

## Important Information and FAQ's for WMTD Prescreens

Listed below are acceptable & unacceptable equipment for your dog. Your dog **MUST** have an acceptable collar/harness & leash to test. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- Acceptable collar/harness & leash: well-fitted buckle, quick release connection or snap closure collars or body harness made of leather or fabric, all-fabric Martingales and halters (e.g. Gentle Leader, Promise, Snoot Loop, Halti), Premier Gentle Leader Easy-Walk harness, Halti harness, Freedom harness, Sense-ation harness, Sense-ible harness, fabric or leather leashes, no more than 6 feet in length.
- **Unacceptable collars & leashes** – metal collars and harnesses, including martingales with metal links, slip collars of any type, training collars, such as “pinch”, “spike”, electric or spray collars, “no-pull” harnesses other than those specified above, any leash containing metal chain or a flexi-leash.

You must have with you (if you do not have these you will be sent away **NO EXCEPTIONS**):

1. Written permission to register with the animal and to visit with the animal if the handler is not the animal's owner (may be not applicable).

**2. An actual copy all vaccinations including, Bordatella, DHLPP, Fecal and, Rabies Veterinary Health Certificate with dates given and due. Collar tags are not accepted.**

Other important info:

1. You must have handled the dog for at least the last six months if the dog has not lived in your home for the past six months.
2. Your animal cannot be evaluated if he/she has any infections, open sores, wounds, stitches; or is ill, injured, on antibiotics, or otherwise in pain.
3. Your animal will not be evaluated if is not well groomed. The evaluation is a simulated visit and both members of the team should be groomed accordingly (no sandals, or cutoff shirts/shorts for the human, etc.)
4. If your dog is female and in heat, the evaluation will have to be rescheduled for the end of the evaluation time to allow teams with male dogs a fair evaluation.
5. If you or your dog will need special accommodations due to a disability, please discuss these with the evaluator at the beginning of the evaluation.
6. All animals must wear a collar or harness and be attached to a leash and handler while on the test grounds, unless crated.
7. The evaluation is intended to simulate situations one might encounter on a visit. Please be prepared to role-play with your animal, the evaluator, and assistants. Role playing and proactive cues are a large part of your scoring criteria.
8. Treats are not allowed during the test time.
9. Dogs that are involved in bite work that is part of Schutzhund can no longer be involved the therapy dog programs.
10. **The test begins the moment you and your teammate arrive on the property and ends when you leave.** If your dog engages in a behavior that is scored as “Not Ready” during the test either before or after the actual prescreen exercises are completed, you will be scored as a Not Ready. If the Not Ready behavior occurs prior to the test, you will not be evaluated that day. Some of these behaviors are: jumping up or on other participants or animals, mouthing at the handler or others, excessively tight lead, rolling over completely (exposing the belly in

submissive manner) when being petted, eliminates other than in the designated (outdoor) relief area, and repeated stress signals, such as continual vocalizations (barking/whining/howling) or excessive licking.

11. At no time will your animal be put in a situation that is dangerous to the animal's welfare. At no point during the evaluation will animals be hurt or intentionally frightened. If you are uncomfortable with or unsure of what is going on during the evaluation, please let the evaluator know. You are encouraged to be your animal's advocate.