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To: *Evaluators, Assistants and Coordinators*
From: *Sharron Worsfield, Provincial Evaluator*
Date: *August 26, 2004*
Re: *Therapy Dog Program – Re-certification*

As mandated in the National Therapy Dog manual, all Evaluators and Assistants must re-certify annually. These sessions have traditionally been held in the spring, but due to the Provincial Evaluator moving it was not possible to arrange them for that time. Anyone who certified in 2003 as an Evaluator or Assistant will have their certification extended until the fall of 2004, at which time they will be required to attend one of the sessions outlined. Anyone not attending one of the sessions listed below will not be able to conduct Therapy Dog evaluations, unless previous arrangements have been made with the Provincial Evaluator.

Again this year Terry Fast, Provincial Therapy Dog Coordinator will be joining me. He will address any policy changes and divisional concerns.

Any Coordinator who knows of someone interested in becoming an Assistant Evaluator or being promoted to Evaluator should send his or her recommendations along with the individual's application to the Provincial Evaluator, as well a letter of experience from the individual should be included.

Child Test Evaluators only:

Sept. 11 2004

St. Paul's Church
Hwy 11 & Mapleview Dr
Stroud ON.
Registration – 9:00am

Evaluator re-certification seminar # 1

Sept. 18 2004

St. John Ambulance
London Branch
741 King St.
London ON.

Evaluator re-certification session # 2

Oct. 16 2004

34 Bridge St. W
Campbellford ON

Evaluator re-certification session # 3

Oct. 23 2004

Burlington Legion
Burlington ON.
Address to follow

Evaluator re-certification session # 4

Nov. 06 2004

St. John Ambulance
Sudbury ON

Meet and greet at 9.00am for coffee donuts. Sessions begin at 9:30am. Lunch will be provided and seminars should end around 4:00pm.

Please fill in the attached questionnaire and return with your application no later than **August 23 2004** (We must have accurate numbers in order to have appropriate amounts of food and drink).

N.B. Also attached, please find a current listing of all Evaluators and Assistant Evaluators in Ontario; Coordinators may use only people from this list to conduct evaluations for them.