

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

~ A Reading Buddy of a Different Breed ~

Date:

Thank you for your interest in K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore.

In order to know you better, please complete the following questionnaire.

Your name:

Home phone:

Home address:

Business phone:

Business address:

Mobile:

Email address:

Your availability:

How did you hear about K-9 Reading Buddies?

Why are you interested in becoming a K-9 Reading Mentor or Associate Member (w/o a dog)?

How long have you and your dog been making therapy visits?

Where have you visited?

What is your experience with children?

Are you comfortable sitting on the floor?

What do you like most about therapy visits?

What do you like least about therapy visits?

Put an **X** beside each environment you prefer:

 **Library** (AAA) - Animal Assisted Activity (motivational, fun):

 **School** (AAA and AAT) – Animal Assisted Therapy (goal oriented, documented)

 **Presentations** for an audience of children or adults

What special skills, background, or hobbies do you bring to your role as a K-9 team member or Associate (w/o a dog)?

What foreign language do you speak or read?

Tell us about your dog(s).

Name:

Breed:

Sex:

Neutered:

Age:

Is your dog a rescue?

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Age:

Is your dog a rescue?

Has your dog ever bitten or shown aggression to another dog/person? Please describe.

Are you and your dog registered with a therapy dog organization, i.e. Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD), Therapy Dogs International (TDI), Pet Partners, Bright and Beautiful, Angels on a Leash, Canine Companions for Independence, Rainbow Animals, Sit-Stay-Read, or other?

If so, please provide the contact information for your evaluator/tester-observer:

Does your dog have any known issues? (Reaction to men, situations, etc.)

Does your dog have any known health problems?

What other types of pets do you have (horses, cats, rabbits, etc.)?

Please list the names and phone numbers of three references. (i.e. dog trainer, volunteer or business relationship, contact at facility where you may have conducted therapy visits with your dog, agility training, etc) .

(1)a reference that knows your dog

(2)a reference that knows you in either a volunteer or business capacity (please provide 3 of these if you are volunteering as an Associate)

(3) a reference that has spent time with you and your dog

These references should not be a family member or a close friend. At minimum, two of your references should be able to attest to your people skills and personal integrity.

Thank you for completing this form. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

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K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore Standards and Dismissal Policy

Standards

1. Maintain therapy dog registry without interruption.
2. Provide a photocopy of current therapy registry dog tag, and/or member identification card.
3. At pre-authorized K-9 Reading Buddies sessions or events, mentors wear K9RBNS and therapy registry ID badges, K9RBNS t-shirt.
4. At pre-authorized K-9 Reading Buddies sessions or events, dogs wear their therapy dog tag and K-9 Reading Buddy Bandana.
5. Dogs may wear either flat buckle collars or Martingale collars. A harness can be worn to enter/leave the facility, however it must be removed for petting during sessions. No prong, metal looped or choke collars are allowed on the premises of our visits.
6. Dogs will eliminate in designated areas by facilities (not by front door) and owner will properly dispose of waste. Dogs are not permitted to use pee pads during therapy visits, nor wear diapers.
7. Before all sessions or events, Nature's Miracle Dander Remover is applied to ALL dogs' coats, or FURminator's DeShedding Waterless Shampoo and Conditioner.
8. If cancellation is necessary, whenever possible, advise designated contact person with a minimum of 48 hour notice.
9. No alcohol or drug consumption 12 hours prior to sessions or events. (If you smoke or are around second-hand smoke, please make every effort to negate the odor before sessions, i.e. Febreze or Fresh Wave Odor Neutralizing Spray, Listermints Breath Strips, etc.)
10. Present self in professional and polite manner at all times.

Causes for Dismissal from K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore:

- Expired therapy dog registry will cause a temporary dismissal, until proof of renewal is supplied.
- Not upholding K9RBNS or your therapy dog registry guidelines
- Failure to show.
- Lateness.
- Excessive cancellations, except for emergencies or illness.
- Argumentativeness or gossiping, stating inappropriate personal opinions or political statements during therapy venues.
- Excessive dog barking during sessions.
- Dog biting, nipping, or aggressiveness whether on, or away from, a therapy visit
- Unauthorized usage of K-9 Reading Buddy Bandana and/or badge.

I have reviewed and agree to abide by the above stated standards of policy and terms of dismissal.

