

**P.A.W.S
Observation Form**

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Date: _____

Name: _____ Facility Visited: _____

- Observe the interaction among PAWS volunteers, animals, patients/residents, and facility staff.
 - Observe the procedures at that facility and different techniques used by volunteers to communicate with the patients and residents.
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Observation was in a “Group Setting” or an “Individual Room Setting”
(Circle one)

Did you (O) Observe, (N) Not Observe or (P) Participate
(Place O, N, or P in blank)

___ Welcome from or introductions with other PAWS members

___ Compatibility among animals

___ Interaction between PAWS volunteers and Staff Personnel

Environment: Cheerful Somber Pleasant Professional Smiles Laughter Tears
Circle all that apply

___ Resident’s recognition of a pet/volunteer from a previous visit.

___ Eye contact between resident and volunteer

___ Animals easily and safely accessible for physical contact with resident

___ Physical contact between resident and animal

___ Physical contact between resident and volunteer

___ Speech and/or conversation therapy

___ Interaction between residents that is directly stimulated by the pet therapy

___ Muscle stimulation by resident

___ Conversation stimulating memory control

___ Evidence of fear or concern in a resident

___ Evidence of self-control or bravery by a resident

___ Refusal of a resident to participate with a pet/volunteer

___ Resident was stimulated by sights, sounds, smells or textures

_____ Potential safety hazards. Identify: _____

The most meaningful thing I observed today was: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Steps to becoming a PAWS Volunteer (not necessarily in this order):

1. Attend an Orientation Meeting that is held in January
2. Become familiar with the Summary Document
3. Mail the completed Observation Form to Frazer
4. Successfully complete the Temperament Testing with your animal
5. Then, Pray & Visit

Additional Notes

- The observation is a process to help you think about what's happening; what works well and how you would handle a similar situation.
- Some visits are in a group setting and other visits are strolling along hallways and entering rooms. Entering a room always requires asking permission and common sense related to the immediate situation with the resident.
- During the Temperament Testing, you might have been told that your animal had limitations associated with other animals or people. See if you recognize other animals being utilized along with some limitation.
- Remember, Montgomery Children's Specialty (formerly Father Walter Children's Home) require that a copy of the Rabies Vaccination Certificate be on file. You may send it in advance or take it with you on your first visit.
- If you are ever the only PAWS representative ask to meet with a staff person. This will usually be an Activity Coordinator. Introduce yourself and explain you are from Frazer and you are with the "PAWS" program. Ask them to explain the normal process when PAWS visitors are there. Discuss the program with them and ask how you can have the greatest impact during your visits.
- Mail your Observation Form to the address below:
Frazer United Methodist Church
Life Care Ministries
PAWS Coordinator
6000 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, Alabama 36117