







Beginning Therapy Dog Class

Seven Wednesday evenings, April 28 – June 9, 2010, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Prerequisites: Dog must be at least 10 months old and have solid basic obedience skills/manners. Dogs *must* know how to walk on a loose leash, sit on cue, and lie down on cue *before* taking this class. Aggressive or reactive dogs are not invited.

This class focuses on skills animal-handler teams need to pass various therapy dog tests. We use clicker training in this class. Prior experience with clicker training is not required, but we do ask that you be willing to try it out during this class. *The first class is optional for experienced clicker trainers.* The first class introduces handlers to clicker training skills; come *without your dog* to the first class only.

Skills we cover include:

-  Interacting safely and effectively with people who are ill or disabled
-  Remaining safe around medical equipment (wheelchair, walker, cane)
-  Meeting other dogs appropriately
-  Signs of dog stress and what to do about it
-  Dealing with food, "sniffables," and other common distractions
-  Fostering a therapeutic relationship with your dog

Class fee is \$150/team (includes clicker and handouts).

Maximum class size is 8 teams. This helps us provide individualized instruction. Minimum class size is 5 teams.

Class meets at Canine Co-Op, 908 Webb Street SE (off Pacific near St. Martin's University), Lacey, WA.

Bring to class: paper proof of rabies vaccination (needed only for the first class), dog bed/mat, treat bag with a *humongous* amount of tiny (pea-sized) *soft* treats, 6' leather or fabric leash. Dogs may be dressed in a halter, harness, or leather or fabric collar.

Registration deadline is April 14. To register, mail a registration form with fee to:

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