



SHEPHERD'S CARE FOUNDATION

Volunteer Position Title: [Pet Therapy](#)

NOTE: This Position requires the use of the volunteers own dog which must comply with the standards of a program deemed recognized by SCF. SCF has forged a relationship with a recognized organization that offers free Pet Therapy training for your pet if it qualifies according to their program guidelines.

Reports to: [Recreation Coordinator](#)

Purpose: [Studies have shown that holding or petting an animal helps lower blood pressure, release strains and tension, as well as ease feelings of loneliness and depression.](#)

Job Description/Responsibilities: [Volunteers/ owners of Pet Therapy animals will visit only specified residents onsite according to needs and as scheduled by SCF staff and/or provide supervision for safe resident interaction with the pet therapy animal. Volunteer is responsible for all clean up of animal "messes".](#)

Site/Location: [Various](#)

Days/Times: [Varies according to site and needs](#)

Time Commitment: [This is an ongoing position that runs throughout the year. We request a minimum commitment of 25 hours for all volunteering positions.](#)

Dress Code: [Closed toes shoes, modest apparel, No scents please.](#)

Required Qualifications: [Completion of an SCF recognized Pet Therapy Training Program, Understanding of proper force free handling of animals. Mishandling and/or abuse of animals will not be tolerated.](#)

Desired Attributes: [Patience and compassion, Empathy, diplomacy, confidentiality, advocacy, Integrity.](#)

Training and Support Provided: [Organization Orientation, On site Position Specific](#)

Expected Outcomes: [Therapy Dogs can help meet the need for physical touch as stroking and touching a dog has been proven to lower blood pressure, calm people who are agitated and refresh the mind of those who are confused.](#)

Benefits: [Addition to your Resume / friendships / fulfillment of personal goals. Volunteer recognition.](#)

Name _____

Date: _____