



Living Creatures Ministry Animal Requirements

LCM Certified Animals must:

- Be owned by a member of the local branch's WELS/ELS congregation or be owned by the congregation itself.
- Pass the LCM Temperament Test
- Receive routine veterinary care, including:
 - Remaining current on rabies, distemper, and bordetella vaccines
 - Yearly fecal testing showing no parasites seen
 - Remaining current on effective flea, tick, and heartworm preventatives
- Maintain a healthy weight registering as a 3/5 on the BCS scale
- Appear healthy and well-groomed at all times, including:
 - Receiving regular grooming to maintain a healthy coat with no matting
 - Receiving regular nail trims to keep nails at a short, healthy length
- Refrain from visits and training when unwell (i.e. limping, coughing, open wounds or abscesses, post-surgery, etc)
- Pass the LCM Certification Test with their handler at the completion of training
- Be re-evaluated via the LCM Temperament Test & LCM Certification Test every 3 years
- Have no history of aggression

Refer to the LCM Handbook for further information on therapy animal requirements.