

## Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association (MVPTA)

MVPTA offers multiple 7-week training courses each year. The purpose of the class is to teach handlers the basic skills required for visiting with their pet. Topics include: Role play in handling yourself and your pet in a variety of situations; recognizing animal's behavioral signs of stress; learning methods to de-stress an animal; etiquette during visits; HIPAA and other facility policies; and how to prepare for a visit. Teams, both student and animal are evaluated for suitability for pet therapy throughout the 7-week class.

**MVPTA will do it's best to follow CDC COVID guidelines for all students and staff taking the class. COVID guidelines will be addressed in an email sent by class staff a few weeks before classes start.**

### **Course Pre-Requisites:**

**Pet Aptitude:** Confident, calm, cooperative, gets along with animals and people, adjusts to changes in the environment.

**Pet Manners/Obedience:** This is not an obedience training class. Dogs must have the following basic skills prior to starting class, which will be evaluated by a prescreening process prior to week 1. If not proficient in these skills, the team will not be accepted into class. Needed skills: sit, down, stay, walk with a loose leash, greet people/animals calmly.

### **Collar Requirements:**

**Allowed Collars:** Only buckle, quick release, and martingale (without chain).

**Not Allowed Collars:** Slip, training (choke chains, prong collars, shock collars) body and/or head harnesses.

**Pet Age:** Pets must have lived with the handler for at least 1 year.

**Handler Age:** Handlers must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times until they are 16 years of age. Handlers need a parent's approval from the age of 16 – 18 years old.

**Vet Check Form:** You will be sent a vet check form to be completed by your veterinarian. A negative fecal test needs to be completed within 30 days of prescreening. **You may want to go ahead and schedule the vet appointment for the end of March if possible and we will send you a confirmation letting you know you are in the class along with a vet form.**

- **It is mandatory that you attend all classes.**

Course Locations	Day	Time	Start/End Date
Bethany Lutheran Village 6451 Far Hills Ave Dayton, OH	Monday	10:00-11:30am	August 29 <sup>th</sup> – October 24 <sup>th</sup> <b>No class on September 5<sup>th</sup></b>
St. Leonard 8100 Clys Rd Centerville, OH	Tuesday	7:00-8:30pm	September 6 <sup>th</sup> – October 25 <sup>th</sup>
Fairborn Senior Center 325 North 3rd Street Fairborn, OH	Wednesday	6:30-8:00pm	September 7 <sup>th</sup> – October 26 <sup>th</sup>

**mvPTa Class Registration Form**

To attend our next session, complete this form and return it with the \$100 fee to: mvPTa, P. O. Box 675, Troy, OH 45373. If two people attend with one pet, the cost is \$200.00. Contact our office (937)286-0028 if you have any questions.

**Remember: certain classes fill up more quickly. Don't delay in sending in your registration!**

Make check or money order payable to "Miami Valley Pet Therapy Association"

**PLEASE return this form by August 5, 2022**

QUESTIONS? Call our office at (937) 286-0028

\* Note: if you are repeating a class, there is no charge for the same handler, same pet.

Handler Information

Handler's Name _____	Home Phone: _____
Handler's Address _____	Cell Phone: _____
_____	E-Mail: _____
Occupation: _____	
Which course are you signing up for? Location _____ Day _____ Time _____	

(See Listing for choices of locations. Must have at least 6 people to hold the class and a maximum of 12 people.)

Pet Information

Pet's Name: _____	Date of Birth _____
Pet Species: _____	Breed: _____
Training Experience: _____	

How long has the pet lived with you? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us:  Friend  Dog Club  Veterinarian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

For office use only: Date Received _____ Order _____
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