

# Doggie Brigade™

## EVALUATION PROCEDURE



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# Doggie Brigade Evaluation

**Handler is to be in control of the dog at all times. Tips for the evaluation include:**

- Items you are not allowed to have at the testing include:
  - Unacceptable dog equipment (metal collars, prong or e-collars)
  - Retractable leashes
  - Throw chains, clickers or any other “training device” (your dog needs to be already trained at this testing)
- Try to predict your dog’s behavior and help him or her through any situations that might occur. It is permissible to give a verbal or visual cue to help your dog.
- You will not be allowed to “jerk” on your dog’s collar or physically “model” a behavior (for example: pushing on the dog’s rump to get him/her to sit).
- You are welcome and encouraged to ask your evaluator questions for clarification.



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## At the evaluation the dog must be able to do the following:

- Demonstrate the following basic obedience skills at a minimum:
  - Sit
  - Down (lay prone)
  - Walk on loose leash without pulling or being pulled
  - Stay (sit or down)
  - Come (from 10 feet)
- The evaluator must be able to touch and hold ALL of your dog's body parts, including feet and muzzle (no exceptions). Not allowing contact with any body part means the dog is **Not Ready**. The dog must be able to accept petting, hugging, touching, examining, squeezing, and holding by a variety of people.



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## **At the evaluation, the dogs must be able to do the following:**

- There must be NO aggressive, fearful or avoidance behaviors from the dog.
- Demonstrate the animal's confidence around Hospital equipment (i.e., wheelchairs, IV poles, carts, walkers, etc.).
- The animal is to be calm around people who look, sound, walk, and behave differently.
- The Handler must be able to control the candidate dog in the presence of other animals.
- Demonstrate that the animal is people oriented. Animal should politely seek out interactions with tester and/or testing assistants.



# Pet Partners Test

**Please note that if your dog passes the evaluation you, the Handler, must also meet the hospital requirements to become a Volunteer.**

- If you feel your dog is not ready for screening at this time, we suggest working with a positive reinforcement trainer or training program and attend the New Team Evaluation the following year.
- Not passing the evaluation does not indicate that the dog is *bad, not good with kids*, or anything else. It means your dog is not ready at this point in time.
- Thank you for your interest and participation.



# Acceptable Dog Equipment

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## Acceptable collars:



**Greyhound or  
“limited slip” type  
collars (all fabric)**



**Buckle collar  
(nylon)**



**Rolled leather  
buckle collar**



**Quick release collar  
(nylon)**

## Acceptable harnesses:



**Top and front clip harnesses**



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Thank You for Your Interest!

Questions?

Call Volunteer Services

330-543-8424



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