

More information about our organization...

We average 200 volunteers who visit over 60 facilities across five counties in Central New York.

Sunshine Friends, Inc. provides services to over 800 people every month.

Programs We Offer

ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY (A.A.T.)
ANIMAL ASSISTED ACTIVITIES (A.A.A)
YOUTH READING PROGRAMS
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Sunshine Friends, Inc (SFI) Pet Therapy Programs welcomes domestic dogs and cats. SFI believes that each pet should be evaluated based on his or her own individual temperament, we do not discriminate based on breed.

Find us on the web!

www.sunshinefriends.org

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P.O. Box 6936
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Serving the CNY
Community for
over 10 Years



Therapy Pet Programs

Could Your Best Friend Become A Therapy Dog?

Sunshine Friends, Inc. is a volunteer organization providing animal assisted activities and therapy across Central New York.

"Improving the quality of life for both people and animals through mutually beneficial interaction."

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Therapy Dog Classes

Sunshine Friends, Inc. is proud to present an exciting opportunity to those dog owners who are interested in learning more about participating in animal assisted therapy and activities (AAT/AAA) with their pets! These classes are geared toward handlers without experience interested in working with their dogs in AAA/AAT, as well as experienced handlers who are interested in learning new skills and improving on old ones.



Interested in volunteering with SFI?

Though helpful, classes are not mandatory to participate in SFI programs. Check out our website for more information on volunteering. We look forward to hearing from you!

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Class 1 - Handler Control

Leash work and manners required for a successful visit. This class will include an overview of SFI programs and requirements.

Class 2 - Obedience with Distractions

Basic obedience, focus and leash exercises with and without distractions. We will practice the obedience skills your dog will need to pass the SFI Therapy Dog Evaluation.

Class 3 - Stress Management & Handling

Approaches, handling and crowding by strangers. Education on how to identify and manage stress in your therapy dog. Management and desensitization techniques will be introduced.

Week 4 - Medical Equipment

Exposure to medical equipment such as walkers and wheelchairs. We will teach you how to handle your dog successfully around this equipment as well as how to help your dog overcome anxiety around medical apparatus.

Week 5 - Visit Simulation

During this class we will simulate a typical Sunshine Friends, Inc visit to a nursing facility. We will teach you cues to help with the visit as well as to prepare you for the SFI Therapy Dog Evaluation.

Class Prerequisite: Before joining class, your dog must know his or her name, as well as how to sit on command. A prior basic obedience or manners class is highly recommended.



Classes are held throughout the year!

~ 5 Class Sessions ~

\$20/Class

\$80/5 Classes

Choose to take all 5 classes consecutively or just the classes that cover a topic you are interested in!

Please contact Sunshine Friends, Inc to learn more or to sign up today!

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