

DoveLewis
PACTT
PORTLAND AREA CANINE THERAPY TEAMS



Therapy dogs provide people with the therapeutic benefits of contact with dogs. The dog and handler provide services in a variety of settings that may include hospitals, senior care centers, libraries, schools, and crisis response.

How does the Portland Area Canine Therapy Teams work?

- The program is only available to Guide Dog for the Blind career change or retired dogs and their adopters.
- DoveLewis provides education for handlers and assesses the human/dog teams.
- DoveLewis enrolls certified team handlers as DoveLewis volunteers
- DoveLewis manages the volunteer relationship.
- Teams must complete an AKC Canine Good Citizen program and test prior to be considered for the PACTT program.
- Recertification and education will be done by DoveLewis every 2 years (or as needed based on team performance).
- All handlers must be 18 years of age.
- A handler and/or dog may be liable for any claims related to his/her or the dogs actions.
- All dogs must be at least 12 months of age and have lived with the owner for at least 4 months.
- Dogs on a raw food diet are unable to participate due to concern for zoonotic diseases.
- DoveLewis can disallow individual dogs from participating in the program or require additional recertification.
- PACTT program dogs are not service dogs and do not have public access rights.
- **Fees and Charges:**
 - Volunteer application, education, and assessment fee, payable to DoveLewis (includes administrative fee, educational session, facilities training, and one assessment) \$200.00 fee; \$50 recertification fee.
 - Additional handler to the same dog \$150
 - Additional dog with the same handler \$85
 - Additional dog - no vest \$50



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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