

What is a  
**PROFESSIONAL  
THERAPY DOG?**

*CARES' professional therapy dogs are tasked trained so that they meet the legal requirements of the Missouri assistance dog state statutes. Tasks that the professional therapy dogs are trained to do include retrieving, "go to" or "go find," etc. A pet therapy dog is partnered with a handler creating a bond and a working team. By placing a professional therapy dog with building principal, Mrs. Hawley, a team will be developed and the outcomes will be measured based on successes within the scope of the office disciplinary referrals and out-of-classroom time.*

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**Procter Elementary School** has a vision of a learning partnership where students, staff, families, and community members are unified in purpose to create...

- 🐾 A school community where all students and staff can achieve excellence and personal success in the processes of reading, writing, and problem solving.
- 🐾 A school community where students and staff work and learn in a safe, attractive, orderly and stimulating environment.
- 🐾 A school community where students learn and practice honesty in relationships, responsibility for actions, and respect for the rights of others.
- 🐾 A school community where diversity is welcome and each person's strengths are celebrated.

# Meet Milli

*Procter's Certified  
Professional Therapy Dog*



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# About Milli . . .



Milli is a Certified Service Dog who lives with Mrs. Hawley. Milli has passed the Public Access and Skills Tests prescribed by CARES, Inc., as applicable to the Missouri and Kansas state statutes and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Milli works with Mrs. Hawley and Miss Barnes at Procter Elementary.

## A Day in the Life of Milli

- Morning Greeter for students at buses
- Reading buddy for students
- Classroom visits
- Helps students to feel better/handle stressful and emotional situations
- Door Greeter to welcome visitors
- Promote sense of responsibility, support student behavior plans, enhance character education, and build upon **Positive Behavior Supports**

## Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What kind of dog is Milli?

A: Milli is Yellow Labrador Retriever.

Q: May I pet Milli?

A: Absolutely! Being petted is her favorite part of her job. Please just remember to ask before you pet her, as she may be performing a task or completing her work.

Q: May I give Milli a command?

A: If everyone gave Milli a command, she would be one confused dog. Please only use the “no lick” or the “no sniff” commands if you need them when she is visiting you. Mrs. Hawley, Miss Barnes (co-handler) or the adult in charge will give Milli commands.

Q: Does Milli come to school everyday?

A: Yes! Milli loves working with “her children.” She gets all excited when she sees the working vest/harness come off the hook at home. She also enjoys going to restaurants and stores to practice her good behavior and skills. Milli is a certified assistance dog, she is able to go to all these places and meet lots of new people!

Q: How did Milli become a Certified Assistance Dog?

A: Milli first took a temperament test to prove she was both gentle and smart. Then the CARES staff trained her. Mrs. Hawley and Miss Barnes also had to work with Milli to pass a “public access” test.

*I am excited to have Milli join the Procter family. She happily greets students and family no matter how their day has been. Milli brings comfort and unconditional love to our staff and students. Students want to come to school to learn and see Milli!*

~ Cassie Barnes, Special Education Teacher, Co-Handler



*Milli is playing a math game with second grade students.*

## Letter from Milli

My name is Milli. I was born December 17, 2013 in Concordia, KS at CARES, Inc. I am a certified professional therapy dog. My favorite things are being at school and playing with Rolo, Mrs. Hawley’s family dog when I’m not working. Please follow my adventures at Procter by visiting my blog at <http://procterdog.blogspot.com>. If you any questions about me, please ask Mrs. Hawley. She loves to brag about me and the students at Procter. Come by and say hello to me.

