

## K-9 Reading Buddies Mentor Process





K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore is based on Intermountain Therapy Animals R.E.A.D. literacy program. View more about the R.E.A.D.® program at: <https://therapyanimals.org/read/>

Therapy dog handlers must have current therapy dog certification by either Alliance of Therapy Dogs, or another approved registry organization, and be in good standing.

Track your progress by marking an “X” in the column beside each item.

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

	<p>Download On-line Application documents. Sign and email as per instructions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentor Biography</li> <li>• Standards &amp; Dismissal</li> <li>• Mentor Process Checklist</li> <li>• Photo Consent</li> </ul>
	2. Complete the Mentor Biography and email to <a href="mailto:info@k9readingbuddies.org">info@k9readingbuddies.org</a> prior to your first scheduled meeting with the K-9 Reading Buddies Representative.
	3. An in-person 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.
	<p>4. A Team membership fee of \$35 will be collected at the Orientation Meeting. For Associate Members without a dog, the cost is \$20. Each are annual fees.</p> <p>K9RBNS t-shirt ~ \$25</p> <p>K9RB Bandana ~ \$15</p> <p>Write 3 separate checks for each item payable to K9RBNS.</p>
	5. Bring a photocopy of your current registered therapy member identification card(s) to the Orientation Meeting.
	7. Attend an interactive Training Class <u>without</u> your dog. If a training class isn't available, a virtual class will be offered. Following “graduation” you will receive your dog's K-9 Reading Buddy bandana.
	9. During the on-boarding process, 3 shadow visits <b>without</b> your dog are required to observe and meet current K-9 Reading Buddy Teams in a reading or community outreach setting
	•Shadow Visit #1 Location:
	•Shadow Visit #2 Location:
	•Shadow Visit #3 Location:

	<p>10. Using a Hi-Resolution setting on your camera, 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). Avoid shadows on your dog. No leash, collar or tags should be in view. The background should either be green shrubbery or flowers that complement your dog. Frame the photo for a full body shot with your dog in a sit position. We are looking for a relaxed and happy looking dog photo. Email the photo to <a href="mailto:info@k9readingbuddies.org">info@k9readingbuddies.org</a>.</p> <div data-bbox="289 428 456 659"></div> <div data-bbox="539 428 703 659"></div> <div data-bbox="787 428 941 659"></div> <div data-bbox="1034 428 1208 659"></div>
	<p>11. You will receive a K-9 Reading Buddies badge with your dog’s picture.</p>
	<p>12. You will receive custom bookmarks with your dog’s picture to distribute to children who read to your dog.</p>
	<p>13. You will receive an emailed sticker template with your dog’s picture that says, “I Read to ‘Rover’, My K-9 Reading Buddy” to print at home for distribution to children who read to your dog. Use Avery sticker number label # 8163.</p>
	<p>14. Sign up for volunteer events.</p>
	<p>15. Before visiting any library location for the first time, schedule a “Hello” visit to introduce yourself and your dog to the facility, as well as the person in charge.</p>

As a K-9 Reading Buddy team, 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 branded clothing.
- wear your K9RBNS badge
- your dog will wear his K9RBNS bandana
- your dog will wear her therapy dog tag
- provide a mat for your dog to sit on while being read to
- bring your K9RBNS activity bag

K-9 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
  - ☐ Events
  - ☐ Festivals
  - ☐ Camps