



## **Application Checklist for Dog Therapy Team**

- ♥ **NOTE:** Every person who will be a handler for a dog must submit a completed **Control Evaluation, Supervised Visits Log, Visit Evaluation, and Membership Application.**
- ♥ All forms, photos, and checks must be sent together, in the same packet (except for digital headshot of dog and handler.) **Please keep copies of all of your forms, applications, etc. for your records and in case of lost or damaged application packets.** Incomplete applications and/or incorrect fees are the most common reasons for membership applications to be delayed or returned. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE.
- ♥ **Applications may take up to 4 weeks for processing.**

**Please read and double-check the instructions on each form!**

*Questions?* Call Love on a Leash® at (760) 740-2326 or email [info@loveonaleash.org](mailto:info@loveonaleash.org)

### **Checklist:**

- ♥ Be sure to read the **Membership Guidelines**, and each page of this application.
  - ♥ Completed **Love on a Leash® Control Evaluation (most current version at time of evaluation)** (p.5 & p.6)  
Completed by a Certified Animal Behaviorist, Certified Dog Trainer, Certified Obedience Instructor, or AKC approved Evaluator. See page 5 of the Dog Application for further instructions.
  - ♥ Completed **Supervised Visits Log** (p.7 & p.8)  
Contact a chapter near you for a list of approved visits. If there is no chapter near you, or certified Love on a Leash team near you, contact Love on a Leash® for instructions. You may not begin visiting until you have successfully completed the Control Evaluation. See page 7 of the Dog Application for further instructions.
  - ♥ Completed **Visit Evaluation** (p.11)  
The Control Evaluation and the Visit Evaluation must be done by two different evaluators not of the same family or household and not at your place of employment or location where you are regularly associated with. It is to be completed after successfully completing a minimum of 10 1-hour supervised visits. See page 11 of the Dog Application for further instructions.
  - ♥ Complete **Membership Application packet (all pages (p.12-14) of the application are required).**  
**\*\*\*All documents must be completed and postmarked within one year from the date of the Control Evaluation. NO EXCEPTIONS\*\*\***
  - ♥ **Email to [membership@loveonaleash.org](mailto:membership@loveonaleash.org).** Please include your full name, your pet's call name, breed, phone number, and address.
    - **For photo IDs:** One each color, unedited portrait photos of **your dog's face** (no toys or costume) and **your face** (alone with no hat, sunglasses or darkened progressive lenses).
    - **For insurance:** Two (2) full-body **unedited photos** of your **pet** (left and right sides).
- Submit **all** the above with a check for the appropriate fees and membership dues (p.13) to (applicant will be responsible for any service charges or fees incurred from a returned check):

**Love on a Leash®  
PO Box 4548  
Oceanside, CA 92052-4548**

(Note: Please do not send by UPS or FedEx. They do not deliver to PO Boxes.)

**Applications may take up to 4 weeks to process.**



## **Control Evaluator Guidelines for CONTROL Evaluation for Dogs**

- ♥ **This evaluation for dogs must be administered by** a Certified Animal Behaviorist, Certified Dog Trainer, Certified Obedience Instructor, or AKC approved Evaluator, and **must be fully and successfully completed before going on any supervised visits.**
- ♥ Candidates for membership must be at least 18 years old and may not evaluate their own pets or pets they may become certified with. The Control Evaluation and the Visit Evaluation are to be done by two different evaluators and may not be in the same family or household.
- ♥ Your pet must be a minimum of one year old before beginning the certification process. If a rescue, re-homed or career change pet, it is strongly recommended you take a minimum of 6 months to bond with this pet and get to know its reactions in various situations.
- ♥ All parts of the evaluation must be performed with the dog on a 4-foot leash. Tied, looped, stretchable, or retractable leashes are not permitted. Additionally, no prong, pinch or electronic collars of any kind, may be used.
- ♥ The handler may talk to the dog and encourage them, but **no treats, calming or anxiety meds, or other incentives** may be used during the supervised visit.
- ♥ If the dog shows any aggression towards any person or dog, the evaluation must stop and the dog must be disqualified.
- ♥ The Love on a Leash® Control Evaluation is to test the temperament of the dog and the amount of control that the handler has in various situations. These guidelines are meant to give the evaluator objective criteria and to make the test as consistent as possible in all parts of the country.

