



Standards for Handlers and Dogs

Dog(s):

- Minimum age 9 months
- Has lived with the handler at least 6 months
- Is house trained
- Must be leash trained
- Is not fed a "raw" diet
- Is not aggressive
- Has never been exposed or trained in bite work
- Has been trained in basic obedience
- Is people oriented, sociable and friendly
- Remains calm in stressful situations
- Is comfortable being touched
- Does not jump up on people
- Is calm and exhibits relaxed body language
- Can remain "neutral" around other dogs and animals
- *Puppies can be assessed at 5 months for temporary registration by special arrangement – provided certain requirements are met; terms and conditions apply.*

Handler(s):

- Handler has attended and observed 3 visits to different facilities prior to being assessed as a handler and dog team. This is mandatory.
- Is friendly, professional, punctual and polite
- Has a strong bond (relationship) with their dog(s)
- Should be proactive not reactive – i.e. should be able to predict and redirect their dog's behaviour
- Should ensure the well-being of their dog at all times
- Will commit to the standards and procedures of Paws for People®