

Personal Therapy Dog Adoption Process for Applicants/Members

- **Step 1** – Complete and submit the **Application** online with all required supporting documents together.
- **Step 2** – You will receive an email within 7 days from time of application, to schedule a call to go through the program, process and the next steps to move forward
- **Step 3** – Moving forward, the payment of \$2800 can be made by E-transfer, Credit Card or Cheque and the contract signed.
- **Step 4** – You'll be scheduled for the intake call with one of our wonderful Companion Paws team counsellors. If you are not approved for our Adoption program, you will be refunded your cost 100%.
- **Step 5** – Once the Assessors have ascertained the criteria for your dog, you will be scheduled for a call with our Companion Paws Training Manager.
- **Step 6** – Within 1 weeks time, an assessment will be made by our Companion Paws Team for final approval and to ascertain a suitable dog match for you and your family.
- **Step 7** – Upon final approval of acceptance into the program, within 2 weeks, you will be added to the dog search list.
- **Step 8** – Once a suitable dog has been found, we will work directly with you, the Rescue, Fosters and Assessors to confirm suitability. They will have health and vaccinations confirmed. Dogs under medical treatment will be fully healed and healthy prior to travel, transport and placement.
- **Step 9** – You will be scheduled for a zoom call withour Training Manager and will be emailed a package to fully prepare for your dog's arrival.
- **Step 10** – Schedule your 1 week pre adoption, and 1 week post adoption appointments with your treatment provider.
- **Step 11** – Just prior to the adoption placement, a final assessment will be performed for confirmation of temperament and suitability.
- **Step 12** – Upon confirmation and final approval of suitability, the dog will be placed in his/her new forever home.
- **Step 13** – After settling-in time for the applicant and their new forever best friend, the handler and their new dog will be required to begin training. All these costs are covered by the Program!
- **Step 14** – Once training is complete and your dog is very well trained and ready, the handler will be registered into TLC's Companion Paws Therapy Dog Skills Training Online Course.
- **Step 15** – Once you have successfully completed TLC's Companion Paws Skills Training Online Course, the handler will schedule a Temperament Assessment with a local Companion Paws Assessor.
- **Step 16** – When an applicant passes the Temperament Assessment, they move forward to the scheduled date for the Final Evaluation.
- **Step 17** – When the handler and dog pass the Companion Paws Final Evaluation, The LifeLine Canada Foundation will forward registration documentation by email, to be completed by the handler and returned by email with all required supporting documentation.
- **Step 18** – Once all registration documentation is received, the handler will be mailed a Companion Paws Therapy Dog vest, Identification Card and Certificate of Registration.
- **Step 19** – Continue to maintain and keep up with training at all times.
- **Step 20** – Complete a follow-up call with a Companion Paws team counsellor
- **Step 21** – Complete online follow-up form every 6 months.

- **Step 22** – Complete all annual requirements for Companion Paws Personal Therapy Dog Registration, including annual renewal of \$95 and annual re-assessment. The annual renewal fee covers the cost of the annual re-assessment.
- **Step 23** – Keep up on skills training for the life of the dog in order to keep the amazing connection and bond.