**\*\*\*Ask the handler if the dog knows the “Leave It” or “Drop It” command. Many times there are things on the floors such as pills or Kleenex, etc., that can be harmful to a dog. This is not a pass or fail for the Control Evaluation, but the handler should be encouraged to teach this command to their dog.\*\*\***

**1. I have read and will abide by the Love on a Leash® Evaluator Guidelines, accompanying this form, when evaluating this team.**

As an evaluator you have a responsibility of deciding whether or not this team is ready to begin their supervised visits. By signing off on a team you are acknowledging that the team has satisfactorily performed all required tasks on the Love on a Leash® Control Evaluation. Be sure to include your CGC Evaluator # (if applicable) and include a business card in case you need to be contacted by National Love on a Leash®.

**2. I have confirmed that the dog I am evaluating is at least one year old.**

The Control Evaluation may only be administered if the dog is one year of age or older.

**3. Is the dog able to sit, lie down, or heel with people close by, and come when called while on a leash?**

The dog must sit and lie down at the handler's command. The handler may repeat the command, but no more than two times. It must be obvious that the dog is responding to the handler's command. A hand signal may be used, but no force, such as pulling down on the leash or pushing the dog into position. The dog should stay in position for at least three seconds before being released.



The dog should be able to heel by the owner's side while walking through a crowd. The dog must be under complete control without pulling on the leash. If the dog is pulling the handler or paying too much attention to other people, the dog should not pass. The criteria should not, however, be one of competitive obedience.

When called to come, the dog should go directly to the handler and not run past. This is not a test of "stay". If necessary, the evaluator may gently hold the dog in position until called - the dog does not need to remain in a sit position. The handler may coax the dog with his voice, but may not use the leash to bring him in.

#### **4. Is the dog able to do a two minute down or sit/stay with the owner holding the leash?**

The two-minute stay may be done in either the sit or down position. It is the handler's choice. Whatever position the handler chooses, the dog should stay in that position the entire two minutes. The handler may stay close but must not hold the dog in position. He may encourage the dog with his voice. If the dog is sitting, he should not lie down and, if lying down, he should not sit up. The dog may move around in position, but not crawl or leave his spot. If the dog gets up or moves away, the evaluator should start the time again, but no more than two times.

#### **5. Is the handler able to greet a friendly stranger who has a dog? Is the handler able to maintain control without the dog being aggressive or over stimulated?**

The handler and dog should approach another dog and handler from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands, exchange brief pleasantries and then move on. (The neutral dog should be proofed prior to the test to make sure that he will remain calm). If, for some reason, the neutral dog reacts to the dog being tested, the test may be redone with another dog.

This will demonstrate that the dog can behave while the owner greets another person, who is also with a dog. The dog being tested may show casual interest, but must stay by the handler's side. The dog does not need to sit, but should not cross in front of or behind the handler. The handler may talk to their dog to encourage it.

#### **6. Does the dog allow petting including having its head, ears, feet and tail touched?**

The dog may sit, lie down, or stand. The owner should hold the dog. The evaluator should approach the dog in a calm, friendly manner, kneel in front or to the side of the dog and touch the dog's head, ears, run his hands down the dog's side, touch and very lightly squeeze the dog's paws and tail.

The dog should not show signs of fear, aggression or shyness. He may move toward the tester, but must not lunge or jump. He may roll over onto his back, but should not wiggle too much. He must be under the control of the handler at all times. He may stand or lie down to receive attention. The dog should not struggle to the point of needing restraint when the tester checks the dog. The handler may talk to the dog while being handled by the evaluator.

#### **7. Is the dog clean and well groomed?**

The dog should be prepared for this evaluation as he would be for an actual visit. He should be clean and trimmed if necessary. His nails should be trimmed and filed so they will not easily scratch. He should be in good health and his teeth and ears should be clean and free of infection. He should be obviously well cared for.

#### **8. Is the dog under control with people around, and able to walk on a loose leash without pulling?**

The dog should be able to maintain composure when around other dogs and people. He should be attentive to his handler and not wanting to charge or jump. He should show interest in others, but not insist on attention. He should be able to walk on a leash without pulling.



