



Petoskey Pack

Growing the therapy dog
program at the
Public Schools of Petoskey

Current #petoskeypack

Poppy- Petoskey High School

Henry- Lincoln Elementary School



Petoskey Pack: Process

- School requests a therapy dog
- Staff is notified and given application and timeline
- Interested hosts complete the application by the determined deadline
- District Therapy Dog Team chooses the host family
- School identifies three other dedicated handlers within the building

Application: [Petoskey Pack Application](#)

Petoskey Pack: Process continued...

Host Responsibilities:

- *Create action plan for attainment of dog (two models)- *let's discuss pros/cons*
 - District owns dog- ex Poppy
 - Host owns dog- ex Henry
- Host family contacts the trainer to establish a timeline
- Host commits to keeping the dog in the building for five years after the dog is trained

Petoskey Pack Process continued...

- District provides vet insurance for the dogs and liability insurance- *let's discuss*
- Host purchases supplies for the dog at school using Pack money or grants
- Host is responsible for their own home supplies and dog food
- Staff members must be trained by Ugly Dog Kennel Trainers if they would like to be handlers
- Host is responsible for creating a daily schedule with administration
- Yearly visit by trainer for continued training, new handlers & wellness/effectiveness of dogs
- Local veterinarian will visit schools/classrooms to provide training to students on how to interact with dogs
- PEF yearly funding for the program into the Petoskey Pack Fund (vs. individual needs)

Cost Distribution

Petoskey Pack Funds	District Responsibility	Host Responsibility	Things to Consider...
Training - \$4,000-\$5,000	Vet Insurance (approximately \$1,100-\$1,500 per year per dog)	Cost of dog- estimate: \$1,000-\$2,000	Grooming- \$75/\$100 monthly
Licensing- \$350	Liability Insurance	Food	
School supplies- \$250		Home supplies	
		Vet insurance deductible and co-pay (\$250, 10%)	

Things for the host to consider...

- Retirement of dog
- Teacher/handler leaving building or district
- Teacher/handler retiring
- Dog not suited for schools after training
 - Determined by trainer or veterinarian
- Fundraising - grants, community members, community organizations-
link on website to donate
- Community events
- Crisis response plan with dogs and handlers- are handlers allowed to
accompany dogs to crisis?
- Exercise during the day- and who?
- If the host is unable to bring the dog to school - logistics plan