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Pony Express Therapy
Dogs



INTERESTED IN BECOMING
A REGISTERED TEAM?

Contact the Extension Office
or Pony Express team for
information on the next
orientation and evaluation
dates

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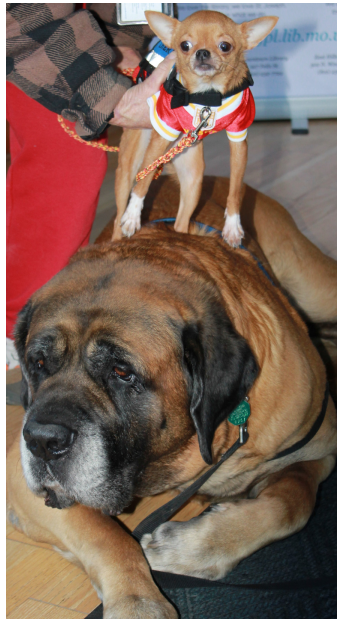
Pony Express Therapy
Dogs is an all-
volunteer organization
under the oversight of
the University of
Missouri, Buchanan
County Extension
Office.

Dedicated to
enhancing the life
experiences of all
through
interaction/contact with
therapy dogs

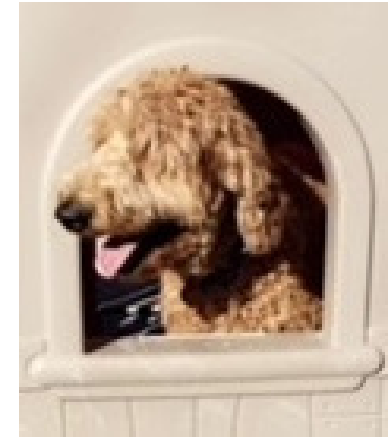




Teams visit a variety of facilities each month including nursing homes, libraries, schools and other special events.



- Team Requirements:
- Dogs must be a year old and handler must have had dog for a minimum of 3 months.
 - Dogs must pass a temperament evaluation and complete 3 months of successful probationary visits.
 - Registered teams must attend a minimum of 1 visit each month.



- What does a temperament evaluation include? Our evaluation is modeled after the Canine Good Citizen test, but also includes things that are specific to the job of a therapy dog. During the evaluation dogs will be asked to:
- Accept a friendly stranger
 - Tolerate loud voices/noises
 - Tolerate being petted by several people at once.
 - Demonstrate "leave it"
 - Reaction to distraction