**9. Is the dog able to maintain composure when a stranger approaches in an erratic manner?**

A person who is not known to the dog should approach the dog in an erratic manner. He may be wearing odd clothes, such as a long coat and a floppy hat. He could be on crutches or just stumbling. The handler may reassure his dog, but the dog must not lunge, cower, or attack. He may give a short bark, but must recover quickly.

**10. Is mouthing, biting, or dodging apparent?**

The dog may not touch his teeth to skin or clothing, even in a playful manner. No growling or snarling is allowed. Excessive shyness should not be apparent. Dodging should be a judgment call. Sometimes a dog may back away from a situation that may be uncomfortable for him. The intensity of the contact that causes the evasion should be noted and taken into account. A dog that demonstrates excessive shyness should not pass.

**11. Is aggression apparent towards any person or animal?**

Any dog that shows any type of aggression in any way, must be disqualified. This may include, but is not limited to, growling, showing teeth, hair standing up, taking a stance, or lunging.

**12. Does the dog show signs of fear, sound sensitivity, or shyness?**

The test for sound sensitivity should consist of:

- ♥ Dropping a dog's stainless-steel food dish or a non-breakable item on a hard surface
- ♥ Flapping a trash bag (an insert for a household trash can)

These should be done no closer than about five feet from the dog.

The dog may react or startle, but may not attack the object, bark, or cower away. He should recover within a couple of seconds.

Does the dog welcome attention and seem to enjoy it? If he tries to evade touch or show signs of stress, such as panting or obsessively licking his lips, he probably is not suitable, at this time, to be a therapy dog. This should be an enjoyable experience for the dog as well as the people he is visiting. If the dog does not pass, the handler should be encouraged to keep exposing the dog to new and different experiences (in a very positive way) and perhaps try again later.

**13. Does the dog or owner appear to have any training difficulties, physical or emotional limitations, or behavior problems that might interfere with its ability to work as a therapy team?**

Are there areas that could use some work? These may be areas that would disqualify or show concern for the dog or handler for therapy dog work or they may just be something that the evaluator feels could be better. You may offer suggestions to help the handler better prepare the dog for therapy work.



## **CONTROL Evaluation for Dogs**

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### **Instructions:**

- ♥ **Note: YOU MUST COMPLETE AND PASS THE CONTROL EVALUATION *before* starting your Supervised Visits.**
- ♥ The Control Evaluation must be administered by a Certified Animal Behaviorist, Certified Dog Trainer, Certified Obedience Instructor, or AKC approved Evaluator.
- ♥ Candidates for membership must be at least 18 years old and may not evaluate their own pets or pets they may become certified with. The Control Evaluation and the Visit Evaluation must be completed by two different evaluators and may not be in the same family or household.
- ♥ Prong, pinch or electronic type collars or any similar device may not be used during the evaluation.
- ♥ Treats, calming or anxiety meds, or other incentives may not be used during this evaluation.
- ♥ **Make a copy of this completed Control Evaluation (p.6) to carry during Supervised Visits.**
- ♥ ***Supervised Visits and the entire Membership Application must be completed and postmarked within one year from the date of the Control Evaluation.***

**NOTE: ANY DOG WHO SHOWS AGGRESSION TOWARD A PERSON OR ANOTHER DOG IS AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ *must be 1 Yr or older*  
(MM/DD/YYYY, or date of rescue if DOB unknown)

Handler's Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The **“Leave It”** or **“Drop It”** command is very important to know for the **safety of your dog**. At times there may be pills or other items on the floor that can harm a dog. Although this question is not required to pass the Control Evaluation, it should be tested to see if your dog will listen to this command.

