

CANINE HEALING SERVICES – INFORMATION

PRE-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Pre-Employment program through Canine Healing Services aims to create employment-related opportunities for men, 18+, who have been in conflict with the law. This project is in partnership with Mehgan Search and Rescue (MSAR) and Wooftopia dog training and recreation centre. Participants in this program have the opportunity to work with dogs and their handlers for six weeks; all while being supported by a Project Coordinator. Once the volunteering portion is completed, participants will then be referred to Opportunities For Employment (OFE), to assist them in achieving their long-term employment goals.

Program Criteria

- Men (18+) who have been involved with the criminal justice system
- Available to volunteer and attend information sessions 4 hours a week
- Able to make a 6-week commitment and attend an orientation session
- Able to attend and be comfortable in public areas (e.g., shopping malls, parks, etc.) and have no restrictions from being around women and children
- Please note that criminal history and current convictions will be required at time of referral
- If referral source is unable to provide such paperwork, a criminal record check must be provided

PET THERAPY SESSIONS

Canine Healing Services (CHS) also offers individual Pet Therapy sessions, through a partnership with St. John Ambulance and their therapy dog program. Participants in this program can attend 30-minute sessions, on a bi-weekly basis, where they will be able to interact with the dog, as well as with the dog handler and the CHS Project Coordinator. Benefits include: stress relief, improved social engagement, greater self-confidence, comfort, as well as distraction from physical pain.

Program Criteria

- Men (18+) who have some history of program commitment and follow through
- Able to attend 30-minute sessions, every other Friday (will be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.)
- Willingness to commit to the program for a minimum of 3 months (6 sessions)



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REFERRAL FORM

To be completed by the person making a referral.

I am referring someone for: Pre-Employment Pet Therapy

Client's information

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Referral's information

Name: _____

Agency/business: _____

Job title: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Date of referral: _____

Authorization for Release of Information

I, _____, hereby authorize the John Howard
(Client's name)
Society of Manitoba and my referral source: _____ to
(Person making referral's name)
share information with one another, regarding my involvement with Canine Healing Services and any other details that may be relevant to my involvement with the John Howard Society of Manitoba.

Client's signature: _____

Date: _____



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HISTORY OF CHARGES/CONVICTIONS/OFFENCES

Use this form if you are referring someone to the **Pre-Employment Program**. If you are unable to fill this out, a criminal record check must be provided by client.

If you are only referring an individual to the **Pet Therapy Program**, you may leave this page blank.

Pending Charges

Does the individual being referred have any pending charges? Yes No
If yes, please specify the charge(s) and the year charged:

| <u>Charge</u> | <u>Year</u> |
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| _____ | _____ |
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Criminal History

Does the individual being referred have convictions or offences? Yes No
If yes, please specify the conviction/offense(s) and the date:

| <u>Conviction/offense</u> | <u>Year</u> |
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Client's signature: _____

Referral's signature: _____

Date: _____

Send completed forms by email or fax to Carmen Vielfaure (contact info below).

Questions? Please contact: **Carmen Vielfaure**, Project Coordinator,
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