

# PET CERTIFICATION

Resurrection's Pet Ministry works with organizations that certify therapy animals.

#### THERAPY DOGS

As an approved Canines for Christ volunteer, you can volunteer at Resurrection through the Pet Ministry. Our volunteers provide greetings and comfort to people as they enter classes, recovery groups, events, KidsCOR programs, and ministries such as Rez Vets, Matthew's Ministry and Foster and Adoptive Parents. Volunteering is easy and becoming a certified volunteer can be done by following the steps below. Contact Pet Ministry at petministry@cor.org with questions or for more information.

### **CANINES FOR CHRIST**

Canines for Christ is an international Christian-based, animal-assisted therapy ministry that uses ordinary people and their beloved dogs to share God's message of love, hope, kindness, and compassion to the community. Canines for Christ is a 501c3 non-profit charity under IRS guidelines.

Pioneered by Chaplain Larry Randolph, Canines for Christ has been in existence since July 2007. God has blessed many people through this ministry and changed lives. Volunteers serve all over the United States and in several other countries.

Pets who participate in Canines for Christ are either certified and active through an approved therapy dog group or have achieved their AKC Canine Good Citizen(CGC) certification. CGC is a ten-skill training program that is open to all dogs—purebred and mixed breed. <a href="https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/">https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/</a>

### **Steps to Becoming a Volunteer**

Go to Canines for Christ website: <a href="http://k9forchrist.org/">http://k9forchrist.org/</a> Click on *Volunteers* and then *Getting Started* 

## **Liability Insurance**

Canines for Christ provides a Certificate of Insurance for liability while you are volunteering with your pet.

## **Canine Study Buddies ~ Canines for Christ**

Probably the most common use of dogs in the classroom is "listening" to children practice their emerging reading skills, but there are so many other uses to. Study Buddies provides a non-threatening avenue for children to practice basic academic skills such as math and spelling. For more information - http://k9forchrist.org/?s=study+buddies

## R.E.A.D. ~ Reading Education Assistance Dog Program

Steps to become a R.E.A.D. team:

http://www.therapyanimals.org/Read\_Team\_Steps.html

Get registered with an animal-assisted therapy group. This will give you insurance during a visit, and some of the training you will need, to become a R.E.A.D. team.

If you are in an area where there is not an affiliate group, you will need to explore other animal-assisted therapy groups. The AKC provides a list of those groups. *Canines for Christ* is recognized by AKC as R.E.A.D. partners.

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