**Continue to next page for the Control Evaluation**



## **CONTROL Evaluation for Dogs**

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Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ *must be 1 Yr or older*  
(MM/DD/YYYY, or date of rescue if DOB unknown)

Handler's Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Handler's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

1. I have read and will abide by the Love on a Leash® Evaluator Guidelines (pages 2-5),  
accompanying this form, when evaluating this team..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
2. I have confirmed that the dog I am evaluating is at least one year old..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Is the dog able to sit, lie down, or heel with people close by, and come when called  
while on a leash?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
4. Is the dog able to do a 2-minute down or sit/stay with the handler holding the leash?.... ☐ YES ☐ NO
5. While meeting a friendly stranger who has a dog, is the handler able to maintain control  
without the dog being aggressive or over stimulated?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
6. Does the dog allow petting including having its head, ears, feet and tail touched?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
7. Is the dog clean and well groomed?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
8. Is the dog under control with people around and able to walk on a loose leash without  
pulling?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
9. Is the dog able to maintain composure when a stranger approaches in an erratic manner?  
..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
10. Is mouthing, biting, dodging, or aggression apparent?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
11. Is aggression apparent towards any person or animal?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
12. Does the dog show signs of fear, sound sensitivity, or shyness?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
13. Does the **dog** or **handler** appear to have any training difficulties, physical or emotional limitations, or  
behavior problems that may interfere with their ability to work as a therapy team?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO  
(If yes, please explain on back of this page)

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**FOR EVALUATOR ONLY:** Fill out completely *and legibly*. Incomplete Control Evaluations will not be considered.

Name of Evaluator (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

Professional certification (e.g. CGC Evaluator #, professional membership, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

(MM/DD/YYYY)





## **SUPERVISED VISITS LOG for Dogs**

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- ♥ **Note: Your Control Evaluation is to be completed before starting your Supervised Visits.**
- ♥ ***On each visit, you must bring your Supervised Visit Log and a copy of your completed Control Evaluation. Treats, calming or anxiety meds, or other incentives may not be offered to your pet during supervised visits.***
- ♥ Only enter a facility or do visits when accompanied by a Visit Captain, Certified Love on a Leash® Team, or a substitute **pre-approved** in writing or email by National Love on a Leash®. **If you do not seek pre-approval for a substitute, your application packet will be rejected.**
- ♥ Contact a chapter near you for a list of approved visits. If there is no chapter near you, contact Love on a Leash® for instructions. Hardware stores, pet stores, malls, fairs, festivals, social events, community walks, public events or similar are unacceptable supervised visits for teams in training.
- ♥ **All visits must be as a volunteer only.** No form of payment may be received while on any visit.
- ♥ All parts of the evaluation must be performed with your dog on a **4-foot leash**. Tied, looped, stretchable, or retractable leashes are not permitted. If using anything longer than a 4-foot leash, the team must be sent home.
- ♥ ***Regardless of certification status, a team in training dog may not visit for more than one hour per day during a probationary (supervised visits) period.***
- ♥ ***Supervised visits must be completed and postmarked within one year from the date of the Control Evaluation.***
- ♥ Candidates for membership and evaluators may not evaluate their own pets or pets they may become certified with. The Control Evaluation and the Visit Evaluation are to be done by two different evaluators and may not be in the same family or household. Supervised visits may not occur at places of employment or places you are regularly associated with.
- ♥ ***At any time, including during National's application review process, a team in training may be asked to complete one or more additional supervised visits to ensure confidence that the team in training will be successful visiting on their own. (please use the gray grid below for any additional visits).***
- ♥ The Visit Evaluation form (p.11) must be completed by a certified Love on a Leash® team who supervised at least 5 of the required hours. It may not be completed until the conclusion of the required minimum 10 visit hours. ***The last visit must be supervised by the person signing the Visit Evaluation form.***

**The section below is for additional visits, in case you are asked to do more than 10 visits.**

Visit #	Date	Length	Full Facility Name (use back if needed)	Supervisor's Name <b>PRINT <u>and</u> SIGN</b>	Comments / Examples
11					
12					
13					



## **SUPERVISED VISITS LOG for Dogs**

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Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY (or rescue date if DOB unknown; must be one year or older)

Handler's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **For First Supervisor:**

**Before signing the first supervised visit, you must check the Control Evaluation to be sure the date on the evaluation is within one year and the questions are all marked correctly. If they are, sign here. If not, do not sign, and send the team home. The handler is ineligible to visit.**

X \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
(Supervisor Print Name) (Supervisor's Signature) (Control Evaluation Date)

