



THERAPY PET CERTIFICATION

Resurrection's Pet Ministry does not certify therapy dogs but does work with organizations that do evaluate and certify pet dogs to become therapy dogs.

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, groups, and events both at Resurrection and in the community. Our therapy dogs work with children and adults as well as special needs groups. Volunteering is easy and becoming a certified volunteer team with your dog 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 another approved therapy dog group or have achieved their AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>. CGC is a ten-skill training program that is open to all dogs—purebred and mixed breed. Additionally, Canines for Christ has a Canine Temperament Test that your pet will need to complete before volunteering.

Steps to Becoming a Volunteer

More information can be found [here](#).

Go to Canines for Christ website: <https://k9forchrist.org/>
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

The most common use of dogs in the classroom is “listening” to children practice their emerging reading skills, but there are so many other ways to help students. 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

The mission of the R.E.A.D. program is to improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered therapy teams as literacy mentors.

The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children’s reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to an animal. But not just any animal. R.E.A.D. companions are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team, going to schools, libraries, and many other settings as reading companions for children.

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

For more information on Reading Education Assistance Dogs, click the link or contact Pet Ministry. <https://therapyanimals.org/read-team-steps/>

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