



karma dogs

Testing Requirements

Volunteer Teams are allowed to receive 2 Not Ready(s) on items marked with an *.

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Accepting petting from someone other than handler
3. Animal allows grooming/examination from someone other than handler
4. Walk without pulling on a leash
5. Walk politely through a crowd
6. Has a non-aggressive reaction to distractions (one audible, one visual)
7. Sit on command*
8. Down on command
9. Stay on a 10 foot line while handler walks away and back, with a 2 second pause *
10. Come when called
11. Dog must react politely to a neutral dog
12. Allow someone other than the handler to pet the dog in a clumsy fashion
13. Allow someone other than the handler to give the dog a restraining hug
14. Dog sees someone walking with an uneven gait or gesticulating wildly and then accepts petting from that person
15. Dog reacts politely to yelling
16. Dog reacts politely to being bumped/petted from behind
17. Dog reacts politely to many people petting/crowding them at once*
18. Dog will "leave it"
19. Dog will politely accept a treat*

20. Dog accepts a 2 minute separation from owner without displays of anxiety.*

21. Dog does not jump on other people upon meeting them.

The cost of the test is \$20 per dog evaluation and \$10 per puppy temperament test. This fee is non-refundable and payable to the trainer who evaluates the animal. Any animal that reacts aggressively during the test will be immediately dismissed. In the case of aggression, the evaluator will decide if the animal qualifies to re-test at a later date. Any dog that eliminates during the test will be dismissed and may re-test at a later date. The use of prong, choke or shock collars is forbidden in testing and while working as a therapy dog. Martingales without chain links are acceptable. All leashes must be a standard leash and not a flexi lead. The use of food or other rewards is not permitted during testing. Please bring your own brush for the grooming section of the test. Some dogs, depending on breed, may be excused from sitting on command. If you are interested in setting up a test or would like to have your dog evaluated to determine if your dog may be suited for therapy work, please e-mail kelly@karmadogs.org for information on our next scheduled evaluation.