

### Therapy Dog Team Pre-requisites

The goal of this class is to produce working therapy teams. At the completion of this course I will offer a handling test and can assist you to get registered and certified with Alliance of Therapy Dogs which is a national therapy dog organization.

Because this class requires close supervision, I need to limit the number of participants. Please fill out this questionnaire so I can schedule an evaluation before acceptance to the class.

Handler/Dog Name \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Breed/Weight \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_-

Pre-Requisites: Please initial all that apply to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog is at least one year old

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog and handler has had a close relationship for at least 6 months

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog is obedience trained

\_\_\_\_\_ Handler can keep dog under control even without a leash (off leash heeling)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog's annual health exam is current, including negative fecal exam

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog is kept clean, well-groomed

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog is friendly, reliable, well-mannered with people and other dogs  
(example: Dog does not growl or jump at other people or dogs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog is house-trained

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog has never bitten a person including the owner

\_\_\_\_\_ Handler will use a 4 foot leash or shorter

\_\_\_\_\_ Prong collars will not be used (buckle or martingale collars are ok)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog has passed the AKC CGC test  
(Passing the AKC CGC test is recommended but not required)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that attendance is mandatory and missing a class can be reason for dismissal.

(Please complete the questions on the back of this sheet.)

How often do you plan on doing therapy activities with your dog? (once a week, twice a week, once a month,....etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** You must be able to attend every class or risk dismissal. I do not offer makeup classes.

You must be willing to complete the required homework which includes (but is not limited to) studying the procedures and rules, completing a written open book test of same, as well as practicing the skills learned in class. You are also required to do at least one observation with an experienced therapy team. After you are certified by ATD, if you want to join my therapy group (K9 TheraPets of Hawaii), I must do an observation of your first therapy work with your dog.

I will offer the ATD handling evaluation test only to those who complete this course to my satisfaction. This means that I will be evaluating your progress throughout the course.

ATD requires a Background Check prior to the handling test. This is done online at [www.therapydogs.com](http://www.therapydogs.com). You are responsible for the fee.

I understand and agree to the requirements of this course.

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Signature of handler / Date

Please email this form to me at [fjitchaku@gmail.com](mailto:fjitchaku@gmail.com) and I will set up an appointment for the evaluation of you and your dog before agreeing to accept you into the class.

Reason for taking this class: (Please explain briefly below)