



## PET THERAPY OF THE OZARKS – RENEWAL FORM

A Copy of current rabies certificate and current shot record must accompany this form. All immunizations must comply with City of Springfield regulations regardless of member residence. Veterinarian must administer rabies vaccine. Please complete this form and return by September 30<sup>th</sup> to:

Gina Cowan, 857 W. Sylvania, Springfield, MO 65807

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

\_\_\_\_\_ Street City Zip

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ Renewal fee is \$25 or \$35 for family memberships. This is due by September 30. Supporting members are asked to complete this form even if no pets are certified at this time. List additional pets on the back of this sheet.

➤ PET NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_

RABIES TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PET THERAPY OF THE OZARKS TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANARIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone

➤ PET NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_

RABIES TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PET THERAPY OF THE OZARKS TAG NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANARIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone

### ANNUAL FACILITIES/ASSIGNMENT UPDATE:

PLEASE LIST THE PTO VISITS YOU CURRENTLY MAKE:

FACILITY	DATE OF VISIT	TIME	PET'S NAME
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Your signature on this form verifies that immunizations will be given to your PTO pets as required during the coming year. Failure to renew by September 30<sup>th</sup> will result in suspension of visiting privileges.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **RULES OF CONDUCT FOR VISITS**

1. Pets must pass the Pet Therapy of the Ozarks, Inc. evaluation before being scheduled for visits. Dogs must be at least one year of age. Members must be at least 18 years old.
2. PTO members are required to maintain a minimum of one scheduled visit per month to an approved facility. In addition, if able, members are encouraged to volunteer and participate in Special Visits when they occur. This does not apply to Supporting Members.
3. Volunteer teams visit only at pre-scheduled days and times, and are only covered by insurance at those times. Do not visit areas other than those scheduled even if the staff of the facility asks you. Teams are not covered by insurance when they are visiting school or work, unless it is an approved facility, and the schedule of visits is registered with the scheduling coordinator.
4. Pets must have a current rabies certificate according to City of Springfield regulation, regardless of residence. The PTO secretary must keep a copy of rabies certificate. A copy of pet's shot records must be submitted each year with renewal. Dog owners are required to show proof of immunization against distemper, parvovirus and Bordetella. Cat owners are required to show proof of FVRCP. PTO will also accept a positive titer. Failure to provide renewal information by September 30 of each year will result in suspension of visits.
5. Members may certify more than one dog, but only one dog per member may be taken on a scheduled visit.
6. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times during therapy visits, except when doing obedience demonstrations or tricks. Other animals must be kept under control; leashed, carried in carriers, not running free.
7. Pets must wear PTO identification and rabies tag when working as a therapy pet. The pet's PTO identification tag is to be worn **ONLY ON SCHEDULED VISITS**. Human volunteers must wear their PTO namebadge during visits. Wearing the identification tag or namebadge on an unapproved visit is a direct violation of PTO rules and is prohibited.
8. The handler is an important part of the pet therapy team. Monitor your pet's reaction to unusual circumstances. Do not force your pet into a situation if it shows obvious fear or agitation.
9. Female pets in season should not be taken on therapy visits.
10. Pets must be clean and well groomed, free of internal and external parasites. Nails must be kept short to avoid scratching patients. Animals must be in good health, free from any sign of gastro-intestinal disease for one week prior to pet visit.
11. Exercise your pet before an assignment. Carry a "doggie bag" on all visits. If an accident happens you must clean up after your pet both indoors and outdoors.
12. Do not place pets on the beds or in laps without permission.
13. State law prohibits animals in the kitchen or dining area whether or not a meal is in progress. Do not take your pet into such an area, even if requested to do so by hospital workers or patient families.
14. No abuse or harsh discipline of pets will be tolerated. Avoid loud reprimands, If your dog must wear a pinch collar for control, the collar must be covered with a scarf as the public is often upset by them.
15. Always be dependable. Patients are disappointed if they are expecting a visit from a pet and it is late or does not appear. It is also an embarrassment to the organization and harms our credibility with the facilities we serve. If you find you are unable to fulfill your scheduled visit, call the schedule coordinator and the facility.