

PET THERAPY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEER HANDLERS

Volunteer Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age to participate
- Commit to a minimum of (1) one to 2 (two) hour shift per month
- Complete volunteer application packet
- Provide current immunization records or documentation of having immunity of the following disease: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (Chicken Pox), Hepatitis B, Tetanus, Diphtheria, proof of PPD (Tuberculosis) testing twice during the past twelve months and influenza vaccine during the present flu season (September thru April) (If documentation cannot be provided agree to be screened by Employee Health at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children)
- Take part in one on one in person interview
- Consent to health screening administered by Employee Health Department at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children to include: drug screening, 2 step PPD, Flu Shot, and T-dap
- Consent to undergo criminal, child abuse checks and FBI Indentogo fingerprinting which will be facilitated by St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. (Child abuse clearance will be facilitated by volunteer candidate. For Child Abuse Clearance, free of charge, please go to: [www.compass.state.pa.us /cwis/public/home](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home))
- Take part in hospital volunteer orientation
- Take part in buddy program shadowing with experienced pet therapy volunteer during first visit