You and your dog should be able to pass a basic obedience evaluation in order to start this class and be at least 12 months old. Dogs can only use a flat fabric collar.

You must provide proof of rabies vaccination and the most recent annual exam showing all other inoculations from your veterinarian.

You must purchase the latest copy of the ITA Therapy Team Training manual which will answer many questions not covered in class due to time constraints. It is your responsibility to read the manual and ask questions via email during the 8-week course.

Upon completion and proof of competence, you and your dog must pass an evaluation from a licensed evaluator of your choice. The cost of evaluation required for team registration is not included in this class.

This class will allow you to evaluate with **Tails of Joy** or **Pet Partners**. We will discuss what your goals and specific needs of your dog may be. You must be a member of one of these organizations prior to evaluating.

After passing the evaluation, you can submit an application including the organizations fee for acceptance. The organization will notify you of acceptance and achieving your goal of becoming a registered therapy dog team.

 https://therapyanimals.org/

 https://petpartners.org/

https://wildernessK9llc@gmail.com

Some activities covered in this course to prepare you for evaluation will be:

* How you interact with your dog
* How you interact with clients during visits
* How well you are aware of your dog’s state during a visit
* How well you can train your dog to interact with new objects
* How well your dog responds to you
* If your dog walks with you on a loose leash
* How your dog reacts to new scenarios and objects
* How your dog acts when approached by a group of strangers
* How your dog reacts around other dogs
* If your dog is calm during petting
* If your dog willingly approaches people to visit at your request
* How well your dog resists a temptation; food or toy
* Safety skills needed in unfamiliar environments
* Develop team skills required to pass the aptitude and skills portion of the evaluation