

Therapy Dog Program

A guide for every Handler & School District



Introduction

Ugly Dog Daycare & Training is the largest training facility in the State of Michigan with over 3,000 training dogs filtering through the business per year. Fred Saber, owner and head trainer, brings over 30 years of experience to the table. In addition to therapy dogs for school districts, Fred places dogs into private medical clinics and even provides service dogs for individuals with mental or physical handicaps throughout the United States.



The training duration for a therapy dog can last anywhere from **8-12 months** with a **\$8,500 training fee**. While in training, therapy dogs start with a special education classroom of 5-7 children and work all the way up to an assembly. These dogs are not just taken to an extreme obedient level but desensitized to all types of distractions. This includes socialization not only in the local school districts, but also restaurants, stores, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. Once a therapy dog has been tested and approved for departure, we incorporate the billet family and/or primary handler into a training consultation. After two weeks of the dog being at the school district, our trainers host a seminar at the school to train secondary handlers and staff members.



INSURANCE

Insurance is provided for the dog under the school district. Typically, this is no additional cost. The district will just need to let their insurance company know they are bringing dogs into the school and/or add a rider to the existing policy.

CERTIFICATION

Ugly Dog will certify the dog through The United States Dog Registry (USDR) at the end of the training duration. The fee for the certification is **\$208** which comes with both electronic and physical copies of all documentation.

~Certificate & ID Card

~Therapy Dog Tag & Vest

~Therapy Dog Collar & Lead



HOW LONG IS THE CAREER OF A SCHOOL THERAPY DOG?

Dogs are typically ready to retire between the age of 10-12 years old.

DISTRICTS UGLY DOG SERVICES IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Ann Arbor Schools
Battle Creek Public Schools
Birmingham Public Schools
Brighton Area Schools
Comstock Public Schools
Davison Schools
Detroit Public Schools
Farmington Public Schools
Fenton Schools
Flushing Community Schools
Genesee School District
Harbor Springs Public Schools
Holly Area Schools
Howell Public Schools
Lake Fenton Community Schools
Lake Orion Community Schools
Lamphere Public Schools
Millington Community Schools
Montrose Community Schools
Newaygo County Resa
Oxford Community Schools
Pinckney Community Schools
Portage Public Schools
Public Schools of Petoskey
St. Patrick School
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools



The Puppy Process!

Ugly Dog works directly with reputable AKC labrador breeders in the state of Michigan. As well as Goldendoodle breeders throughout Ohio and Georgia. These puppies are handled daily by young children and well socialized before their arrival at Ugly Dog between the age of 8-12 weeks old. The purchase cost of a puppy can range from **\$1,500-\$2,000** depending on the breed, unless the district provides us with a puppy of their own. Vaccinations and routine health checks will be continued while in the care of Ugly Dog. All veterinary fees will be reimbursed and paid for by the school district at the end of the training duration.

What are the Benefits?

Therapy dogs aid in the emotional, social, and cognitive development of students. It is proven that these interactions decrease anxiety and help to build confidence that way students can excel in any program. Many school therapy dogs act as a judgement free zone and bring a sense of calm to any classroom. While building a bond with a therapy dog, students may feel more inclined to work on their interpersonal skills with teachers and other students.

