



ALLEGHENY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
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Requirements for Dogs and Handlers to Participate in PIT PAWS are as follows:

- The team (handler and dog) can demonstrate ability to work well with people and be willing to assist others.
- All PIT PAWS volunteer teams must be registered by the [Alliance of Therapy Dogs](#), a national organization that registers, insures, and supports members who are involved in volunteer animal-assisted activities.
- Show proof of most current and up to date vaccinations for your dog.
- As part of the onboarding process, dog handlers must attend a PIT PAWS Customer Service course where they learn about Pittsburgh International Airport and how to assist passengers.
- Handlers must complete a background check, take a test and obtain an airport ID badge.
- Airport staff conducts a walking interview with the dog to confirm the dog's ability to handle the airport environment.
- Ability to maintain and perform the minimum number of volunteer service shifts required.
- Ability to serve in the busy airport environment as well as complete the mandatory training sessions and requirements
- Dog must be clean and well groomed.
- The team needs to possess good communication skills, be reliable, be committed and be physically able to perform the duties of the job.