



Wellness Dog Program

Applicant information – August 2025

We've heard from you! You have the BEST dog who loves people and other dogs and would love to be in the community doing important community volunteer work! Yes!! Good news, we have the need for volunteers who want to support others. This is a win-win opportunity for all.

The Wellness Dog program allows pet owners the opportunity to bring their family friend to DWW at a scheduled time for meeting, testing and review. DWW staff is looking to partner with the BEST family friends so we can call on you to support community requests for dogs that love people! These events happen regularly in the year at various locations and can be for as little as an hour or a full day. Due to limited capacity and growing needs, we need to partner with the best community people and their incredible dogs! We want to inspire people through connection, assisting those who may not be able to get out into the community due to health and wellness limitations or restrictions. When we are called on to bring joy and comfort, we want to call on you! We are thrilled to have your interest.

This is the first time we have opened applications to this program and expect overwhelming interest - we encourage you to apply asap. We want to learn more about you and how you and your loved family friend can do big work in the community. Tell us more about you and your dog and what makes you, as a team, so amazing!

DWW is an ADI accredited organization, a member of Humane Canada, and one of few approved Government of Alberta Service Dog Schools. We are held to incredibly high standards that ask us to thoroughly review applications. While this is not an accredited program, we maintain our responsibility and right to partner with clients and dogs that best represent and align with DWW values, reputation, brand, and positive outcomes. We also deeply care about your story and want to learn more- to ensure success in this program for all.

If you're placed on a waiting list or are not approved for the Wellness Dog program, we'll let you know. (Please note, applying does not guarantee acceptance.) From all of us at DWW, thank you for your interest. Be well.

-Dogs with Wings



Application criteria

To be eligible for our **Wellness Dog program**, we require that you:

- Submit an application.
- We will confirm application receipt and **invite you in for testing, if your application is successful**. We will share the testing booking link via email. Book and pay the non-refundable \$200.00 fee for your test/registration. If your dog passes the test, this cost covers the test, your orientation, your welcome package and event opportunities with DWW. Note: This is a yearly cost following an annual test, for as long as your participation continues. We do not reimburse for unused months. (DWW staff reserve the right to discontinue testing at any time during the appointment if the dog/owner is showing signs of distress or behavior not in line with our values and policies.)
- Have a calm, people and dog loving kind of dog; consistently demonstrating positive behavior, good manners, recall, and skills. (Sit, stay, down, etc.)
- Have a municipal pet license. (Yearly evidence required)
- Have up to date vaccinations records. (Yearly evidence required)
- Have personal insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 covering your dog and any associated issues. (Usually part of your home insurance, we encourage you to confirm.)
- Eager to partner with DWW and willing to showcase your involvement in the community. This might include social media posts, attending community events or bookings, or providing highlights and impact statements as requested.
- Be committed to representing DWW professionally in public settings.
- Maintain a positive attitude, with a demonstrated belief that DWW and its affiliates are operating with positive intent.
- If selected, participate in a yearly orientation and support training as requested.
- Are committed to maintaining a positive and respectful working relationship with DWW. A strong partnership is vital for everyone's success. It's important that DWW employees, volunteers, and partners receive respectful communication from you, family, friends and dog/s at all times on a regular and timely basis. Hostile, aggressive, disrespectful, dismissive behavior and attitudes may result in removal from the program. Removal is at the sole discretion of DWW CEO and/or COO.



Application process

- Application submitted for review. Book your test and pay the \$200.00 fee
- If your testing is successful:
- Provide evidence of reliability including:
 - Copy of ID for all members of the home over 18 years old
 - Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check for all members of the home over 18 years old (Ambassador cost)
 - Vaccination records
 - Pet license
 - Insurance, as requested
 - 3 personal references and signed disclosure agreement for DWW to connect with them
- Attend 1.5 hours of orientation/meet and greet with other Wellness Dog participants
- Sign up for events as you like (DWW will share details as events are booked!)
- Attend our events in DWW gear, representing our organization, creating new friendships!

Preventative considerations

- You don't view this as a partnership with DWW .
- You cannot pay the initial or yearly testing/registration fee.
- You demonstrate disrespectful behavior, utter threats, or have an avoidant or aggressive nature that causes concern or non-compliance.
- Your references disclose details that are not in alignment with DWW policies and procedures.
- Your dog is not demonstrating positive behavior and communicates community work is not for them.
- Your family members attending events with you are not behaving in a positive manner representative of DWW values.

How to apply

- Send us your application and we will follow-up



Wellness Dog Application

A successful application includes the following:

- Names of all adults that will attend events
- Name, age, details of your dog! Let us get to know who they are!
- Birthdates
- Address
- Copies of your ID's
- A summary of your interest! Share with us why you want to participate. (Up to 2 pages max.)
- What is your expected availability for events?
- Preventative concerns or worries, if any, if you are approved
- A signed release form (provided to you if your application advances)
- Do you have the financial means to pay the \$200.00 yearly fee?
- Details on how you will communicate with DWW if there are issues or concerns. Please outline steps you will take to rectify any concerns.
- Due to some people in the public not being comfortable around dogs, what is your plan in situations when people express worry or concern with your dog. Please outline how you will address this, in what can sometimes be a tense situation.

Please submit your completed application to wellness@dogswithwings.ca

Please keep in mind **this process may take time**. DWW is not able to answer specific application questions or provide timeline information. If you apply, we will verify we received your application and will be in touch when and if we are able to move forward with your application. If you are not successful in your application, we encourage you to research other options in the community for you and your family friend. For urgent concerns or to remove your application/participation please send an email to wellness@dogswithwings.ca

We wish you all the best and thank you for considering DWW!