



Dogs on Call, a program of Easterseals Alabama Therapy Dog Training Class

Class 1 – Tuesday, 10/2/18 @ 6 pm Temperament and obedience evaluation.

Your dog must possess basic obedience commands - "Sit" "Stay" and "Come" commands - "Look at me" command – Walk on a loose leash. They must also be able to sit calmly for petting and pay attention to handler. If teams pass these requirements, they will be invited to continue the class.

Class 2 – Tuesday, 10/9/18 @ 6 pm Work on obedience commands incorporating working with distractions. CGC Testing Preparation. Introduction of Canine Good Citizen evaluation.

<http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/>

Paperwork and \$50 nonrefundable fee due tonight –includes all classes, CGC testing and Final Evaluation

Mid-term – Wednesday, 10/10/18 – Time TBA

AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluation – Must pass to continue class.



Class 3 – Tuesday, 10/16/18 @ 6 pm Begin Therapy Specific Work

Discuss organizational mission and requirements. Stories/testimonials from DOC members. Teams will work around strangers, loud noises, excited/erratic persons, medical equipment and in close proximity to other dogs.

Class 4 – Tuesday, 10/23/18 @ 6 pm Continue drills from last week. Stations will be set up to create different scenarios from last week. Individual help will be available.

Class 5 – Tuesday, 10/30/18 @ 6 pm Continue drills from last week. Final exam/evaluation preparation.

Make Up Class – Tuesday, 11/6/18 @ 6 pm Make up class (teams must attend 5 classes) While this class serves as a make up to those who need it, all teams are welcome and encouraged to attend this class. Individual help available.

Final evaluation – TBA

\$100 fee due tonight after you pass the final evaluation - This fee includes your shirt, vest and insurance needed to be a certified Dogs on Call therapy team. You will receive these items once you complete your 3 evaluations.

Requirements for training class:

The handler must be at least 18 years old. One handler/per dog/per class.

The handler must live within a 75 mile radius of Montgomery, AL.

Your dog must be at least one year old.

Your dog must know basic obedience commands – sit, stay, down, etc.

Your dog must be able to walk on a loose leash (left side).

Your dog must show no aggressive behavior to people/animals.

Classes are held at Pet Supermarket
1629 Perry Hill Road, Montgomery 36106

A therapy dog is not a type of service dog. Therapy dogs are trained, registered, and insured by a therapy dog program.

They visit institutions such as hospitals, schools, and nursing homes, only when invited, for the purposes of cheering up or educating people in those institutions. A person with a therapy dog has no right to demand access to places where pets are not generally permitted, or to have pet fees, such as deposits, waived. They must have permission from the facilities they visit before they can enter.

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