

Sweet Charity Canine Ambassador Program 2017

Program goal:

Trained dogs will provide psychological support to individuals in the school/business setting. The presence of a trained staff/pet team will enhance the school/business environment as the dog and the handler promote positive socialization and calm interaction.

Criteria for a Canine Ambassador:

Sweet Charity Canine Ambassadors must be stable, have calm temperaments, lack aggression and “house” trained. Dogs must have an up-to-date rabies vaccination, be over one year in age and be spayed or neutered. Dog/Handler team must complete a six- hour training program prior to entering the school/business setting. While working in their setting the dog must wear the Sweet Charity cape and be on a Sweet Charity lead. Both of these items are provided within the Sweet Charity training program. As long as the dog and handler are in the program, these items will be part of the team’s equipment. Upon leaving the program these items are to be returned to Sweet Charity.

Canine Ambassador Team Training:

The six one-hour training sessions include an assessment of the dog, basic obedience and access training. Canine Good Neighbour certification with the Canadian Kennel Club is included as part of the final assessment. Our trainer, Kacy Cassidy, will determine each dog’s appropriateness for the program, at the completion of the first training session.

Training will take place on Wednesday evenings: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 and 15 from 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at TopDog K9 Services, 366 Huronia Rd, Barrie, ON L4N 8Y9.

Upon certification the administrator will establish the protocol and schedule for the program within their setting.

School/Business Cost:

Training costs, including CGN certification and badge, Sweet Charity cape and lead is \$300.00 for each canine team. Annual recertification includes a one-hour session (February 15 2017) at a cost of \$50.00 for each team.

Program Research:

For the second year, Dr. Howard Bloom, Coordinator and Professor, Child and Youth Care/Child and Youth Worker Program will provide research on the efficacy of the program. Howard will also participate in the training to bring the Canine Ambassador Program to Georgian College.

CANINE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

School/Business: _____

Administrator: _____

Administrator's e-mail: _____

Staff (handler) Name: _____

Staff e-mail: _____ cell: _____

Pet's Name: _____

Breed: _____ Dog's Age: _____

Dog's Gender (note that the dog must be neutered or spayed): _____

Please attach a copy of the certificate of rabies vaccination, along with any questions/comments and forward to Jean Hargreaves: hargreaves.jean@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest in the program. You will receive an email from our Lead Trainer, Kacy Cassidy with the training outline.