



RocDog Guidelines for Members

(One for each adult & youth member)

The following is a list of guidelines everyone must follow to be a Member of RocDog. To complete your certification as a Handler or Volunteer you need to know and understand the following areas:

1. Your visit starts as soon as you arrive at the visit location and does not end until you leave the visit location.
2. Your Dog:
 - a. Are they ready for this visit (clean, well groomed, and ready to be with people)?
 - b. Remember your dog is your priority and responsibility. Keep your dog safe.
 - c. If something does not feel right during your visit, it is okay to stop the visit.
3. Dog Handler or Volunteer:
 - a. Make sure you display your RocDog ID.
 - b. Are you neat and presentable to the public?
 - c. Do not wear any political or possibly confrontational clothing.
 - d. Remember, you represent all of us once you step out of your vehicle for an event.
4. General Rules:
 - a. Never leave your dog alone with anyone except another RocDog Volunteer, if possible.
 - b. Know any requirements of the site you are visiting:
 - i. Are dogs allowed on furniture and beds? If so, is there a size or weight limit?
 - ii. Sometimes it is possible for small dogs to sit on laps.
 - iii. Large dogs should always stay on the floor for the most part.
 - c. Refrain from letting your dog kiss visitors on the face. This could be unwanted.
 - d. If multiple dogs are part of the event, work to keep your dog at least 6 feet away from other dogs during the event. Meet and greet only at the end of the visit, if desired.
 - e. If during your visit there is an incident or injury to an employee or the person you are visiting, you must:
 - i. Immediately notify the facility supervisor.
 - ii. If this was a bite, end the visit immediately.
 - iii. Call the RocDog office at 585-978-0970 immediately to report the incident.
 - iv. Fill out and submit a RocDog Visit Incident Form to Office@RocDog.org.
 - f. Remember you represent all of us. If you mess up, you hurt all of us.
 - g. Carry with you on all visits:
 - i. Your dog's current year RocDog Therapy Dog Certification, your dog's rabies certificate, a blank RocDog Visit Incident Form.

I have read the contents of this document, I am fully informed of its contents, and affirm that I understand its contents.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Full Legal Name: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if applicable): _____