

# Introduction to Therapy Dog Skills

## Session 3 • 11 AM Saturdays

Classes held on 4-23, 4-30, 5-7 & 5-14



### Prerequisites:

Handlers must be at least 18 years of age.

Dog must be at least 1 year of age and successfully completed Good Manners 1 as a minimum. Completion of Good Manners 2 or equivalent is recommended. Dog must know: Sit & Sit-Stay, Down & Down-Stay, Leave It, Watch Me, Hand Touch and Walk Politely on Leash.

All dogs must be people and dog friendly.



This four-week class focuses on skills dogs and handlers need to work well together when visiting people in facilities. Owners will gain understanding of animal-assisted therapy, safety issues and the tools to become an effective therapy team.

**SKILLS TAUGHT:** Useful verbal cues and hand signals, heeling on both sides, cut/pass/flip, using a stool/mat, exposure to healthcare equipment and distractions, and more.

Completion of this class will **not** include registration/certification as a therapy dog or team.

Online registration opens 3/14 & closes 4/4:

[nvdtc.org/registration.htm](https://nvdtc.org/registration.htm)

Questions? [registration@nvdtc.org](mailto:registration@nvdtc.org)



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