



Sweet Charity Canine Ambassador Program

2017-2018

Program goal:

Trained dogs will provide psychological support to individuals in the school/business setting. The presence of a trained staff/pet ambassador 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 be "house" trained. Dogs must have an up-to-date rabies vaccination, be over one year in age and be spayed or neutered. Dog/handler teams must complete and graduate from the eight training sessions 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:

Canine Ambassador training consists of a pre-training assessment/ evaluation. This assessment will take approximately 20 minutes to complete with notification the following day by email if your dog is currently suitable for the program. Providing your dog is deemed suitable you will then participate in 6 training sessions. Upon completing the training sessions, you will then participate in a testing and graduation ceremony. The tests include a Sweet Charity public access test and Canine Good Neighbour certification with the Canadian Kennel Club.

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 \$500.00 for each canine team. Annual recertification is required at a cost of \$50.00 for each team.



CANINE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

School/Business: _____ Administrator: _____

Administrator's e-mail: _____

Staff (handler) Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Staff cell: _____ personal email: _____

Pet's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

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

Please attach a copy of the certificate of rabies vaccination with your application, along with any questions/comments and forward to:

Jean Hargreaves: hargreaves.jean@gmail.com

and Kacy Cassidy (Lead Trainer): kacy@sweetcharity.ca

Please use the subject line: CAP + School Name

Thank you for your interest in the program. Jean will contact the school administrator to discuss the program and its expectations. You will then receive an email from Kacy with the pre-assessment and training dates and locations.