



Olympic Mountain Pet Pals

THERAPY DOG/READ to ROVER DOG APPLICATION Part I Date _____

Membership, renewable yearly, includes full membership benefits, liability insurance and a subscription to the Olympic Mountain Pet Pals newsletter

1. Tell us about yourself (Please print clearly):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone (HOME): _____ Phone (CELL): _____

E-mail: _____

(Please circle the *best* way to get in touch with you.)

2. Tell us about your pet:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: ____ Spayed or Neutered? YES__ NO__

Note: (Veterinarian listed must have examined the animal in the last year and be able to vouch for the animal's health and current vaccinations)

Veterinarian: _____ Date of last exam: _____

Vet's Address: _____ Phone: _____

Rabies Vaccine Expiration Date: _____

Distemper Vaccine or Titer last given on: _____

3. Membership Fees:

a. Annual Fees

One person and one pet enrolled in OM Pet Pals \$25.00 \$ _____

b. Additional Fees

Scarf (required) for READ to ROVER teams \$8.00 \$ _____

ID Tag for collar (required) for Pets to People \$2.50 _____

c. Additional Donation (optional) (Thank you!) \$ _____

d. Total Enclosed \$ _____

e. Please make check payable to OM Pet Pals If you have any questions, call Carla Ellis 360-385-3950 or Kate Schumann 360-385-4896 or go to ompetpals.org



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THERAPY DOG/ READ to ROVER DOG APPLICATION Part II

This is not a screening, but a thought exercise to help you decide whether your dog is suitable for the program or identify areas that you would like help with.

Your Name _____ Dog's Name _____

1. Is your dog comfortable around children? _____ Describe how he or she reacts to being in close proximity to other dogs? _____

2. List all basic commands that your dog responds to reliably.

3. Is there any specific age group that your dog avoids or seems uncomfortable around? _____

4. Is there a type of individual or situation that your dog avoids or seems uncomfortable around? (Such as person wearing a large hat or delivery people)

5. Has your dog ever acted in a threatening or menacing manner towards an individual? (Such as growling, or lunging toward or biting a person)

If yes, describe. _____

6. What are your dog's favorite games or activities? _____

7. How do you discipline or correct your dog? _____

8. What does your dog do when she or he becomes stressed? _____

9. What do you do when you realize that your dog is stressed? _____

10. Do you feel there are any skills your dog needs to work on.? _____



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OWNER/HANDLER AGREEMENT PLEASE READ AND SIGN

As the therapy dog's owner and handler, I understand and agree that:

- A *therapy dog* is not granted the same access privileges that *service dogs* are allowed under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA defines a service animal as any animal trained to perform functions and tasks for an individual with a disability that they cannot perform for themselves.
- I am responsible for my pet's actions at all times, ethically and financially.
- I will consider the safety of other people at all times and keep my dog on a leash while volunteering for a READ to ROVER session or community outreach program such as Pets to People.
- My dog will be freshly groomed for each visit, will be parasite-free, healthy and up to date on all vaccinations.
- I understand that female dogs must not be in estrus when participating in a READ session and I will arrange for a substitute.
- If at any time my dog can no longer do this work due to age, illness, disability or behavior problems, such as growling, lunging toward or biting a person. I will stop the work and will notify OM Pet Pals.
- I will remember at all times that my pet and its actions, my behavior, actions and attitude represent all service animals in the eyes of the public.

I understand that the Volunteer Insurance \$ 2 million coverage provided by OM Pet Pals is strictly limited to accidental injury and/or damages while participating in an OM Pet Pals therapy program. Said insurance will not cover injuries and/or damages if I violate the above agreement while volunteering for a READ session or community outreach program, such as Pets to People. It does not provide coverage for either member of a READ to ROVER Team (dog or handler) causing a loss or injury to other Pet Pals volunteers. Such losses are the personal responsibility of the READ Team handler. Further I agree to indemnify and hold harmless OM Pet Pals for such injuries and/or damages.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Olympic Mountain Pet Pals uses the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) as the backbone of the READ to ROVER Evaluation. For an overview of the CGC see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canine_Good_Citizen and for a detailed description see www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm

In addition to the ten CGC steps, the READ to ROVER test adds the following:

1. The evaluator will instruct the handler to walk the dog on a loose leash on a diagonal across the room. A "crowd" will be assembled in the opposite corner, possibly consisting of children, people in wheelchairs or using walkers or crutches, people acting erratically or wearing a big hat, children running or skipping or bouncing a ball, and people raising an umbrella or pushing a broom. The handler and dog will pass through the crowd once, then turn and pass through again. On the first pass through, a child will ask to pet the dog. On the second pass through, a person behaving erratically will pet and hug the dog. The dog should not tug on the leash, bark, lunge, behave aggressively, or show fear.
2. The evaluator will instruct the handler to walk the dog around the perimeter of the room, past a toy and a food item on the floor. The handler may instruct the dog to "Leave it" (or similar command) and the dog should not lunge for the toy or the food. Gentle corrections are allowed. The handler is encouraged to speak firmly, but pleasantly to the dog (but no jerking of collars), as this exercise is very difficult for some dogs.
3. Continuing on around the room, the handler/dog team will encounter a sound distractions, such as one would hear in a school, a dropped book, a bell ringing, an alarm going off or children shouting. The dog may startle, but should recover quickly and should not bark, lunge or act aggressively.
4. The evaluator will instruct the handler to walk the dog to a closed doorway and wait, either sitting or standing while the handler opens the door. The dog can show interest in going through, but should not barge or pull ahead of the handler.
5. When asked to greet or sit next to other dog/handler teams, the dog needs to do so without showing aggression.

Dogs must pass all tests to be considered Olympic Mountain Pet Pals READ to ROVER Dogs. Dogs that do not pass all tests will receive an evaluation and recommendations for further training.

Cost for the OM Pet Pals READ to ROVER Test is \$25. This includes the initial annual membership in OM Pet Pals, \$2M Liability insurance and Newsletter. Yearly membership in OM Pet Pals is required for all READ to ROVER dogs. ID scarves and tags are an additional cost.

If you wish to receive the optional AKC CGC Certificate and registration, the cost is \$10 payable to the evaluator (not to Olympic Mountain Pet Pals).