



## How Do I Become a Volunteer for Healing Hounds?



- ✓ Attend a Volunteer Information Meeting, or request a Volunteer Interest Packet directly from Healing Hounds, via phone, text, or email, or go to our website and download the Volunteer Application to get started
- ✓ Submit a Volunteer Application via email ([healinghoundsinc@outlook.com](mailto:healinghoundsinc@outlook.com)) or by mail to: Healing Hounds, Inc., P.O. Box 1201, Elizabeth, CO 80107
- ✓ After your application has been processed, a representative from Healing Hounds will contact you to set up either an in-person or phone interview
- ✓ If you are selected as a Healing Hounds volunteer, you will be given separate instructions on how to start the background check process, including if you qualify for an exemption for this step. (Please know that your volunteer selection will be “conditional” upon the results of your background check.)
- ✓ Healing Hounds will contact you when they have received the results of your background check. If approved as a new Healing Hounds volunteer, you will need to sign up for the next scheduled Volunteer Orientation.
- ✓ Healing Hounds will send you a Volunteer Orientation Packet, which you will need to bring with you to the orientation meeting. Additional instructions will be included with your packet.
- ✓ Attend a Volunteer Orientation. During the orientation, you will be given an opportunity to sign up to shadow a current volunteer on a Therapy K9 Team visit. (This is a requirement of all volunteers, ages 18 and over, even if you are not going to be a Therapy K9 Team member.)
- ✓ Congratulations! After you have completed your Therapy K9 Team visit, you have successfully become a Healing Hounds volunteer!

If you are intending to be part of a Therapy K9 Team, and hoping to bring your own dog on board, certain qualifications must be met, and training for both you and your dog, will be required. Training classes are offered by our training partner, Ruff Responders K9 Academy, and at your own expense. (Certain discounts may be available.) You will be required to provide your dog’s health record and veterinarian contact information.

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