

# THERAPY DOG PREPARATION CLASS

Animal Inn Training School  
8633 N. 34th St., Lake Elmo, MN 55042  
Hwy 5 - 1 mile E of I-694  
651/777-2317 www.animalinntraining.com

Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit \_\_\_\_\_  
Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

Class start date \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Weeks/ \$70.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Vet. \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Dt \_\_\_\_\_ DHLP Dt \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Rules

### PLEASE READ THE BACK OF THIS PAGE BEFORE SIGNING UP FOR THIS CLASS!!

1. The Animal Inn will give five one hour lessons, one per week, for a total fee of \$70.00 which is payable in full before the end of the first class. The owner of each dog is responsible for the behavior of his/her animal and holds the Animal Inn and its instructors completely harmless for any damages to property, other animals or for personal injury to himself/herself or other persons while attending class.
2. Unruly and/or uncontrolled dogs may be dismissed from classes. There will be no refund of any money when a dog is dismissed.
3. All classes will start promptly on time. **Attendance at the first class is required.** Class members are urged to be in attendance 15 minutes before the start of class. There will be no refund for any classes missed.
4. For their own safety, no children under the age of 12 will be permitted to attend the classes.
5. The remaining fee of \$40.00 must be paid during the first class. No one will be permitted to attend the second class until the balance is paid.
6. Only one person may train the dog at a time.

**I agree to abide by these rules and other class rules as they are stated.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Handler's Signature

**This class is not sanctioned by any therapy dog registry.**

**Advance Registration Required. Send Application and \$30.00 non-refundable deposit to:  
ANIMAL INN TRAINING SCHOOLS 8633 34th Street North Lake Elmo, MN 55042**

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# ANIMAL INN TRAINING SCHOOL

## THERAPY DOG PREPARTION CLASS

Therapy dogs give comfort and joy to many people. It is the purpose of this class to introduce the students and dogs, with simulated conditions, to things they may encounter in nursing homes, hospitals, and other places where therapy dogs can be of service.

1. This is a five week course designed to help you and your dog prepare for taking a test to be a therapy dog.
2. There is no age restriction for the handler, however, if you are under 18 years old, you must be accompanied by an adult for this class and when you do therapy dog visits.
3. The dog that you will be training for therapy visits must be at least one year old and have at least 20 weeks of basic obedience training (ex. 10 weeks of beginner obedience and 10 weeks of intermediate). It should be able to perform basic obedience exercises including: heeling, sit and down stay, recalls and understand what "No" means.
4. If your dog is aggressive toward other dogs or people, or extremely shy this may not be the class for you. Not all dogs are suitable to be therapy dogs.
5. Your dog does not need to be registered or purebred to be a therapy dog.
6. Therapy dogs are healthy and well-groomed.
7. Your dog will practice performing the exercises required for taking a therapy dog test. These include:
  - accepting a friendly stranger
  - sitting politely for petting
  - walking on a loose lead
  - walking through a crowd
  - sit and down on command and staying in place
  - coming when called
  - reacting to another dog
  - reacting to distractions
  - supervised separation
  - greeting a stranger

We will schedule a Therapy Dog International test by a qualified tester following this five week session. It will take place on a weekend as a one-hour time slot is not enough time to test all of the dogs. You will not be required to take the test at that time if you do not feel that you and your dog are ready. There is a fee for taking the therapy dog test which is not included in the cost for the class.