Visit #	Date	Length	Full Facility Name (use back if needed)	Supervisor's Name <b>PRINT and SIGN</b>	Comments / Examples
e.g.	9/21/22	60 min	Meadows Retirement Home (no acronyms please)	Jane Smith <i>Jane Smith</i>	Great first visit / Pet seems shy / Tail is tucked & does not appear to like visiting / Nice control of pet / Handler distracted easily; does not pay attention to dog / Dog does a nice paws up / etc.
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					





## **Visit Evaluator Guidelines for VISIT Evaluation for Dogs**

- ♥ This evaluation is to be filled out by a Visit Captain, or an experienced Love on a Leash® therapy member. If there are no Love on a Leash® teams in your area, an experienced facility employee (i.e. Recreational Therapist or Activities Director, etc.) may substitute as an evaluator who agrees to supervise you for the minimum 10 visit hours. ***You must first contact Love on a Leash® by email to request pre-approval of a substitute supervisor at [info@loveonaleash.org](mailto:info@loveonaleash.org).*** A completed APPROVED substitute form must be included with your application packet for processing. Whenever possible, however, a team in training must pair up with a certified Love on a Leash® team for their supervised visits. ***If you do not seek pre-approval for a substitute, your application packet will be rejected.***
- ♥ All parts of the evaluation must be performed with the dog on a 4-foot leash. Tied, looped, stretchable, or retractable leashes are not permitted. Additionally, no prong, pinch or electronic collars of any kind, may be used.
- ♥ The handler may talk to the dog and encourage them, but ***no treats, calming or anxiety meds, or other incentives*** may be used during the supervised visit.
- ♥ Certified members may not evaluate/supervise their own pets with a candidate for membership, nor pets they share a home with, nor pets they may become certified with. Family members may not evaluate/supervise another family member for certification.
- ♥ Supervised visits may not occur at the handler's place of employment or places they are regularly associated with.
- ♥ Hardware stores, pet stores, malls, fairs, festivals, social events, community walks, public events, or similar are unacceptable supervised visits for teams in training.
- ♥ If the dog shows any aggression towards or injures any person or dog, the evaluation must stop and an Incident Report must be filed with National Love on a Leash®.
- ♥ The recommended ratio of Love on a Leash® supervisors to teams in training is 1 supervisor per 1 team in training, or 1 supervisor per 2 teams in training (without the supervisor's pet present). Non-Love on a Leash® substitute supervisors may only supervise 1 team in training per hour.
- ♥ The Love on a Leash® Visit Evaluation is to evaluate the team and the amount of control the handler has in various situations. These guidelines are meant to give the evaluator objective criteria and to make the evaluation as consistent as possible in all parts of the country.

**\*\*\*The Supervisor/Evaluator at the first supervised visit, must check the Control Evaluation to be sure the date of evaluation is within one year, and the questions are all marked correctly. If they are, then continue to fill out the first visit information on the Supervised Visits Log. This same procedure is to be done by the Supervisor/Evaluator who will be signing the Visit Evaluation form. This is to ensure that the Control Evaluation has been successfully completed and passed within the one-year time frame.\*\*\***

### **1. On how many visits have you observed this therapy team?**

In order to sign the Visit Evaluation form, you must have observed the team for at least five (5) of the mandatory ten (10) hours, including their final visit. The Visit Evaluation form may not be signed until the minimum 10 hours of supervised visits have been completed. The 5 minimum visits do not need to be consecutive, as long as the final visit has been with you. That way, you may officially complete and sign the team's Visit Evaluation form.



Additionally, if you do not feel this team is ready to be certified after 10 hours, you may request additional visits under your supervision. Currently, there are three additional blank lines on the Supervised Visit Log (p.7) for this purpose. You may ask the team in training for *more* than three additional visits, if needed. If asking for additional training or supervision, **do not sign** the Visit Evaluation until the team has completed any extra supervised visits and you are satisfied that the team is ready to be certified.

## **2. Does the dog seem to like and relate well to people?**

The dog should look relaxed and have a happy presence. The dog's tail (for breeds that have them) should be relaxed, not tucked between their hind legs. A tucked tail may be a sign of fear, lack of confidence, or an indication that the dog is unhappy. If a dog seems to be scared or unhappy during the visit they should be sent home.

