

Renown Pet Therapy Program

Renown Health has acknowledged the healing power of animals in the healthcare setting since 1997. Our volunteer handlers and their registered, insured therapy dogs are warmly and enthusiastically welcomed by patients, employees, families and visitors throughout our facilities. Working as partners with our staff, pet therapy teams are helping to fulfill Renown's mission of making a genuine difference in the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve.

What is a Therapy Dog?

Therapy animals are personal pets that, with their owners, have successfully completed training and maintain certification as Therapy Dogs by AKC accredited organizations. Membership dues in the appropriate organization must be maintained annually to provide liability coverage.

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Through Animal Assisted Interactions (AAI) and Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT), it is our goal to enhance the patient experience, reduce recovery time and shorten a hospital stay.

Here are just a few of the benefits of AAI and AAT:

- petting a dog lowers blood pressure and heart rate by relieving anxiety
- helps in pain management
- eases feelings of depression, loneliness, boredom, and isolation
- stimulates communication
- encourages physical activity



Renown Health has many opportunities for pet therapy teams at Renown Regional, South Meadows and Special Events

Interested in joining the program?

Is your dog friendly and outgoing? Reach out to our team for information on how to get started!

Handlers will need to:

- Onboard to the Adult Volunteer Program

Dogs will need the following:

- Health records of vaccinations from a licensed veterinarian
- Certificate of membership with an AKC recognized Therapy Dog organization
- Certificate of Canine Good Citizenship (CGC)
- Red therapy dog vest

For more information, please contact Volunteer Services at 775-982-4755
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