Visiting with your TDI Therapy Dogs in Facilities and also at Private Residences.

Please make sure to watch the video we sent you and also read the membership guide. With the information given to you there you should be able to go out and visit with confidence. However, we would like to advise you of several additional points.

Infection Control

In Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Schools, Libraries or other Facilities including Private Residences or wherever else you might visit you might come in contact with germs which could be potentially harmful to you and your dog. We want to make sure that you take some precautions to protect yourself and your dog.

Facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes usually have some type of Infection Control policies in place, but to be sure we would like to recommend the following:

- Prior to visiting a patient, wipe your hands
- Prior to the patient visiting with your dog the hands of the patient should be wiped by hospital personnel or by the patient (not you, the dog handler)
- If the dog has to lie on the bed to be made accessible to the patient, a protective cover (fresh sheet for each patient must be used).
- When the visit is concluded with a patient the patients hands should be wiped again
- These procedures should be repeated for each patient.
- These same procedures should be followed wherever you visit.

After leaving the facility and prior to the dog getting into the car, the handler should wipe the dogs feet, and back, or wherever the patients have touched the dog (including the dog's collar or harness or lead). It goes without saying that the bandana should be washed after each visiting day.

These are simple precautions to take in order to protect yourself and your dog.

Thank you for being a volunteer!