

Paws for Friendship Inc.®

Helping Those In Need, One Paw At A Time

CELEBRATING 27 YEARS IN 2020

2020 MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT



Paws for Friendship Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a bridge between service animals and to those in need of the invaluable companionship they provide. Our members contribute thousands of service hours each year to visiting hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, schools, private homes, and anywhere else where our incredible 4-legged friends help in ways that humans never can. **Please read this entire document carefully before signing, as it is a legally-binding document.**

Membership dues are \$60.00 for the first pet and \$30.00 for each additional pet in the same household. Payment by check should be made payable to: Paws for Friendship Inc. and should be mailed to our corporate address: PO Box 341378, Tampa, FL 33694. Renewal of annual dues will be in the month you joined one year from your membership starting!

Within one month of your membership approval you will be sent a package of Paws for Friendship materials including: a shirt for you to wear while making your visits, a photo identification card for your pet, a lanyard, and depending on your choice, a service vest **or** scarf for your pet, not both. Please note that availability of service vests varies, and we cannot guarantee a service vest for every pet as this depends on type and size of the animal. The vests are ordered per pet so there will be a delay of 2 to 3 months. Once you receive the ID card and shirt, please begin visiting!

If you wish to **cancel your membership**, please do so **in writing** to: PO Box 341378, Tampa, FL 33694, but note that **there are no refunds of membership dues**. Thus, if you cancel your membership early through a calendar year, you **will not** receive your annual membership dues back. If you 'opt out' of our emails your Membership will end.

PLEASE initial this page acknowledging you have read it _____

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We are a Certified Animal Assisted Therapy Organization

All Paws for Friendship materials must be returned within ten (10) calendar days to: PO Box 341378, Tampa, FL 33694. This includes the above-identified materials and *any* other Paws for Friendship materials you may receive while you were a member. This is a legal contract whereas, if cause for action occurs, it will be in Tampa, FL., Hillsborough County. Paws for Friendship is not responsible for the loss or damage of membership materials in transit, thus we encourage you returning items with delivery tracking and confirmation. PLEASE know abuse, theft, loss, of any/all our Copyrighted and Trademarked items will be considered illegal and will be subject to the Federal Law definition of a Copyright and Trademark Protection:

*A copyright is protection provided by the laws of the United States to authors of "original works of authorship." This includes literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other creative works. Material **not** protected by copyright (or otherwise protected) is available for use by anyone without the author's consent. A copyright holder can prevent others from copying, performing or otherwise using the work without his or her consent. This is under Federal Protection.*

You will be required to make one (1) service visit per calendar month, unless we are aware of a special situation. You **must** report all visits made to us monthly. All visit reports are to be sent to frohmal@gmail.com. We also encourage participation at any scheduled events; these **will** be counted as a visit if you are a member in good standing making the regular scheduled visits to the care centers, hospitals, etc. Participation with at least one fundraiser per year is required, this is depending on your area of course.

While on any visit or attending any event for us, please wear your Paws for Friendship shirt and if available, dress your pet in the Paws for Friendship service vest/scarf. You are also required to keep us informed with any changes to your mailing address, email address, phone numbers to contact you. **If we mail a package to the address you provided and it is returned because you have moved and did not let us know, you will be responsible for the mailing costs to resend the package. We email all correspondence so PLEASE, do not 'opt out' from receiving them! If you do your Membership will stop!**

Please note: if your selection is not currently available, we will mail you what is in stock until your desired style comes in. Please record your desired size below by circling one of the sizes and note that **each member only receives one shirt or vest: couples get two**

SELECTION OF SCARF OR VEST (NOT BOTH) Scarf_____ Vest_____

Turquoise polo:	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL	XXXXXL
Turquoise T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL		
Turquoise Human Vest	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL		
Black polo	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL		
Red polo	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL		

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Fleece jackets and vests, etc, in sizes from S to XXXLG are available for purchase on our website under the “General Store” tab.

If your shirt is worn, torn, or in a not wearable condition it must be returned, before a new one can be sent. Before any new ID card can be issued for your pet, the expired one **MUST** be returned to us. Same with all other items issued when you joined.

With your application, please send us two (2) clear pictures (**jpeg format**) of your pet, emailing them is preferred. If accepted, one is used for the provided ID card and the other is kept on file for our records.

Under **no** circumstances are E, Shock Collars or Flexi Leads allowed on any pet while representing Paws for Friendship Inc. Haltis and Gentle Leaders are accepted if your pet responds well to them.

We want your membership in Paws For Friendship Inc to be a memorable one, enjoyed by all. **Upon receipt of your application and completed paperwork, you will be contacted with the next scheduled evaluation for you and your pet. Please note: all paperwork and dues must be paid within 10 calendar days of being accepted into the organization or you will need to be evaluated again and fill out new application information. Please know if you have completed a formal Obedience Class, a copy of the graduation must be included. We do NOT encourage ‘Therapy Dog Classes.’ IF your pet has been ‘home schooled’ a Disposition Statement from your Veterinarian must accompany the paperwork sent to us.** References you provide will be checked. We do not discourage ‘obedience’ classes, just ask questions before signing up for any class. Without **all** paperwork, we cannot process your application. Once you have your ID card for the pet and a shirt to wear you can begin visiting.

I hereby agree to the terms of the above Membership Agreement and expressly recognize that this is a legally binding contract. With my signature, I acknowledge that I have read and understood all provisions of this document, all 3 pages must be initialed and all 3 pages must be returned. Your paperwork can not be completed without all 3 pages.

Thank you for wanting to join and share your pet!

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Signature	Date
_____	Date_____
Signature of parent/guardian if member under 18	
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