

Intermediate Therapy Dog Class

Five Wednesday evenings, September 7 – October 5, 2011, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

This class is designed for animal-handler teams who are currently visiting and who want to learn additional skills to enhance their visits. This class covers both traditional visiting skills and non-traditional handling 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. I encourage clicker training as the training method in this class. Prior experience with clicker training is not required.

Come *without your dog* to the first class only. The first class introduces handlers to clicker training skills and will be a two-hour class. Come prepared to have more fun than you've had in a long time!

Skills covered in class may include:



Turn around



Walk along the side of a wheelchair/walker



Walk on



Head down on lap



Back



Getting on and off a bed safely



Left and right



Getting on and off a chair safely

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

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 September 1. To register, mail a registration form with fee to:

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