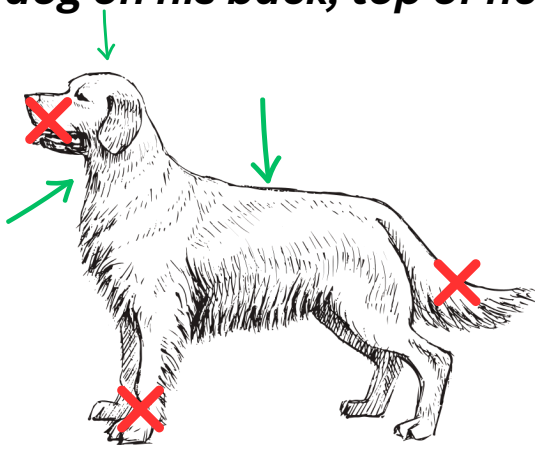
Union Therapy Dog Visit Guidelines

CLASSROOM VISITS

- Before a therapy dog enters a classroom, let the therapy dog/handler team know of any students who should not receive a visit from the dog for any reason (allergies, fear of dogs, no parent permission, etc.)
- Students should make sure their area is free of any food the dog could encounter while in the classroom
- Students are preferably seated in their chairs or on the carpet when the therapy dog/handler team enters the classroom
- Students should remain seated and wait for the therapy dog to approach them. Once the team approaches, you can reach out and pet the therapy dog for a few seconds

Please only pet the dog on his back, top of head, or under his chin



- Students should not pull the dog's tail or legs/feet
- Students should stay out of the dog's face
- Students should use inside voices when the dog enters the classroom

WHEN ENCOUNTERING A DOG IN THE BUILDING:

oStay in line and follow teacher directions
oStay calm and respectful of the dog's space
oAlways ask before petting the dog