## **3. Is the dog under control of the handler when it interacts with others?**

The dog should be at the handler's side or just slightly in front of the handler. Additionally, in the event something were to happen, is the handler paying attention to the dog and ready to intervene or correct the dog if needed? ***The handler should never be so engrossed in conversation, that he/she does not know what the dog is doing at all times.***

## **4. Is the dog able to walk on a leash without pulling?**

The dog must be on a loose 4-foot leash. If the leash is taut, then the dog is pulling and the handler is being controlled by the dog. The leash should be relaxed, and the dog should be by the handler's side or just slightly in front of the handler, not 4-foot in front.

## **5. Is the handler able to get the dog close enough to people during visits?**

No matter what size dog, the handler should be able to get the dog close enough to those in a manual or electric wheelchair, next to walkers, and raised or lowered beds. There are times people will be sitting in corners, or in physical therapy, or rooms that are small and have lots of medical equipment around them. The handler should be able to get the dog close enough for petting in any of these situations. It could be by picking up your dog (smaller breeds), or kindly asking if a walker can be moved for a moment for a visit. If you do move any furniture, be sure to place it in the same position it was in beforehand and sanitize your hands if applicable.

## **6. Is the handler able to initiate conversations with people and stimulate interest in the dog?**

It can be difficult at times to strike up a conversation with a complete stranger. However, while doing therapy work this will more than likely occur at each visit. Can the handler walk up to a person and talk to them? Does the handler attempt to converse with those who do not wish to speak or are unable to speak?

## **7. Based on your observations, do you feel this team is a good candidate for pet therapy at this time?**

After considering all these questions, does this team appear ready to be on their own without any further supervision? If you do not feel the team is ready, additional visits should be requested by you and under your supervision before you certify them.

## **8. Is there any behavior you would like them to work on that would not disqualify this team for therapy work?**

Some examples could be, but are not limited to:

- ♥ The dog or handler is a bit shy and could use more training.
- ♥ The dog is fine around a manual wheelchair but is a bit uncertain around electric wheelchairs.
- ♥ The handler is still working on certain sound or flooring sensitivity issues.



## VISIT Evaluation for Dogs

- ♥ **INSTRUCTIONS TO EVALUATOR:** This evaluation is to be filled out by a Visit Captain, Certified Love on a Leash® Member, or **pre-approved** substitute by National who has supervised the dog and handler on at least **five (5)** of the minimum **ten (10) supervised hour-long visits**, and is to be completed only **after** at least ten (10) supervised visit hours have been completed and documented on the Supervised Visits Log. **If a pre-approval for a substitute has not been requested, the application packet will be rejected.**
- ♥ Hardware stores, pet stores, malls, fairs, festivals, social events, community walks, public events, or similar are unacceptable supervised visits for teams in training.
- ♥ **Treats, calming or anxiety meds, or other incentives may not be offered to the pet during supervised visits.**
- ♥ No more than one hour per day can be counted during the probationary (supervised visits) period.
- ♥ Candidates for membership cannot evaluate their own pets or pets they may become certified with, and may not occur at places of employment or places regularly associated with.
- ♥ The Control Evaluation and the Visit Evaluation must be done by two different evaluators and may not be in the same family or household.

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handler's Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Control Eval Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Handler's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**I have checked the Control Evaluation to ensure the date of the evaluation is dated within one year, and the questions are all answered correctly as intended for a PASS.** ☐ YES ☐ NO

1. On how many visits have you observed this therapy team? Number of Visits = \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does the dog seem to like and relate well to people?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Is the dog under control of the handler when it interacts with others?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
4. Is the dog able to walk on a leash without pulling?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
5. Is the handler able to get the dog close enough to people during visits?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
6. Is the handler able to initiate conversations with people and stimulate interest in the dog?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
7. Based on your observations, do you feel this team is a good candidate for pet therapy at this time?..... ☐ YES ☐ NO  
(If "No", please explain and/or make recommendations for additional supervised visits, training, etc.)
8. Is there any behavior you would like them to work on that would not disqualify this team for therapy work?... ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

PASS ☐ YES (**all** questions answered as intended)

RE-EVALUATE ☐ (Not ready at this time)

