

What is LCCC?

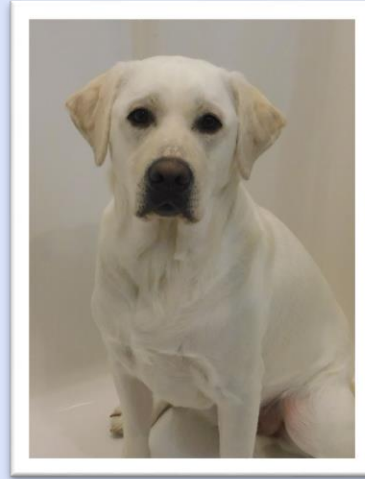
Lawrence County Comfort Canines is a volunteer organization of certified therapy dogs that provide animal-assisted intervention to all social service agencies located in Lawrence County.

Requirements to join our team:

- ❖ Handler must be 18 or older (Junior handlers age 12-17)
- ❖ Dog must be 1 year old or older and have lived with you for at least 3 months
- ❖ Dog must have current and updated vaccinations (rabies and annual fecal required)
- ❖ Successful completion of observation and evaluation

What do you do now?

Contact us to set up an evaluation meeting to see if your dog can join our team!



If you are interested in the program or are looking for more information please contact Tammi Gibson at lccc@humanservicescenter.net

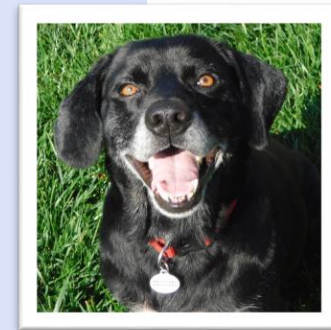


Does your dog have what it takes?

If they are:

- ❖ Friendly
- ❖ Obedient
- ❖ Intelligent
- ❖ Patient
- ❖ Calm

They could make a great therapy dog!



Settings Therapy Dogs Can Visit:

- ❖ They serve many different populations like veterans, children with autism, nursing home residents, group homes, schools, etc.

The Many Benefits of Using a Therapy Dog:

- ❖ Positively affects health (lowers blood pressure, reduces pain)
- ❖ Elevates mood and helps regulate emotions
- ❖ Encourages socialization and communication
- ❖ Reduces isolation and decreases feelings of loneliness

Tips for Getting Started:

- ❖ Teach your dog to follow basic commands like “sit” or “stay”
- ❖ Ensure your dog can be walked on a leash
- ❖ Check to make sure your dog’s vaccines are up to date
- ❖ Begin to socialize your dog to see how comfortable they are with strangers and different environments



FAQ:

Q: What type of dog is allowed in the program?

A: Any breed is welcomed if they are not mixed with coyotes or wolf and complete the certification!

Q: Does an agency have to pay to receive services from the team?

A: There is no cost to receive therapy dog services.

Q: How long does a visitation typically last?

A: Approximately 1 hour

Q: Is a therapy dog the same as a service dog?

A: No. While a service dog is trained to serve one person, a therapy dog is trained and certified to serve many people and are not given the same protections under ADA.