

# Josie Jane

Cedar Grove Elementary's Therapy Dog



#### **About Josie**

Josie was born on February 5th, 2018 to a breeder in Kentucky.

Josie is an "Aussie-Doodle" 50% Australian Shepherd & 50% Poodle

Josie has been in training since she was 3 weeks old and weaned from

her mother.







#### The Prework

"A boy can learn a lot from a dog: obedience, loyalty, and the importance of turning around 3 times before you lie down." - Richard Benchley

- Started as a "wouldn't it be great if" conversation with the principal and counselor
- Turned into a night time research project for the both of them
- Realized that there are places that actually do this...
- Made some contacts....

## **Proposal Process**



- Research, Research, Research
- Proposal was initially sent to pertinent CO directors
- After feedback, was revised and brought before SBDM
- Was considered by the board attorney to ensure compliance with policy

#### **About Josie's Training...**

- Training was done through
  "Pawsibilities Unleashed" in Frankfort, KY
- Began "people" training
- Husbandry skills
- Did some "Hard Time"
- Clicker Training









# Daily training at home and school...





## A Day in the Life...

- Clip Chart Prize
- Reading Programs
- Emotional Support
- Movement Breaks
- Everyone's Pet







### The Fun...The Smiles...







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