

Intermediate Therapy Dog Class

Five Wednesday evenings, April 28 – May 26, 2010, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

This class is designed for animal-handler teams who are currently registered and visiting, and who want to learn additional skills to enhance their visits. This class focuses on non-traditional skills to enhance your working relationship with your therapy dog. Self-awareness as well as increased awareness of your therapy dog's needs are emphasized. We use clicker training as the training method 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 and will meet at 6 p.m. The first class introduces handlers to clicker training skills; come *without your dog* to the first (optional) class only.

As a group, we will identify the skills you most wish to teach your dog, and we will address those in class. These skills may include:



Teaching novel behaviors



Walk along the side of a wheelchair/walker



Back



Head down on lap



Wait



Turn around



Left and right



Walk on

Class fee is \$100/team (includes clicker, handouts, and book).

Maximum class size is 8 teams; minimum is 5 teams.

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

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

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

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