

Virtual Team Guidelines for New RWR Teams

1. Take a Therapy Prep Training Class when it is offered. www.flying-ace.com and www.healingpaws.com both do Online Classes. la@visadx.com, Whidbey Island and www.familydog.com, Kent, WA both do In Person training at their facilities. Please contact the training class for when the next session starts.
2. Send in the Paperwork that would be done for an In-Person Evaluation. The Paperwork is available at www.readingwithrover.org under the Tab - Volunteer, Forms. You will print out three documents and fill in the Member's Questionnaire, Policies and Procedures, Volunteer Agreement and Release of Liability. Send in a copy of these forms **plus** a copy of your Therapy Prep Class Certificate. Send all this paperwork to two email addresses:
 - a. needlebeetle@comcast.net and teamleadrwr@outlook.com
 - b. Team Lead will send you a Virtual Only Temporary RWR Badge in the mail, including plastic holder and lanyard.
 - c. Send in a copy of the front of your Drivers' License to info@readingwithrover.org for background check.
3. Pay \$75.00 (\$50.00 for seniors, 2nd Handler or 2nd dog) for a 2-year RWR Membership Fee. This fee includes, a background check, volunteer insurance and your badge. Pay Membership Fee by Paypal to:

Donate@ReadingwithRover.org

Comment section: enter your name and dog's name.

Or, send in a physical check with your name and dog's name to:

Reading with Rover,
P.O. Box 2569,
Woodinville, WA 98077.

4. There is a mandatory **free** RWR Virtual Training Class once per month on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Each Virtual Team needs to do this training session **once**. The training session focuses on using the Zoom software and how best to place your dog for a Reading Event. Please send an email to TeamLeadRWR@Outlook.com to be included in the next training session. It is 1 hour long.
5. Print out a Virtual New Team Log Sheet from the forms on the www.Readingwithrover.org website under Volunteer, Forms. Fill it out for the 1 Dogless Protocol Visit and 5 Protocol Visits with your dog. Each visit must be with a Mentor Team Lead.
6. In order to do your Protocol Visits, check out the www.ReadingWithRover.org/calendar website to find a Virtual Event that fits into your schedule. Email the Team Lead listed for that Event to ask if there is still room for a Protocol Team. We often have multiple Team Leads at each event

and this allows more than one Protocol Team at a time can get their hours in. **Please note there are no In Person Events currently.**

7. While doing the 5 Mentored Visits with a Team Lead Mentor, 4 of these visits must be at a Library Event with children reading to the dog.
8. After the Mentor Visits are finished, email a picture of you and your dog, cheek to cheek, and the Log Sheet detailing the Protocol Visits to needlebeetle@comcast.net and a Virtual Only Reading With Rover badge will be sent out to you.

GOING BACK INTO FACILITIES

Once RWR can go back into Facilities such as Libraries, senior residences, hospitals, and schools, all Virtual Only Teams will need to do **both their In-Person Evaluations and In-Person Protocol visits.**

Each Virtual Team is entitled to have a free one-hour private lesson before doing an In-Person Evaluation. Please send an email to info@readingwithrover.org for a list of Trainers able to do the Private Lesson. Teams will then schedule with the Trainer of their choice for the Private Lesson. The Private Lesson and Evaluation needs to be done by two different people.

The In Person Evaluations can be scheduled by sending an email to info@readingwithrover.org to get a list of all Evaluators. Send an email to the Evaluator of your choice to get onto their Evaluation Schedule. After Evaluation has been successfully passed, the Evaluator will give you your RWR Temp Badge for In Person Visits. Please wear your Temp Badge for every Protocol/Mentored Visit and until you receive your 2-year RWR Badge as an In Person Experienced Team.

Each Virtual Team will need to do their In Person 10 Mentored Visits with multiple dogs onsite. Six (6) of these visits need to be with children reading.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to TeamLeadRWR@Outlook.com or info@readingwithrover.org.