

THERAPY DOG



Therapy
Dog Outreach
Program

CRISIS RESPONSE

DOG REQUIREMENTS

- The Dog and Handler are registered through an approved, reputable Therapy Dog Organization.
- All vaccination records, registration and licenses are kept up to date with a current copy of records on file with the Emergency Management Office.
- All Handlers have received background checks and follow CERT standards.
- Teams participate in drills and continuing education training.

PROGRAM'S GOALS & SERVICES

- The Clinton County CERT Therapy Dog Outreach Program is an all-volunteer, government affiliated organization.
- To train a countywide network of certified canine-assisted crisis response teams to respond to local crisis and disasters.
- To assist first responders and relief agencies in providing comfort to those affected by a disaster.
- To provide the highest-quality training for our crisis response teams.

PROGRAM'S BENEFITS



During times of stress and upheaval, therapy dogs can be a calming influence on individuals. The dogs provide comfort and encouragement to people whose lives have been affected by crisis and disaster. Patients and families who interact with therapy dogs experience great physical, mental, emotional and spiritual benefits. Some examples include:

- Boosted immunity
- Lowered feelings of loneliness and isolation
- Relief of depression and anxiety
- Relief of stress-related symptoms

TO REQUEST USE OF DOGS

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