

HENDRICK HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Professional Therapy Dog Ethics

- Handlers will evaluate dog health and attitude before each working day.
- All members of the team should be aware of signs of stress (here are some examples, but there are others):
 - Excessive panting
 - Jumping/Climbing on handler
 - Hiding/Cowering behind furniture/handler
 - Shaking, ears and tail pressed against body.
 - Tension in body.
 - Dog is looking away/avoiding.
 - Decreased desire to socialize.
- The dog should be kept on a short leash in the hall ways.
- The therapy dog will be accompanied by the dog handler or an identified member of team at all times.
- The dog will be placed in the crate with the latch on when unattended.
- The dog will be clean and well groomed.
- The dog team will immediately clean up after the dog.
- Provide dog with stern but calm verbal commands.
- DOG KISSES ARE DISCOURAGED. The dog is working.
- Be mindful of items in the classroom and do not allow dogs to rummage in garbage.
- Faculty and students should be instructed to smile and wave at the dog. Avoid excitable interactions as this may stress the dog.
- Treats should only be used at the discretion of the handler.
- Avoid putting your dog in questionable or threatening situations.
- A bite is defined as the dog's teeth having broken the skin or caused a mark/bruise.
- If a therapy dog bites a person or another animal, the dog on that team will not be allowed back to any Hendrick Hudson School District facility. The principal or site administrator will document the incident and provide written withdrawal from the team to put on file. IF there is a second dog that bites with the same handler that staff member will no longer be permitted on the Dog Therapy Team.