ANGEL PAWS Visitation Rules

1. All handlers and dogs must be current on their membership status. Handlers must complete an annual membership application and dogs must submit proof of their rabies vaccine record. No visitations are allowed if member or dog is not current on membership status.

2. Dogs must be bathed within 48 hours of a visit. Nails should be clipped, smooth and clean. This is important since many we visit will have thin fragile skin that can be easily cut so it is important that your dog’s nails are properly taken care of. On the day of visit, brush your dog’s coat and teeth.

3. You and your dog are certified through Angel PAWS and you are only allowed to visit as a pet therapy dog those places Angel PAWS are authorized to visit.

4. Never represent your dog as a “service dog”.

5. Members are required to wear their Angel PAWS ID’s during visit. Some places require you to show proof of vaccine records so it is a good idea to carry that with you.

6. Any facility specific training requirements and rules must be followed. For instance, some facilities require Volunteer training, annual flu shots and TB test, etc. Some facilities also have age limit requirements that must be followed.

7. PHOTO’s of faces, Identification bracelets or identifying images of anyone other than Angel PAWS members is STRICKLY PROHIBITED. Any member failing to comply with this rule is subject to membership suspension.

8. Contact your Team Leader if you are unable to visit. Many patients will grow to love you and your dog so keeping your commitment to scheduled visits is important.

9. Do not visit if you or your dog are not feeling well. Contact your Team Leader to let them know you will not be visiting.

10. All dogs must be kept on a leash. Under no circumstances will dogs be “off leash” on a visit.

11. You are required to carry a “oops” bag to clean up any potty accidents. Do not throw your sanitary clean ups in a trash can. Dispose of them when you get home.

12. Altercations between dogs or any other person during a visit should be reported immediately to your Team Leader.
13. Your dog must know and obey the “leave alone” command. Do not allow your dog to eat anything off the floor. It could be very dangerous if they were to consume a “pill” of some sort and in a hospital/assisted living facility there is always a possibility a pill is accidently dropped on a floor. Bring only “human treats” for your dogs. Cheerios is a good treat if your dog can eat them.

14. Dress appropriately. No “flip flops”, shorts or tank tops are allowed. You not only are representing Angel PAWS but our church as well. Angel PAWS shirts will be available for purchase.

15. Patients love seeing your dogs dressed up so you are encouraged to do so if you feel it is appropriate.

These rules are subject to modification. By signing this, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to follow the above Visitation Rules.

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Printed name of Handler

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Signature of Handler                      Date signed