observer; typically the Team Leader for that school is the observer.
3. A probationary period will exist for all new teams (handler [member] and dog) in the program. The probationary period will be 3 sessions of active participation of the team in the classroom. During the probationary period the PAWS Team Leader will observe and coach new members on appropriate procedures.
4. *Paws for Tales* reserves the right to remove any dog from the program if the dog is observed acting inappropriately and/or being a possible distraction or danger to the well-being and safety of students and other dogs.
5. If a team is unable to participate in a scheduled visit, the handler/owner is responsible for communicating their anticipated absence to the Team Leader.
6. Dogs must always be on a 4-foot or shorter leash and handled only by the PAWS member. Retractable leashes are not permitted.
7. The owner-handler **MUST** have a firm grasp of the leash and keep their dog at least 2 feet away from other dogs at all times.
8. All participants agree to attend meetings as scheduled to:
 - a. Discuss positive outcomes, opportunities, and challenges that occur at the schools;
 - b. Receive more labels or other materials supplied by PAWS; and,
 - c. Present any ideas to improve the program.
9. All participants provide (annually) a digital or paper copy of the dog's up-to-date vaccination record and negative fecal test, therapy dog certification, and county licensure to the Secretary for PAWS records and roster.
10. No photographs of students are to be taken by PAWS members. Your Team Leader can request photographs from school personnel (e.g., teachers). These photographs are taken and shared according to PSD parent/guardian permission criteria.
11. I have read the above Guidelines and Registration Form. I understand that *Paws for Tales* will not be held responsible should my dog cause any injury or damage while participating in the program.

X _____
(Participant's Signature)

(Date)

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