



## THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL (TDI®)

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR TDI CERTIFIED EVALUATORS

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**Applicant Requirements (your application cannot be considered unless you first meet these requirements):**

1. Applicant must have been an Associate Member (with dog) of TDI for at least one year.
2. TDI Associate Membership must be current.
3. Applicant must have been actively and continuously participating in the Therapy Dog program for at least one year. (Letter[s] of Reference are required from the facility where Therapy Dog work is performed. The Letter of Reference must be on the institution's letterhead, and must state the length of time that the applicant has been involved in the program.) Associate Members who are also members of a similar organization may not apply for Evaluator status with TDI.
4. Applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age.

**Applicants must submit to the TDI Office the following:**

1. "Request for Consideration" letter.
2. Detailed resume which includes:
  - (a) History of Therapy Dog activities and work.
  - (b) Knowledge of dog behavior and History of dog-related activities. (Provide at least two Letters of Reference relating how the knowledge of dog behavior was acquired. Must include name, address, and telephone number with original signature of person giving the reference.)
  - (c) List of dog-related educational activities (seminars, workshops, courses, etc.)
3. Reason(s) for requesting Evaluator Certification.
4. Non-refundable \$20.00 application fee.
5. Current photograph of yourself, suitable for scanning.
6. Written permission for TDI to distribute and/or publish your name, address, and telephone number to interested parties.
7. Signed and dated statement agreeing to abide by TDI's Rules and Code of Ethics (in TDI Handbook).
8. Signed and dated statement agreeing to test all applicants and thereby following TDI's Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines for Certified Evaluators.

**Please take a moment to ensure that you have included the following:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A "Request for Consideration" letter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A detailed resume.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letters of Reference relating how the knowledge of dog behavior was acquired.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A current photograph of yourself, suitable for scanning.
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**Please see checklist below for required credentials:**

	YES	NO
At least one year membership with TDI.		
Current Associate Member with dog(s).		
At least one year visiting experience with dog.		
One Letter of Reference needed, from each place visited.		
Dog training experience of various breeds. Must have taught adult dogs, puppy classes are not sufficient. Classes can be either Obedience or Breed.*		
<b>Or</b> , other professional experience with dogs. (Veterinarian, Vet Technician, Dog Groomer, Dog Judge [Obedience or Breed], Professional Dog Handler, Shelter Worker, or any other type of occupation with access to various dog breeds.) A considerable knowledge of dog behavior is required.*		
Continuing education on subjects pertaining to dogs, such as seminars, books, etc. (Helpful but not mandatory.)		

\*You must submit two Letters of Reference relating to how knowledge of dog behavior was acquired. Each letter must include name, address, and telephone number with original signature of person providing reference.

**Please send Application to:** THERAPY DOGS INTERNATIONAL  
 Attention: Evaluator Applications  
 88 Bartley Road  
 Flanders, New Jersey 07836

**Your Application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee Task Force for consideration by TDI. You will receive written notification once a decision has been made. Please allow six (6) weeks for processing.**