

Are you and your dog already certified as a registered team or getting close to the evaluation process? Are you interested in setting your dog up for success to be evaluated or want to grow your skill set when working in different settings such as schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities? If you are interested in keeping up the foundational therapy dog behaviors and continue to expand your knowledge in effective training methods while being your dog's best advocate, then this is the class for you!

Advanced Therapy Dog Class
Tuesdays June 4th-July 31st 10:30-11:30
9-week curriculum and cost per class is 20 dollars.

Description:

This class is for handlers who are already or close to being a therapy dog team. The curriculum combines a mix of lecture and training exercises. We will focus on the skills that you already have but building onto this foundation by adding different scenarios that may occur in the therapeutic setting. This class covers common animal assisted therapy scenarios and will set you and your dog up for success in public setting. We will review advanced obedience skills, work through desensitization exercises with various stimuli, and provide opportunities to mimic visiting scenarios. We will practice different scenarios and delve into understanding canine body language to determine how some distractions can change behavior but learn how to recover and move forward to ensure an enjoyable experience. We will also role play uncomfortable predicaments in a therapeutic setting and how to handle with grace and professionalism. There can be many unpredictable situations that can occur during a visit and it's important to set up everyone up for success to have a positive interaction.

Prerequisite:

Dogs can either have a Canine Good Citizen certificate or have a therapy dog certification.

Contact Information:

If you are interested in learning more and have questions or ready to enroll then please contact me at storytimedogtraining@gmail.com or (724) 244-8743.

