

# CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

## **Vulnerable adults**

Due to the nature of our courses, we understand that many of our clients are considered vulnerable, so our organisation is designed to be accessible for these individuals. If you require additional support, please contact us and we will work with you to make arrangements.

## **Children**

The child's legal guardian remains responsible for the child and their interactions with PAWtected. As a client, you must have permission from the child's legal guardian before you upload any video of them.

We are happy to print the child's name on certificates where they have handled the dog.

We do not allow children under the age of 13 to have access to our Facebook groups.

## **Children aged 11 and under**

Their legal guardian must be the client in contact with the organisation. With legal guardian permission, they may

appear in assessment videos supervised by an adult over the age of 21 at all times.

## **Children aged 12 to 15**

Their legal guardian must be the client in contact with the organisation. It is the responsibility of the legal guardian to ensure that the child is capable of handling the dog alone or appropriate supervision is provided. If the child is unsupervised during assessment videos, you must submit a letter to PAWtected.

## **Children aged 16 to 17**

The child may interact directly with PAWtected with permission from their legal guardian. They may handle the dog unsupervised unless the legal guardian decides it is unsafe for them to do so. Their legal guardians name, phone number and email must be provided.

## **Safeguarding**

PAWtected take safeguarding of all clients and team seriously. If you have any concerns, please contact us.

PAWtected reserves the right to change these policies. Notification of change will be made on our Moodle platform, website and social media platforms.

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