Print Name

Signature

Date





K-9 Reading Buddies Mentor Process

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore is based on the Intermountain Therapy Animals R.E.A.D. literacy program. View more about the R.E.A.D.® program on-line at <http://www.therapyanimals.org/R.E.A.D.html>. All therapy dogs must have current therapy dog registration by either Alliance of Therapy Dogs, or another approved registry organization, and be in good standing.

Please use this sheet to track your progress. You can place an X or note to yourself when each item is completed.

Our mentor process, while subject to change, is as follows:

	1. An email will be sent to you (Prospective Member) with the following documents attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-9 Reading Buddies Mentor Process • contact info if needed regarding a dog trainer or ATD testing • Standards and Dismissal Policy • Mentor Biography
	2. The Mentor Biography must be completed and returned by email to carole@k9readingbuddies.org prior to the first scheduled meeting with the K-9 Reading Buddies representative.
	3. An Orientation Meeting will be scheduled to share how the program works, impart information, and answer questions. You will receive a K-9 Reading Buddies Training Manual that includes information on how to become a K-9 Reading Buddy Team.
	4. A membership fee of \$30 will be accepted at the Orientation Meeting. An additional \$5 is required for each additional dog. For associate members without a dog, the cost is \$20. Each are annual fees. Additionally, a \$20 payment for the K9RBNS t-shirt and \$15 for your dog's K-9 Reading Buddy bandana are submitted at this meeting. Please write 3 separate checks for each item. Checks are made payable to K9RBNS.
	5. You will need to bring a photocopy of your current registered therapy member identification card(s) to the Orientation Meeting.
	6. At the Orientation Meeting you will be asked to sign a Photo Consent and Standards & Dismissal Form.
	7. Soon after the Orientation Meeting, you will attend an interactive Training Class <u>without</u> your dog. You will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your K-9 Reading Buddies t-shirt which is to be worn at all K-9 Reading Buddies events. • your dog's K-9 Reading Buddies bandana which may only be worn while representing K-9 Reading Buddies.
	9. You are expected to make 3 shadow visits where you will observe and meet current K-9 Reading Buddy Teams in an actual reading or community outreach setting without your dog.
	• Shadow Visit #1 Location:
	• Shadow Visit #2 Location:
	• Shadow Visit #3 Location:

	<p>10. Using a Hi-Resolution setting on your camera, you will take a daylight photo of your dog wearing the pressed “Reading Buddy” bandana in a natural outdoor setting that is consistent with other K9RB photos. (See samples below). No leash, collar or tags should be in view. The background should either be green shrubbery or flowers that complement your dog. The photo should be framed to capture the base of the bandana to the top of the head, not a full body shot. Of course, for small dogs a full body shot is the only kind you can get, so that’s okay. Just have your little dog elevated on a rock or step with the natural backdrop described above. We are looking for a relaxed and happy looking dog photo. Email the photo to carole@k9readingbuddies.org.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">     </div>
	11. You will receive a K-9 Reading Buddies badge with your dog’s picture that identifies you to others as a K-9 Reading Buddy Reading Team.
	12. You will receive custom bookmarks with your dog’s picture to distribute to children who read to your dog.
	13. You will receive an emailed sticker template with your dog’s picture that says, “I Read to _____, My K-9 Reading Buddy” that you will print at home to distribute to children who read to your dog. You can print these using Avery sticker number label # 8163.
	14. You will receive a list of available dates, times and locations at the end of the training class to sign up and begin working as a team with your dog.
	15. Before visiting any library location for the first time, you are required to schedule a “Hello” visit to introduce yourself and your dog to the facility as well as the person in charge.

As a K-9 Reading Buddy team member we expect that when attending a K9 Reading Buddies event you will:

- wear your K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore(K9RBNS) t-shirt or other approved clothing.
- wear your K9RBNS badge
- your dog will wear his/her K9RBNS bandana
- your dog will wear his/her therapy dog tag
- provide a mat for your dog to sit on when being read to
- bring your K9RBNS activity bag

K9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore will provide you with:

- opportunities to volunteer at local schools, preschools and libraries
- opportunities to participate in community outreach that include, but are not limited to:
 - De-stress clinics at area high schools
 - Great Lakes Naval visits
 - Holiday parades
 - Festivals