



# Second Judicial District Court

**Department Title:** Family Services Department

**Program Title:** Justice Dog Program

**Manager:** Mary Herzik

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Program Description:** The Second Judicial District Court has partnered with Paws For Love, a local non-profit, to incorporate therapy dogs into selected specialty courts in a manner that is safe, effective and meets the needs of clients, the court and the dogs. It is well documented that trained therapy dogs that work in the legal system can provide a sense of calm, security, and non-judgmental support to clients during legal proceedings. The dogs that are selected have the temperament to interact with people from many walks of life and engage easily over the course of their visit to the courthouse. Currently, these services are provided to Family Mental Health Court and Family Drug Court every Wednesday afternoon.

**Accessible Services and Support:** Paws for Love provides therapy dogs for companionship and support before and during specialty court proceedings.

## Summary of Services

Year Justice Dog Program started in the SJDC	<b>2016</b>
Number of Therapy Dogs	<b>8</b>
Therapy Dogs	<b>Ginger, Toby, Jasper, Ginny Lacy, Lindsay, Charmaine Leda</b>

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*To promote justice with compassion through the use of professionally trained therapy dogs to provide emotional support to court participants in selected specialty courts.*