

You and Your Pet getting started in Animal-Assisted Therapy

is easy as A-B-C !!



Attend our 6-week class

Be successful on test day

Connect with clients year-round

LAPS is a true Therapy Team organization.

LAPS believes that programs based on well-trained, highly-skilled teams benefit clients in many ways that visiting pet programs do not. For information about LAPS therapy programs and more about membership in our organization, please visit our website: www.lovinganimalsprovidingsmiles.org



- Complete and submit a Volunteer Application, along with a copy of pet's current vaccination records and class fee payment **by February 20, 2017**. Download Application PDF from our website and mail to our PO Box 6596, Napa, CA 94581.
- Session starts March 17th (evening-handlers only) & March 18th (with pet). Saturday classes are held at Napa Valley Dog Training Club. Teams attend from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- You must attend all training classes. Lessons build on skills learned in earlier weeks.
- Each student will receive extensive class materials.

"Bringing acceptance, laughter and love into the lives of others."



Loving Animals Providing Smiles

ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY TEAM HANDLING SKILLS CLASS MARCH 17 – APRIL 22
TEAM EVALUATION APRIL 30

NEW TEAM ORIENTATION MAY 5 ❖ CAPERS TEAM TRAINING MAY 6

Class size is limited so each team gets individualized attention and plenty of hands-on practice.

If space permits, we invite teams to take our class even if they do not intend to pursue LAPS membership. We firmly believe all teams need these foundation skills to be safe and effective in their volunteer service. If you do not intend to join LAPS, please write in Section III of the Application that you are a “non-LAPS team.”



REMEMBER:

- **Your dog must be dog-friendly and possess solid basic obedience skills.** At a minimum, your dog must reliably demonstrate sit, down, stay, walking politely on-leash, accepting petting from a stranger, and “leave it” without food reward.
- **This is not a “one size fits all” class.** Our goal is to give you the tools to help your pet be a successful therapy partner. You will be an active participant in finding the best way to communicate with your pet and honestly assess your pet’s behavior and comfort level.
- **We must receive your Application, pet vaccination record, and payment by February 20th at our P.O. Box 6596, Napa, CA 94581.**
- **Plan to attend ALL sessions.** If you have a scheduling conflict, please attend a future class. We offer classes each Spring and Fall. CAPERS training is optional for those teams assessed appropriate to work with children.



CLASS FEE: 1st LAPS pet: \$100 2nd LAPS pet: \$70 Non-LAPS team \$140

LAPS teams will donate time & resources to our group that non-LAPS teams will not, so we offer new LAPS teams a discount. Active Teams wanting to brush-up on skills will pay a drop-in fee per day: LAPS teams \$5; non-LAPS teams \$20

Call our office at 707-265-6642 or email us at info@lovinganimalsprovidingsmiles.org if you have any questions.