

What steps do I need to take to become a member of Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry, Inc.?

The following paragraphs explain the process of becoming a **registered** therapy dog team with Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry, Inc. After you have read the following, please go on our website, there are a lot of visuals there . <http://www.beangeltherapydogs.org>

All of our members with Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry, Inc. are tested/registered/insured with Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Inc. (ATDInc.). We comply with all their rules, regulations etc. Each dog/handler team is insured for \$5,000,000. The fee for a new member with ATDInc. is \$30.00 one dog one handler plus \$10.00 processing fee, renewable annually.

The first step towards your membership with Be an Angel, is to receive a Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Inc. application package. This will need to be printed and read through so you will understand the rules, regulations, etc. for each team when you become an approved **registered** team. **See application for those instructions.**

The second step is having the tester/observer for ATDInc. perform the Handling Test. If passed, you will then have a minimum of three (3) observations; 2 must be at a medical facility and 3rd can be at a non-medical facility. After you have passed all the testing and observations, the tester/observer will sign off on all the documents required by ATDInc. You then will send the documents into ATDInc. for the final decision on **registration**. Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Inc. will in return send you a red heart shaped tag for the dog to wear when representing ATDInc., a certificate, membership card with the renewal date, handbook, and magazine.

The third step to becoming a member of Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry, Inc. is to fill out the Be an Angel Application/Questionnaire; have the dog measured for their custom made vest and order your BAA Shirt. Be an Angel does require a fee of \$55.00 to cover the expense for shirt, vest and photo ID badge. The application for BAA can be done while you are waiting for your Therapy Dogs, Inc. membership package, so you are ready to begin your visits almost immediately. Be an Angel does require annual dues of \$25.00. When and if you join Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry, Inc., on your first anniversary as a Alliance of Therapy Dogs Inc member, your first year's dues with Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry will also be due.

Bring documents listed on the ATDInc introduction letter to your first meeting with a Tester/Observer.

Remember, you can become a **registered dog/handler team with ATDInc without joining a local group, such as Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry.**

We look forward to meeting you.

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