**For Evaluator Only:** If team is not ready to be certified at this time (see #7, #8), please understand that **only you** may re-evaluate this team. The team is responsible for sending in all completed forms when applying for membership. **Please print legibly.**

Name of Evaluator (Required) (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ LOAL ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out completely. Incomplete Visit Evaluations will not be considered.**



## **Membership Application for Dogs**

- ♥ Love on a Leash® can only insure evaluated partnerships (one person with one pet).
- ♥ Please fill out a separate application for each partnership.
- ♥ Each person wishing to certify with a pet must be at least 18 years of age and must complete a Control Evaluation, a Supervised Visits Log, a Visit Evaluation, and a Membership Application.
- ♥ If more than one person is certifying with the same pet, each person must certify individually and may not combine hours or evaluations with another person.

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

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required) (e.g. Bill vs William)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter in your Area: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) In Case of Emergency, please list a phone number of an emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **I confirm that I am at least 18 years of age.**

Have you and/or your pet ever been involved with another therapy pet organization where your membership has been terminated, suspended or revoked? \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Tell us about your dog:**

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (or rescue)(**must be 1 yr or older**): \_\_\_\_\_ (M/D/YYYY)

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F Spayed or Neutered? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Weight (lbs): \_\_\_\_\_ Microchipped? ☐ YES ☐ NO # \_\_\_\_\_

Color and any distinct markings: \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Declaration of Behavior:**

Has your dog ever shown signs of aggression to other animals or people? ..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are there any behaviors that may inhibit your pet's ability to visit? ..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

**(If yes to either question, please describe the circumstances on supplemental paper.)**

**4. Veterinarian Information:** (Listed Veterinarian must have examined the dog in the past year and be able to vouch for the dog's health and current vaccinations)

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

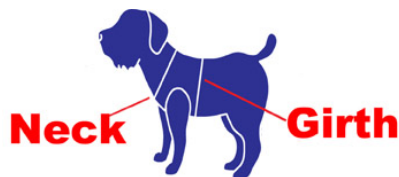
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Required for Dogs, Rabies Vaccine Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Membership Application for Dogs

### 5a. Sizing information for Love on a Leash® vests and bandanas:



There are two adjustable straps that secure the vest.

**For vests**, measure the girth using a soft fabric measuring tape and measure all the way around the widest part of the rib cage.

**For bandanas (optional)**, measure low and around the neck at the widest part.

All Welcome Packets **include** one Love on a Leash® **VEST**.  
Please select (X) your dog's vest size:

Vest Size	Girth	(midpoint)
( ) XS	17" ~ 24.5"	(21")
( ) S	19.5" ~ 27"	(23")
( ) M	20.5" ~ 30"	(25")
( ) L	24" ~ 36.5"	(30")
( ) XL	27" ~ 44"	(36")

Love on a Leash® **bandanas** are **OPTIONAL**.

If ordering, please note your dog's bandana size in **6b**:

Bandana Size	Neck
XXS	8" ~ 10"
XS	10" ~ 12"
S	16" ~ 18"
M	20" ~ 22"
L	23" ~ 25"
XL	27" ~ 29"

### 5b. Sizing information for Love on a Leash® leashes:

All Welcome Packets (*excluding Additional Handler*) include one branded Love on a Leash® 4-foot **LEASH**.

Please select (X) a leash size for your dog:

( ) ½-inch wide x 4-foot ( ) 1-inch wide x 4-foot

### 6a. Membership Fees (Choose One)

- ☐ **New Therapy Pet Team** (Handler & Pet) \$80.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(fee includes Handler Photo ID, Dog Photo ID, **Vest**, 4-foot Leash, ID Holder & Love on a Leash® Certificate)
- ☐ **Additional Handler** (For Dog Already Certified) \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Additional Handler must complete Control Evaluation, Supervised Visits & Visit Evaluation forms with the dog's ID number*  
(fee includes Handler Photo ID, Dog Photo ID, and ID Card Holder) **Dog ID #** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Current/Continuing Member Adding Additional Dog** \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Member must complete Control Evaluation, Supervised Visits, and Visit Evaluation forms with additional dog*  
(fee Includes Handler Photo ID, Dog Photo ID, **Vest**, 4-foot Leash, ID Holder & Love on a Leash® Certificate)

