Therapy Dog
Team Training

Unit 1: Lay the Groundwork

1. Navigating the Course
2. The Human-Animal Bond in Therapy Work
3. Therapy Dog Team Expectations & Definitions
4. Logistics of Therapy Dog Work & Key Considerations

Unit 2: Build Your Team

4. Canine Body Language
   Develop your observation skills and increase your understanding of what your dog is “saying.”
5. The Training Process
   Learn to use positive reinforcement effectively and train as a dog-handler team.
6. Essential Therapy Dog Skills
   Teach your dog the 13 behaviors every therapy dog needs to know.
7. Training for the Real World
   Prepare for the real-life conditions you and your dog will experience in therapy work.
8. Therapy Visit Success
   Discover the practices that sustain success, enthusiasm, and joy.

Unit 3: Your SkillCheck & Beyond

9. The SkillCheck Assessment
   How to earn your Therapy Dog Team Training SkillCheck designation.
10. Wrap-Up & Next Steps
    What to do, and where to go, next in your therapy dog team journey.