

LCCOC PET THERAPY

The LCCOC Pet Therapy program has been in place for more than 18 years. Currently, volunteers visit seven different locations each month. Most visits are scheduled for Saturdays but occasionally visits are made during the week or on request.

Dogs will be temperament tested by several members of LCCOC and must enjoy meeting new people. They should also be able to get along very well with other dogs and particularly in tight spaces. While we do not require that the animals pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen test, nor the Therapy Dog International test, it is encouraged. It is also not necessary to be a member of TDI, Delta or any other national therapy group. LCCOC does give CGC and TDI classes once a year in the Fall and testing is done at the end of the class (please go to the CGC/TDI link on our web site for more information).

The schedule for the month is issued (via e-mail) at the end of the prior month and volunteers may choose the visit date that works best for them. Generally, no fewer than two people are scheduled for each visit. All animals must be current on all shots, and should be clean, groomed, and parasite free. All animals must be on a six-foot leash or shorter at all times. Any type of collar or harness may be used as long as the animal is under control. Please be aware that there is an **ordinance** requiring all dogs to be on a leash six feet long (or shorter) – “Flexi leashes” and electric training collars are not allowed.

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