



# THERAPY DOG

## for Boone County Sheriff's Office

**The Boone County Sheriff's Office is currently developing a Therapy Dog Program to support the mental health and wellness of our staff, individuals within the Boone County Jail, and the broader community.**



This program would introduce a professionally trained therapy dog into the Sheriff's Office and the Ern K. Hudson Justice Center to provide stress reduction, emotional support, and positive engagement. The dog would assist employees exposed to high-stress situations, support individuals participating in substance use and mental health programming within the jail, provide comfort during crisis situations, and enhance community outreach efforts.

We have already seen the positive impact that a dog can have in our environment and believe that implementing a professionally trained therapy dog will significantly strengthen these benefits in a structured, evidence-based way.

The Sheriff's Office has partnered with a professional therapy dog trainer and has identified a potential therapy dog candidate for the program. The selected dog, Boone, is currently being raised and trained with the goal of placement at the Boone County Sheriff's Office upon completion of certification.

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