

THERAPY DOG ADVANCED UTILIZATION HANDLER'S COURSE

★ ADVANCING SKILLS. STRENGTHENING TEAMS. EXPANDING IMPACT. ★



3-DAY COURSE

Earn a certificate
upon completion



MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRAINING

Gain knowledge and
experience in a variety
of real-world tasks



AKC TITLE TESTING

CGC, CGC-A,
CGC-U, Trick Dog

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Handlers must be currently certified
- ✓ Must have worked with your therapy dog for at least 6 months
- ✓ Must be agency affiliated

COST: FREE



DAY 1

PEER SUPPORT, AGILITY COURSE, AND FIRST AID



PEER SUPPORT

- Handlers will train on debriefing situations.



AGILITY COURSE

- Designed for dogs of all sizes.
- Builds confidence between dog and handler team.



FIRST AID

- Focus on basic life-saving skills.
- Hands-on training with a high-tech sim dog.



DAY 2

COURTROOM TRAINING AND FORENSIC INTERVIEW ACCOMPANIMENT



COURTROOM TRAINING

- Deploy your dog on the witness stand.
- Experience with a variety of stimulants/distractions.
- Interact with a trial judge, prosecutor, and a defense attorney.



FORENSIC INTERVIEW ACCOMPANIMENT

- Gain experience dealing with scenarios designed both inside and outside of child interviews.



DAY 3

HOSPITAL DEPLOYMENTS, PROBLEM BEHAVIORS AND AKC TESTING



HOSPITAL DEPLOYMENTS

- Focus on sights and sounds in the facility.
- Work with/around hospital staff when accompanying an individual.
- Experience placing the dog on a hospital bed.



PROBLEM BEHAVIORS

- Highlight areas to focus on in the event an issue arises.



AKC TESTING OPPORTUNITY

- Test for: Community Canine (CGC-A), Urban Canine (CGC-U), and Trick Dog.



**MOST COMPONENTS WILL INCLUDE A SHORT BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION/LECTURE
ALONG WITH SCENARIO-BASED TRAINING.**

*This course is designed to prepare handler and therapy dog teams
for complex, real-world environments.*



Questions can be directed to:
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THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO CERTIFIED HANDLERS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH THEIR THERAPY DOG FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS.

