

## Do's

### (Therapy Dog)

- ❖ Make him sit before patting him
- ❖ Let the dog come to you
- ❖ Before approaching the dog, please ask the owner or handler if you can pat it
- ❖ Close your fist or give the dog the back of your hand to sniff before patting
- ❖ Pat the dog gently
- ❖ Talk to the dog
- ❖ Praise the dog if it is doing the right thing
- ❖ Approach the dog slowly
- ❖ Ask anything that you're unsure of about the dog
- ❖ Let Toni or the handler know if the dog goes to the toilet
- ❖ Have fun with the dog
- ❖ Enjoy the dog being around
- ❖ Speak quietly to the dog
- ❖ Say to him in a firm voice say NO if he is nibbling your fingers
- ❖ Ignore him if he is doing something you don't want him to do

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- ❖ Pull the dogs tail
- ❖ Pull the dogs ears or poke its eyes
- ❖ Put your fingers in the dog's mouth
- ❖ Grab the dog around the neck
- ❖ Pick up the dog unless instructed
- ❖ Put your face in his face
- ❖ Feed the dog any food as some foods can be dangerous to the dog
- ❖ Shout, scream or squeal at the dog
- ❖ Chase the dog
- ❖ Run towards the dog
- ❖ Shout its name
- ❖ Ever hit or poke the dog

