

Date:

September 20, 27,
October 4, 11, 18, 2010

Time:

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
(Class meets for 6 weeks)

Location:

Enoch Kelly Haney Center Bay

Instructor:

Michelle Tram

Cost:

\$39.00

Pre-registration is required

Deadline for registration is September 16, 2010



Class space is limited

For more information about how to get involved with your own dog call:

*Carol Hartman at 405-382-9246 or
Lana Reynolds at 405-382-9218*

*Or drop by the SSC Office of Admissions
in Student Services Center*

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Therapy Dog Training is the most rewarding work you can do with your dog, as it affords both of you an opportunity to share your love with the people in the community who need it most.

A therapy dog requires different training than a service dog for the disabled. A therapy dog's goal is to offer comfort and companionship to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, mental centers; or visit libraries and schools to "listen" to young children read. In addition to basic obedience training, therapy dogs need special training.



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Four-footed therapists give something special to enhance the health and well-being of others. It has been clinically proven that through petting, touching, and talking with animals, blood pressure is lowered, stress is relieved and depression is eased.



Requirements:

- 🐾 Your dog must have an even temperament and be eager and willing to meet new people. Therapy work cannot be forced on a dog. He or she must look forward to providing companionship to other people.
- 🐾 Your dog must be at least 1 year old and up to date on all vaccinations.
- 🐾 Your dog must have basic manners.



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What is a Therapy Dog?

A Therapy dog is considered a pet or companion and part of the family. Each dog is temperament tested and put through a rigorous training regiment. These special dogs are trained to maintain focus and respond to direction despite distractions. These dogs can promote improvement in human physical, social, emotional, and/or cognitive functioning.

What are the Qualities of an Ideal Therapy Dog?

The breed is far less important than your dog's personality. Your dog must be friendly, calm, affectionate, gentle, well behaved, and loving. He must have an outgoing manner and be able to "read" people-not pushing himself on those who are reserved yet acting like a clown for those who need a lift. He must get along with other dogs and animals (there may be some visiting at the same time), and he must handle large groups with ease and not be afraid of the special equipment required by some patients.

