



Pawsitively Transformational Health and Wellness, Inc

Therapy Dog Program Description and Estimate

I. Scope of Services

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Pets and Helping Dogs (PHD) is a Wellness Program of Pawsitively Transformational Health and Wellness, Inc (PAWS). Wellness Program services are not mental health therapy services and are not billable to insurance. Tuition is paid by the client or by the client's funding source (if applicable). Please read more here: www.pawsitivelytransformational.com/phd PHD provides services to clients who want to responsibly train and utilize a therapy dog. A therapy dog is defined as a dog who is trained to engage respectfully with people in a setting where the Therapy Team (dog and handler) have permission to volunteer or work. The dog must: keep his or her level of excitement always regulated, show safe and professional behaviors, and follow cues from the handler.

1.1 Education. The PHD Therapy Dog Program provides instruction to the enrolled dog and handler (client) so that the Therapy Team (dog and handler) will meet or exceed minimum professional and industry standards for therapy dog teams. This includes instruction in:

1. Best practice standards for ethical dog training and handling.
2. Skills and knowledge to maintain a therapy dog's ability to continue to meet appropriate standards to work as a therapy dog and to provide for the dog's continued learning and care throughout the lifespan.
3. Rights and responsibilities of Therapy Teams.
4. Instruction on Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) skills (if the handler is a licensed mental health professional practicing under scope). Note that instruction in AAT may add time to the program estimates identified below.

1.2. Assessments. PHD will assess and document competencies achieved towards graduation requirements and will provide documentation to the client (handler of the therapy dog) upon termination (on request) or graduation.

II. Credentials

Nathaniel Lukas Redekopp, PhD, LPCC, CPDT-KA is a certified professional dog trainer through the Certification Council of Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT). He has provided professional dog training services since 2015 and apprenticed for two years. He is certified

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through the AKC as a CGC Evaluator. Nathaniel is also a licensed professional mental health therapist (LPCC) in the state of New Mexico, specializing in Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) and trauma treatment.

III. Pre-requisites

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Before therapy dog-specific skills will be taught, the enrolled dog must pass our Novice Level Course, which includes passing the official Canine Good Citizen test. Completing the Course involves in-person instruction and completion of online homework. The Novice Level Course description can be viewed here: www.pawsitivelytransformational.com/portal Upon successful completion, the client may apply to enter the Therapy Dog Program.

IV. Program Tuition Estimates

The estimates below are for tuition costs after the enrolled dog has passed the Novice Level Course. Two Therapy Dog Program enrollment options are described below.

The PHD Therapy Dog program is a monthly tuition service that includes 2-4 hours of service per month. The client may choose 2, 3, or 4 hours of monthly tuition. Session typically occurs in Alamogordo, New Mexico, (herein called the service area). If session is scheduled to take place outside of the service area to accomplish learning objectives, there will be a travel fee.

A monthly subscription to the appropriate Learning Portal course is required to maintain program enrollment. The Learning Portal is an online homework center with text and video. Please find more information here: www.pawsitivelytransformational.com/portal Program-specific gear is required for participation as described in the estimates below.

Graduation requirements for the PHD Therapy Dog Program are standardized, defined, and competency based. They are documented in the Learning Portal. Some teams graduate earlier than their estimated training time, and some take longer. The estimated program length identified below is for dog who has already passed the Novice Level Course, who is an adult (2 years old or older), who enters the program with average amount of socialization and leash training, who has no behaviors in need of rehabilitation, and who makes average progress through the curriculum. Progress toward graduation is individual to the team-in-training: the estimated program length provided is not a guarantee of length, since graduation requirements are competency-based. It is possible that at any stage of the program, it may be determined by

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PHD that the Therapy Team (enrolled dog and handler) is not capable of or likely of fulfilling graduation requirements.

The rate of progress of a Therapy Team toward graduation is affected by factors including:

1. The age, temperament and prior socialization of the enrolled dog.
2. The needs of the client (handler of the enrolled dog).
3. How much the enrolled dog must know in order to function appropriately as a therapy dog for the handler, in the environments where the handler wishes to go with the therapy dog.
4. The amount of practice done between sessions.
5. How consistently the handler and all those who care for and interact with the dog follow instructions given by PHD.

