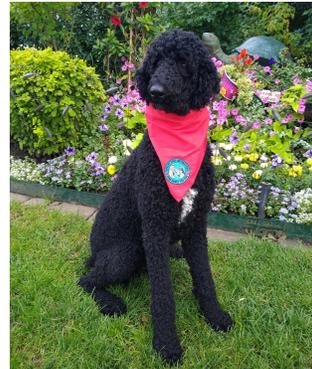
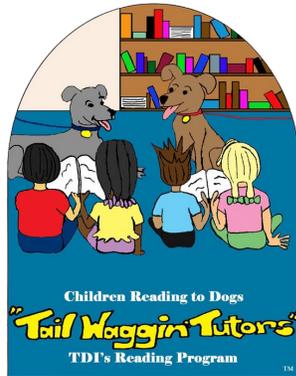


Come Read to Jack



Tail Waggin' Tutors is Therapy Dog International's (TDI®) reading program. TDI® is a volunteer group organized to provide qualified handlers and their Therapy Dogs for visitation in a variety of facilities and settings. Libraries and schools schedule times for readers to practice reading aloud to therapy dogs. Children and dogs bond together over a shared story. The child's confidence and reading skills grow in a relaxing environment. It's that simple.

Jack and Dodi will be at the Antigo Public Library on the third Saturday from 11-noon and every first Monday from 4-5 p.m.

Children ages 6 and older can sign up for a 20-minute time slot to read to Jack. These sessions will be held in one of the small conference rooms. If you would like to sign your child up to read, call the library or ask at the front desk when you are in the library. There is a consent form you must sign before your child reads with Jack for the first time.

Sign-up is available for the first four sessions.



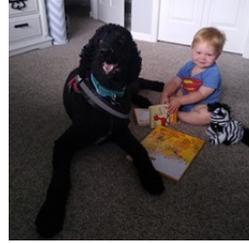
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Jack and Dodi's Story

In October 2021 Forest County Humane Society took in eight standard poodles as breeder surrenders. Soon after hearing of the situation I reached out to them and started the adoption paperwork. I always wanted a Standard Poodle, and on October 23, 2021 we adopted Curtis, an eighteen-month old beautiful boy. We renamed him Jack and are so happy to have him as part of our family. He now has 2 Chug (Chihuahua/Pug Cross) sisters who are also rescues and is living the spoiled Spoo life.



Very shortly after bringing Jack home we knew he had so much love to give that we needed to do more with him. Just putting your hands on him pulls the stress from your heart. We took him to Therapy Dog Training in January 2022, and in February he passed his Therapy Dog assessment with Therapy Dogs International (TDI) as well as his AKC Canine Good Citizen test. He visits with local children at three elementary schools during their reading classes. He is so patient as they read to him. All of the kids love when Jack comes to the classroom. The most common comment we get from them is "HE'S SO FLUFFY!".

He stayed in practice over the summer by visiting the teen center at the Boys and Girls Club of the Northwoods. The teenagers have a different energy than the elementary students he was used to. But he did great with them too. As the summer wrapped up these young teenagers all asked if we could come to the Middle School to see them during the school year.

In April we were registered as a Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) Team with Intermountain Therapy Animals. We will be starting bi-weekly reading visits at the Antigo Public Library in September. We are excited to meet more members of our community and show them the benefits of a Therapy Dog. Jack has been such a wonderful addition to our family and our community.



The Difference Between A Therapy Dog and A Service Dog

Therapy Dog: Therapy dogs are dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people. Therapy dogs do not have the same special access as service dogs.

Service Dog: Service dogs are dogs who are specially trained to perform specific tasks to help a person who has a disability. An example of a service dog is a dog who guides an owner who is blind, or a dog who assists someone who has a physical disability. Service dogs stay with their person and have special access privileges in public places such as on planes, restaurants, etc.