



CANINES CAN CARE THERAPY DOG ASSESSOR MUMBAI 2022

If you have ever shared your home and heart with a dog, then you know the amazing feeling of unconditional love that a dog can bring into our lives. If you have always wanted to share that amazing feeling and love that dogs bring into our lives, then therapy dog work maybe the happiest and most fulfilling work you will ever find in this world!

But how do you approach this work? What kind of dog is perfect for it, where do you start? If you have always wanted to spread some tail wagging sunshine in this world, then this is the perfect course for you!

CURRICULUM

UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT OF THERAPY DOGS

- The differences between AAT and AAA
- When is therapy work helpful and when it is not
- Some terms to know before you get started with therapy dog work

THERAPY DOG WORK- THE HUMAN ANGLE

- What qualifications do you need to work with a therapy dog?
- How to work with your dog as a team
- What skills do you as the human partner, need for therapy dog work?
- Identifying which situations are ideal for therapy dog work
- Stress in people- identifying it, tips for reducing stress in people
- How to communicate effectively with humans during a session
- Identifying signs of when a session should end immediately
- Identifying your limits as a dog handler
- Responsibilities as a therapy dog worker
- Code of ethics for therapy dog work



THERAPY DOG WORK- THE CANINE ANGLE



- Testing a dog for animal assisted therapy
- What breeds of dog make a good therapy dog?
- At what age can you start training a therapy dog?
- How do you select a puppy for therapy dog work?
- What temperament should a good therapy dog have?
- How do I know if my own dog is ideal for therapy dog work?
- What training is required for therapy dog work? How do you teach the dog the commands?

- Reducing the risk of zoonotic diseases during therapy dog work
- How to recognise signs of stress in a therapy dog
- Identifying when a session should end for the dog
- How to help a dog that is stressed or suffering from possible burnout
- Safety tips to keep in mind when conducting a therapy dog session

YOUR TEACHER...

'Canines Can Care' is the only canine organisation of its kind in India. The organisation has pioneered not only the concept of Assistance Dogs in the country, but also the concept of Search and Rescue Dogs. In fact, the 'Canines Can Care' search dog team was the only one representing India in the aftermath of the Gujarat earthquake.

Besides the above, "Canines Can Care" also conducts dog training courses for pet owners, offers behavioural advice for problem dogs, holds agility training sessions, runs courses on canine behaviour and is involved in pioneering many more dog related activities all over the country.

Canines Can Care has been involved with therapy dog work from 1995 in India. They have conducted sessions at the Army paraplegic rehabilitation Center, Pune; Spastics Society of India, School for the Blind, Mumbai; and various other schools, colleges and individuals in India over the years.

The founder of "Canines Can Care" – Shirin Merchant, will conduct the course.

She has been working in the field of canine behaviour and training from 1995 in India and is responsible for pioneering canine behaviour counselling, canine courses and canine educational events across India.

She is the only person in Asia to have an international accreditation from the Kennel Club of England's, Accredited Instructor scheme – the KCAI in Companion Animal training and in Behavioural Training. **The behavioural training accreditation makes her one of 9 people in the world who have achieved it.**

In 2015, Shirin was awarded the International Commendation for Trainer of the Year award by the Kennel Club of England's KCAI scheme at the Cruft's Dog Show in England.



In 2016, Shirin was invited to lecture at the Association of Professional Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) conference in Las Vegas. She is the first Indian to have been invited by this prestigious body to present at the conference.

In 2017, Shirin was invited to present at TEDx Gitam University.

In 2018, Shirin was awarded The First Ladies award and felicitated for being a pioneer in her field by The President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Over the past 23 years, Shirin Merchant has trained over two thousand dogs with breeds ranging from the feisty Belgian Malinois to the shy Samoyed. She is in great demand with most of India's dog owners with problems regarding their pets. The problems have ranged from dominance, housetraining, chewing, aggression and destruction to boredom and compulsive behaviours.

All through the years, Shirin has worked hard to change the concept of dog training in India.

DURATION AND DATES

6th to 9th January 2022

The 4 day course will be held daily from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Parsi Colony, Dadar East, Mumbai.

APPLICATION

This course is essential for anyone who is interested in taking up therapy dog work as a career or a pet parent who wants to volunteer their time for therapy dog work.

The course will include theory and practical work and will involve outdoor training work too.

You are welcome to bring your own dog to the course for assessment as long as your dog is friendly with other people and dogs.

The course will be conducted only in English and

students are required to have a good understanding of the language. Any dog lover above 18 years can apply. The course is ideal for beginners as well as professionals.

The course will include hands-on work with dogs. Students can either bring their own dogs or learn on dogs provided by the organisation.



FEES AND MODE OF PAYMENT

The fees for this course are Rs. 20,000/- (plus 18% G.S.T) Total- Rs. 23,600/-

Payment can be made in the form of cash / cheque / DD/bank transfer in the name of 'SHIRIN MERCHANT'. All payments to be made in full before the commencement of the course. Part payments / post dated cheques will not be accepted.

Registration charges Rs. 5,000/- (non-refundable and non-transferable) to be sent along with the admission form (available on request). Registration amount will be adjusted against final payment.

Since we have limited seats on the course, students are advised to book their places in advance.

CONTACT US...

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