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Therapy Dog Program Estimate, Option 1

The client chooses 2 hours of monthly tuition for dog training and also chooses to attend the Pawsitively Transformational Animal-Assisted Therapy Group (AAT Group) twice monthly with the enrolled dog. AAT Group is a mental health therapy group in which the handler of the therapy dog in-training agrees to participate as a client (the enrolled dog attends with the client). An individual therapy intake session is required before a client may enroll in AAT Group.

Benefits of AAT Group attendance include that the handler receives more in-depth education on and experience with therapy dogs in context. Also, the handler learns coping skills that can be practiced with the enrolled dog. As a result of attending AAT Group with the handler, the enrolled dog receives more opportunities for socialization to a wider variety of humans and other canines and more opportunities to practice therapy dog skills in context.

An additional benefit to Therapy Dog Program Option 1 is that costs tend to be lower, since AAT Group attendance is typically paid for by the handler/client's healthcare insurance.

The cost estimate for Option 1 is below.



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Description	Cost
Dog training monthly tuition of \$159.90 for 2 hours of service per month, for 6 months	\$959.40
Monthly Learning Portal subscription of \$19.95, for 6 months	\$119.70
AAT Group (2 hours of monthly). This estimate assumes that the client's insurance fully covers therapy group participation.	\$0
6-foot British slip lead	\$19.95
15-foot long line lead	\$24.95
Therapy dog in-training bandanna	\$19.95
In training ID	\$29.95
Graduate ID	\$29.95
Graduation packet	\$59.95

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Total estimated cost for Option 1: \$1,263.80 + tax

Program Estimate, Option 2

The client chooses 4 hours of monthly tuition. (Note that the minimum number of hours is 2 and the maximum is 4). The client may choose 2, 3, or 4 hours of monthly tuition.

Description	Cost
Monthly tuition of \$319.80 for <u>4 hours</u> of service per month, for 6 months	\$1,918.80
Monthly Learning Portal subscription of \$19.95, for 6 months	\$119.70
6-foot British slip lead	\$19.95
15-foot long line lead	\$24.95
Therapy dog in-training bandanna	\$19.95
In training ID	\$29.95
Graduate ID	\$29.95
Graduation packet	\$59.95

Total estimated cost for Option 2, for 4 hours of tuition monthly: \$2,223.20 + tax

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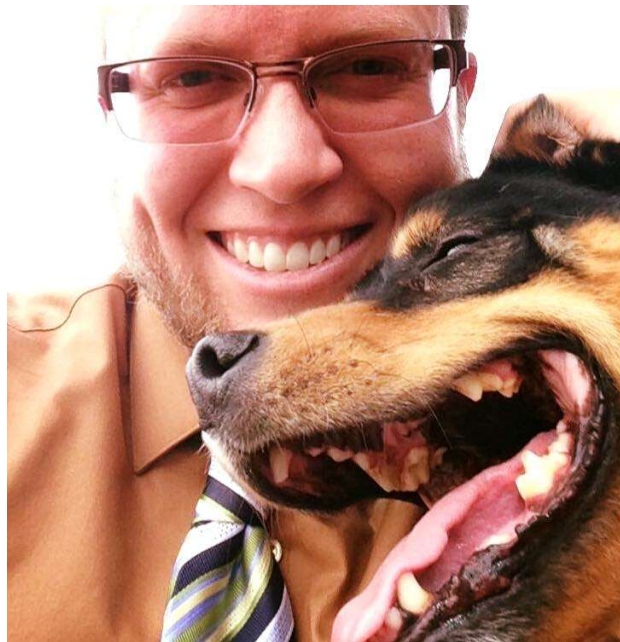
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V. Program Policies

A monthly tuition invoice will be billed monthly by email and it is due 10 days from the date it is sent or by the start time of the first session of the month, whichever is sooner. There are no refunds given for tuition paid or for monthly hours of service not used by the client: client is responsible for scheduling sessions in a timely manner using the online booking calendar.

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The client must sign and abide by the agreement for services document and the monthly tuition roster agreement.



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