

2008 THERAPY DOG TRAINING TO FIT YOUR NEEDS / SKILLS

Classes held at Twin Cities Obed. Dog Training Club.

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Therapy Dog Level I

6:30 p.m. Cost: \$85 – Member
\$100 - Non-member

This 1 hour class is designed to offer the handler basic therapy dog handling skills and training the therapy dog candidate basic dog maneuvers for visiting.

Student will learn:

- Leash handling on visits
- Greeting others
- Introduction to medical equipment
- Correct therapy dog handler positioning
- Etiquette for visiting
- Stress Assessment for dog and handler
- How to Assess YOUR dog's individual personality, skills and needs
- How to employ articles found in every home to train for visiting situations
- How to choose where to visit
- Therapy dog maneuvers such as: head down, visit, leave, drink, look

Completion of this course will NOT guarantee readiness of the animal / handler team for national organization evaluation.

Pre-requisites to enter this class:

- Assessment at a Free Overview Seminar
- Completion of 3 obedience classes (not puppy kindergarten)
- Dog must be at least 18 months old

Level 2 Therapy Dog

7:30 p.m. Cost: \$90 – Member

This class will apply the skills learned in Level I. Focus will be on teaching the handler how to work with the dog and the patient at the same time.

Student will learn:

- Exposure to intense medical equipment
- Visiting various population demographics
- Assessing the visit before it begins
- Visiting difficult patients
- Reducing Stress for dog and handler
- More Advanced visiting dog maneuvers such as: avoid IV tubes, chair, back, paws up, hold still, leave it.
- Equipment needed for visits
- Preparation for national evaluation
- How to observe actual visits

Completion of this course should have the team prepared to be evaluated for national organization registration.

Pre-requisites to enter this class:

- Successful Completion of Therapy Dog Level I, or
- Permission of Instructor

Level 3: Visiting Dog Training

8:30 p.m. Cost: \$40 – Member

This is individual training in a group setting for you and your pet working on specific areas of interest or individual problems

Animal / handler teams are presented with a variety of interactive situations that simulate those encountered on visits. Individual instructor attention will help the team problem solve these situations for effective, safe visiting.

- Advanced Impact, Body Desensitizing
- Assessment of dog / population match
- Assessment of Teams ongoing needs
- Handling difficult situations
- Standards of Practice as they apply to working animals in a professional practice
- Protecting your animal
- Protecting yourself

Students may continue to repeat this class until they are completely ready to be evaluated and/or start visiting.

Pre-requisites to enter this class:

- Successful completion of Level 2
- Help with therapy animal evaluations