




HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH ANGEL PAWS MINISTRY

We would love for you and your furry friend to join us. However, there are a few things to think about before you begin the process of becoming a part of our ministry.

Below are some of the things to consider. You must:

- **Be a member of Champion Forest (CF) and have a dog at least 1 yr old.** (Exceptions to the dog's age may be considered on some occasions).
- Attend an Informational Meeting before you apply. Dates and times will be announced on our Angel Paws Facebook page and on the Champion Forest website (you can find us under the Mission link).
- Complete an Angel Paws Membership Application. This will be emailed upon request.
- Your dog must be CGC (Canine Good Citizen) trained and successfully pass the CGC test (see below CGC Test Requirements). If your dog is already CGC Certified, then you must provide a copy of your CGC Certificate and then your dog must be re-evaluated by one of our designated CGC Evaluators. This is done at your expense.
- Once your dog has passed the CGC Test, your dog must be fully vetted by your vet. A form will be emailed to you to take to your vet to have completed.
- Complete a Champion Forest Background Check and watch the Safe and Secure video. Instructions on how to complete this will be emailed to you. You will also be required to sign a “Code of Ethics” indicating you are aware of the rules and policies. This will be emailed to you after your background check is complete.
-  Once you and your dog have met all the membership requirements, you must agree to make a visit at one of our approved locations at least once within

a four-month period. This is subject to change as we add more facilities to visit. Failure to do so, your membership will be suspended, and your dog will have to be temperament or CGC tested to re-admitted into the program.

🐾 You must provide proof each year that your dog has had their annual vet wellness checks. Dogs must remain current with vaccinations.

🐾 You understand that once your dog is certified that your certification is only valid through Angel Paws Pet Therapy Ministry Champion Forest, and it only allows you to visit facilities on the days and time we have an agreement with.

🐾 You agree to bath or groom your dog at least 48 hours before a scheduled visit.

🐾 If your dog shows aggression or if you fail to meet the Visitation Rules, your dog will be removed from the program and will be required to be re-evaluated for temperament to be readmitted in the program.

🐾 The church does not accept any liability for your dog or any injury it may cause. It is highly recommended you check with your insurance company to discuss specific coverage.

For more questions, please contact Debbie Benningfield –
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“The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

CGC Test Requirements

1. Accepting a friendly stranger:

Evaluator approaches, shakes hands with handler. Does not touch dog.

2. Sitting politely for petting:

Evaluator pets dog, dog must show no shyness or resentment.

3. Appearance and grooming:

Evaluator inspects dog, combs or brushed lightly, examines ears and each front foot.

4. Out for a walk:

Handler takes dog for a short walk including right turn, left turn, about turn and stop.

5. Walking through a crowd:

Dog and handler walk close to several people; dog may show casual interest but not jump up.

6. Sit and down on command/staying in place:

Handler shows dog can do a sit and down, then chooses a position, leaves dog and goes to the end of a 20 ft line and return immediately.

7. Coming when called:

With dog still on 20 ft line from test 6, handler walks out 10 ft and calls the dog.

8. Reaction to another dog:

Two handlers and dogs' approach, shake hands, exchange pleasantries, move on. Dogs can show casual interest.

9. Reaction to distractions:

Distractions are presented; dog may not panic or show aggression.

10. Supervised separation:

Handler goes out of sight for 3 minutes. Dog is held on a 6 ft leash by an evaluator.

NOTE: No dog treats can be used during the CGC Testing.