

## **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 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. Dogs must be recently bathed, groomed and brushed prior to a visit.
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.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date