



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 the Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry Inc (BAA) members are tested/registered/insured with Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD). 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 ATD 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 have a background check done. When you receive the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) application package from me, you will need to pull the ATD Membership Application Form. On back of the application you will find the instructions for you to do the background check. So go forward with that task now. After you have received the report on the background check, you will need to send on to the Alliance of Therapy Dogs headquarters for instructions going forward.

All the paperwork will need to be printed and read through so you will understand the rules, policies, etc for each team when you become an approved **registered** team. The document concerning the dog you will need: ATD New Member Health Verification form. Take to your vet to fill out and sign.

The second step; once you receive authorization to go forward with your testing you then contact a tester/observer (the Feezel's) for ATD to schedule your the Handling Test. If passed, you will then have a minimum of three (3) observations; 2 must be at a medical facility and the 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 ATD. You then will send the designated documents to ATD for the final decision on **registration**. Alliance of Therapy Dogs will in return send you a red heart shaped tag for the dog to wear when representing ATD, a certificate, a **registration**/membership ID card with the renewal date, member 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 Therapy Dogs Ministry Application form; have the dog measured for their custom BAA vest and order your BAA shirt.

Be an Angel Therapy Dogs (BAA) also requires an application fee of \$60.00 to cover the expense for Be an Angel Gear (shirt, vest and photo ID badge and holder, plus lanyard). The application for BAA can be done while you are waiting for your Alliance of Therapy Dogs membership package, so you are ready to begin your visits almost immediately. If you do not make application until you have received your ATD Membership Package, it is normally 7 working days before the shirt is received and vest is made. Be an Angel also requires annual dues, upon renewal, of \$30.00.

When and if you join Be an Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry Inc, your anniversary date will be the same for ATD and BAA annually.

Bring all documents listed on the [ATD introduction letter](#) to your first meeting with a Tester/Observer.

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

We look forward to meeting you.

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