



# Dog Training Club of Tampa



## Therapy Dog Class

The Dog Training Club of Tampa is offering a 4 week Therapy Dog Class. If you have ever wanted to get involved doing pet therapy with your dog, this is a great place to start. Help put smiles on people of all ages and especially those in need. It's a wonderful way to help others and your community, and you can join DTCT's Therapy Dog Team!!

There are 4 sessions, consisting of 1 hour each. The classes will help you prepare your dog to become a Therapy Dog. The final week (4<sup>th</sup>), the plan is to have a temperament evaluation by Debbie Mims, a certified Alliance of Therapy Dogs Evaluator. This will allow you and your dog to continue on to complete your testing and receive your certification to become an Alliance of Therapy Dogs Team.

**Dates:** March \*6, 13, 20, and 27                      **Time:** 6:30 PM  
(\*Except March 6<sup>th</sup>, class will start at 6:00 PM for registration.)

**Location:** John Knox Village  
4100 East Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL  
Conference Room

### **Requirements:**

1. Handler must be 18 years of age or older and have owned the dog for a minimum of 3 months.
2. Dogs must be one year of age or older. Any breed or mixed breed **EXCEPT:** wolf-hybrids, coyotes or coyote-hybrids.
3. **Must bring:**
  - a. Proof of **physical examination** by veterinarian within the past 12 months, **current rabies vaccination** or rabies titer level of 0.5 or greater (within 2 years), **Annual Fecal exam** within last 12 months.
  - b. **Four foot leash, clean up items, water** (bowl) for dog. **Treats** are allowed in the first 3 classes, but **will not be allowed during the evaluation phase** on week 4.
4. Dog handlers **must wear** appropriate attire and **safe shoes** with backs or back straps for both the handling portion and observations in accordance to Alliance of Therapy Dogs Rules and Regulations.

### **Registration:**

To register for the Therapy Dog class, **you must reserve a spot** by contacting Shelley Stuart at email [stewartshelley70@gmail.com](mailto:stewartshelley70@gmail.com) by 3/1/18.

Once you have a reservation, you must complete a registration form. Bring copies of your dog's proof of physical exam, rabies vaccination, and annual fecal exam, to attach to the form.

**Cost:** \$60.00 (includes 3 classes and temperament evaluation)  
(Note: \$30.00 for John Knox Village residents. Must bring proof of residency.)