

Animal-assisted therapy (AAT) involves animals as a form of treatment. The goal of AAT is to improve social, emotional, or cognitive functioning. In conjunction with trauma-informed practices, safety, security, and healing are enhanced through the relationship with the animal.

We provide children in our community that have witnessed violence the option for animal assisted-therapy and evidence-based trauma treatment with our therapy dogs.

Our trainer provides individualized training programs to meet your service and therapy dog needs.

For more information about our programs
call (828)452-2122



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Service Dog

- ◆ A dog that is *individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a documented disability*, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.
- ◆ Federally protected under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) to accompany their person into public places
- ◆ No vest or documentation required

Therapy Dog

- ◆ A dog trained to provide affection, comfort, and love to people in a variety of settings, typically hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, and healthcare settings.
- ◆ Vest or bandanna is worn to identify
- ◆ Not allowed access to public areas



Emotional Support Dog

- ◆ A dog that provides comfort and support in forms of affection and companionship for an *individual* suffering from medically documented mental and emotional conditions
- ◆ Not required to perform any specific tasks
- ◆ Allowed to live and fly with their individual under the Under the Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA) and the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) but not allowed access to public areas