

Knitters & Crocheters Wanted !

Help our dogs to help abused children



Children from 3 years to 18 years old, who have been physically or sexually abused, may have to go into Court to testify against their alleged abusers. The wonderful folk at the Teddy Bear Foundation have a special monthly programme to help the children prepare for this ordeal.

TOP Dogs Therapy Dogs help teach the children about the Court officials in a fun and feel-good way. At the same time, the dogs are helping the children to heal, bringing love without judgment or threat, and showing them the way back to trust.

Our dogs dress as the Magistrate, the State Prosecutor, the Defence and the Court Orderly (police officer). The children hold on to them as they learn, but in the real Court, the dogs can't be present. That's where **you** can help.

We aim to give every child a crocheted or knitted pup that will accompany them into Court. We would like each child to choose which real dog will be 'theirs', and give them their own cuddly version that will remind them of love and smiles and courage. That means a lot of knitting and crochet work!

Can you help?

Our patterns range from easy to more challenging, and you can pick the breed you want to do. We even have photos of the real dogs for you, so you can match their colours!

Our current team needs the following:

- Labrador Retriever
- Golden Retriever
- Jack Russell Terrier
- Scruffy Mutt
- German Shorthaired Pointer
- Mini Dobermann
- Corgi
- Rottweiler
- Irish Wolfhound

Visit our website:

www.therapytopdogs.co.za

to download the patterns, locate drop-off points for your finished cuddly pups, and see photos of the real dogs in court.

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