**Pet Therapy Application Process**

* Complete the application and return it to Volunteer Services or submit it via the website.
  + In addition to the application, please provide the following:
    - Copy of dog’s AKC Canine Good Citizen Certificate
    - Copy of veterinary records, and if accepted, you will need to have your veterinarian complete our Therapy Dog Health Certificate
    - Copy of current dog license
* Interview
* Tuberculosis screening and flu vaccination completed at Kootenai Health or recent record from the provider
* Security Clearance: Each applicant is required to have a background check completed. There is no cost to you, but once you’re accepted into the volunteer program, you will need to complete the Authorization regarding procurement of background reports form.
* Read Kootenai Health in-service information and return related tests to Volunteer Services office
* Schedule photo for you and your companion for a Kootenai Health ID Badge
* Orientation which is scheduled for every other week (except holiday weeks) and consists of a full day on Monday (8am to 4pm), Tuesday (11:30 – 12:30), and Wednesday (8:00am to 8:30am)
* Volunteer Onboarding Coaches will mentor Pet Therapy Volunteer Teams by providing instructions, coaching and guidance in respect to the entire Pet Therapy Program.
  + Volunteer Onboarding Coaches will accompany the Pet Therapy Volunteer Team to:
    - 1. Provide orientation to campus facility
      2. Provide example and mentoring for visit expectations of conduct
* The Handler of the Pet Therapy Volunteer Team may at any time request additional support if they feel they are not ready to act independently.
* Volunteer Onboarding Coaches will continue to be available for clarification and support to the Pet Therapy Volunteer Team after official onboarding is complete.

**Adult Volunteer Application (PDF)**