



THERAPY DOG CLASS CURRICULUM

Pam Booras, trainer

ATD Tester/Observer

All Handlers must abide by the rules for Alliance of Therapy Dogs, which are listed in the packet you have been given. Please abide by these rules in our training classes also.

Week 1

We will take a look at loose leash walking, both as a group and individually. Fast, medium, and slow pace will be reviewed. Right turn, left turn, and about turn, with stopping when asked, with dog waiting at your side for 5 seconds.

Gentle handling will also be worked on.

All done around a wheelchair and crutches on the floor.

Week 2

All of the above will be reviewed. Adding full handling of the dogs. Dog-dog pass will be added. Noise reaction will be added also.

Week 3

We will meet at Farm and Fleet to review all of the above in a store setting.

Week 4

Proofing of all work we have done to this point and review of questions.

You can prepare for the class by reviewing your loose leash walking, handling of your dog, going to any store that allow dogs, reviewing all we are planning to cover, and getting your dogs around other dogs on leash that you know to be stable dogs. Dogs are never allowed to be closer than 2 feet during all TD testing and all TD visits.

A few concerns that have come up for me in the past include, the lack of a 4' leash, sandals being worn, inappropriate clothing, not having the proper paperwork filled out, including background check, BEFORE we start the testing process and not having the proper items for testing.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to text or call me at (815) 228-2461