### 6b. Additional Items for Purchase (Optional)

**Love on a Leash® Bandana:** Bandana Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Bandanas are optional. A bandana may not be substituted for the vest, but may be purchased in addition to the vest)

**Love on a Leash® Vest: (Additional)** Vest Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: Purchasing an additional vest is optional. One vest is included with your new member packet)

6c. **Donation** (Optional) (Thank you!) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. **TOTAL Enclosed** (Please make check payable to "Love on a Leash") \$ \_\_\_\_\_

♥ Applicant will be responsible for any service charges or fees incurred from a returned check. ♥

Questions? Call Love on a Leash® at (760) 740-2326  
or email [info@loveonaleash.org](mailto:info@loveonaleash.org)



**8. Acknowledgement of Owner/Handler Agreement and Member Guidelines:** *(Please read and sign. Applications will not be accepted without this signed agreement.)*

**(INITIAL each)** As the therapy pet's owner and handler, I understand and agree that:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am responsible for all my pet's actions at all times, including but not limited to financial or physical injury.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I shall consider the safety of other people and pets at all times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I shall continue my pet's education, refreshing obedience commands, and teaching special commands.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My pet and I shall be clean, neatly groomed, and healthy on each visit. My pet shall be parasite-free and up to date on all state required vaccinations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will remember at all times that my pet and its actions as well as my behavior, actions, and attitude represent all therapy teams in the eyes of the public.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to abide by all of Love on a Leash® policies and procedures, including any revisions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all therapy teams are volunteers. I understand that Love on a Leash® is not affiliated with any for profit entities. Therefore, Love on a Leash® trademarks or apparel may not be utilized during any activity that involves payment of any kind. If, as a handler of a therapy pet, I am at work or working in any capacity with my pet, then Love on a Leash® trademarks, IDs, and apparel must be removed from the pet and myself until our therapy team activity is clearly volunteer only.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If at any time my pet and/or I are no longer able to visit due to age, illness, disability or behavior problems, I will stop visiting and will notify Love on a Leash®. The Love on a Leash® Board of Directors reserves the right to make a determination on whether my pet and/or I are suitable to continue visiting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand and agree that the Love on a Leash® Board of Directors has the complete discretion to disallow my pet or me to continue as a participating member.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree that if I do not or cannot abide by Love on a Leash® policies, procedures, and guidelines (including any revisions), my membership may be terminated at the discretion of the Love on a Leash® Board of Directors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I give Love on a Leash® permission to use my photograph and the photograph of my pet for the purposes of education or promotion of Love on a Leash® and its programs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***I have read and agree to abide by the Owner/Handler Agreement.***
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***I have read the Membership Guidelines (available on the Love on a Leash® website).***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Love on a Leash® is a not-for-profit, charitable organization. All officers and Board members are unpaid volunteers. Love on a Leash® does not rent office space. All funds are used to pay for direct operating expenses (insurance, member supplies, printing, postage, etc.).*

Mail Completed Application To:

**Love on a Leash®  
PO Box 4548  
Oceanside, CA 92052-4548**

**(Note:** Please do not send by UPS or FedEx. They do not deliver to PO Boxes.)

**Applications may take up to 4 weeks to process.  
Thank You!**





# A Must Read For Anyone Getting Involved in Pet-Provided Therapy



Do you think your pet would make a great therapy animal?

Are you currently a Love on a Leash® team in training?

Are you recently certified?

If you're new to pet-provided therapy, or even just thinking about getting involved, this book is a great place to start.

## Get answers to questions such as...

- What does a therapy dog do?
- Is pet therapy right for me, and my dog?
- How can I train my dog to become a therapy pet?
- What kinds of places can I visit with my dog?
- How do I get certified?
- What do I need to know, and do, while on pet therapy visits?
- What problems am I likely to encounter?
- What's the difference between a service dog and a therapy pet?
- Can animals other than dogs become certified therapy pets?

Love on a Leash® highly recommends anyone considering pet therapy, currently in training, or newly certified, read this book. You'll learn everything you need to know to become a successful pet therapy team with Love on a Leash®.

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