



Is my dog suitable to become a Therapy Dog?

Before you begin your learning, take the time to undertake a therapy dog ready to work assessment self-assessment. Do you think your dog has all the qualities listed below? What areas do you require more learning?

Scoring:

My dog is yet to learn = 1

My dog is working towards = 2

Yes, my dog has these qualities = 3

My dog:		1	2	3
1	Enjoys meeting strangers and shows this by approaching or seeking attention, if allowed			
2	Is happy when we have visitors at our home, and seeks attention from them			
3	Likes children			
4	Liked elderly or people			
5	Is not fearful of cars, bikes, trolleys, skateboards, or other moving objects			
6	Is not fearful of stairs, shiny floors, elevators, lights or fans			
7	Enjoys being petted and touched by strangers			

8	Can be left alone at times without becoming distressed			
9	Is de-sexed			
10	Is toilet trained			
11	Is willing to comply with requests under distraction			
12	Enjoys outings and novel activities, for example visiting a new place			
13	Travels well in the car			
14	Is confident and motivated to learn new commands			
14	Can be trusted to cope well with multiple distractions			
15	Is fit and healthy enough to travel and engage with strangers			
16	Has never bitten or attempted to bite a person			
17	Has basic skills - loose leash heal, sit, drop, stay, recall			
18	Has a strong bond with you, checks in with you regularly			
19	Your family are supportive of you training your dog to be a therapy dog and will be happy to assist in the training			
20	Your dog has been habituated to people, dogs and environments			
	Total Score for Each Colum			

TOTAL: /60

RESULTS

40- 60 Excellent Candidate

Recommendation: Your dog shows ideal temperament and stability for therapy dog team work. Enroll in one of our 4-Day Intensive learning, assessment and certification courses.

20-40 Good Candidate

Recommendation: A short preparation plan will get your dog ready. Consider enrolling in our online training program and then attending one of our 2 day assessment and certification weekends.

Less than 20 Not Suitable Right Now.

Recommendation: Your dog may thrive in other roles (emotional support at home, companion visits with careful screening). If you have any questions regarding this result please call Karen on 0458420455.