

## Therapy Dog Parent Refusal Form

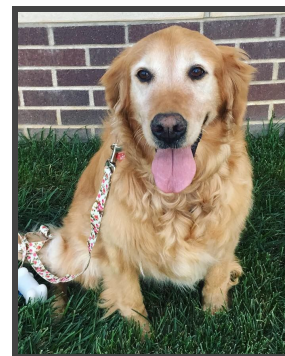
Dear Cozad families,  
Cozad Community Schools will be incorporating a therapy dog as part of the PAWsitive Support Program. Students may be in contact with a therapy dog, Jasper Anne, throughout the school year under the supervision of Tasia Aden, School Social Worker. Jasper has received her certification as a therapy dog through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs program. Therapy dogs provide many benefits. They help children learn compassion, empathy, responsibility, respect, and self-discipline. Trained therapy dogs offer comfort and non-judgemental love. Studies have proven that even a short amount of time with a dog can decrease levels of anxiety and increase emotional security. If you would like your child to have interaction with Jasper, no action is needed. If you do **not** want your child to interact with Jasper, please sign and return this letter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tasia Aden at 784-2744 ext. 207.

Sincerely,



& Jasper Anne 

Tasia Aden  
School Social Worker



**Please complete this form, only if you do **not** grant permission for interaction**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name (*CEEC & Elementary Only*) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, my child does **not** have permission to be in contact with a therapy dog at Cozad Community Schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date