



Venue Animal Management Plan

Canine Comprehension recognises that, in line with standard venue policies, animals or pets, other than approved service animals, are not permitted on the premises without prior written consent from venue management. All activities involving our therapy dogs comply with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 and any other relevant legislation or venue requirements.

Through this document, alongside our insurance documentation, we are formally seeking permission to bring certified therapy dogs, accompanied by their qualified handlers, onsite as part of our approved program activities. We are committed to ensuring all necessary permissions are secured in advance and that our presence aligns with all venue requirements and expectations.

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Animals On Site

Type of Animals: Certified therapy dogs from Canine Comprehension.

Number of Animals: The exact number will be confirmed before the event, in line with program requirements. Each therapy dog will be accompanied by a trained staff handler.

Animal Identification: All therapy dogs will wear a working therapy dog jacket and display the Canine Comprehension logo for clear identification. They will also have their own business card, which links back to their handler's professional experience and their training.

Purpose of Animals On Site

The therapy dogs are present to demonstrate and facilitate their role in supporting young people's learning, wellbeing, and engagement.

Dogs will interact with participants under controlled, supervised conditions as part of structured educational activities.



Animal Transport

Therapy dogs will be transported to and from the venue by car, each accompanied by their designated staff handler.

All vehicles are climate-controlled and suitable for animal transport, ensuring the safety and comfort of the dogs.

Dates & Times On Site

The specific dates and times the therapy dogs will be present will be confirmed and communicated to the venue in advance of the event.

Dogs will not remain on the premises overnight. They will arrive and depart each day with their handlers.

Animal Control & Public Exposure

All therapy dogs will be on a lead and harness at all times while on site.

Dogs will remain under the direct supervision and control of their trained handler.

Dogs are accustomed to working in public settings and are experienced in engaging with groups of people, including children and adults.

Animal Welfare Measures

Only healthy, well-trained dogs are selected to attend events. All therapy dogs undergo regular health and temperament assessments.

Dogs are provided with regular breaks, access to water, and opportunities for rest in a quiet area away from crowds.

Handlers are trained to monitor each dog's welfare, including signs of stress or fatigue, and will remove any dog from the venue if necessary.

Dogs are never forced to interact and are always given the option to opt out of activities.

Public Safety Measures

All handlers are trained in animal management and safety protocols.

Therapy dogs are screened for suitability in public environments and are familiar with a variety of settings, including schools and large events.

Handlers ensure that interactions are safe, respectful, and appropriate for all participants.

Hygiene is prioritised: dogs are groomed and cleaned before arrival, and hand sanitiser is available for participants after contact.



Waste Management

Therapy dogs are trained not to defecate indoors.

Dogs will be provided with regular outdoor breaks for toileting.

Any animal waste will be immediately collected by the handler using dog waste bags and disposed of in an appropriate outdoor rubbish bin.

Emergency Procedures

Handlers are trained to respond to emergencies, including canine first aid and evacuation procedures. If a dog becomes unwell or distressed, the handler will immediately remove the animal from the venue and seek appropriate care.

Allergy & Phobia Management

We recognise that some individuals may have allergies or fears related to dogs. Information about the presence of therapy dogs is provided in advance, and we accommodate requests for noncontact or alternative arrangements as required.

Insurance

Canine Comprehension holds comprehensive public liability and animal-specific insurance. Documentation is available on the website or upon request.

<https://caninecomprehension.com.au/our-programs/school-library-programs/important-information-for-schools/>

Accessibility & Inclusion

Our programs are designed to be inclusive, with adjustments available for neurodiverse, anxious, or otherwise vulnerable participants.

Handler Qualifications

All handlers are trained professionals with relevant qualifications and experience in animal-assisted education and working with young people.

Ethical Standards

As members of Animal Therapies Ltd and the International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO), we adhere to strict ethical guidelines and prioritise the welfare of our therapy dogs at all times.



End-of-Day Protocol

Therapy dogs are removed from the venue at the end of each day and are never left overnight.

If you require any further clarification or have specific questions regarding our therapy dog program or this management plan, please do not hesitate to contact us. Canine Comprehension is committed to working collaboratively with your team to ensure a safe, positive, and compliant experience for all. We look forward to your response and to the opportunity to deliver our educational and well-being programs at your venue.