

# Puppy Prep School



Training for Aspiring Therapy Dogs



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## Does your puppy want to be a Therapy Dog?

So, does your pup want to be a therapy dog when it grows up? Then your pup is one smart cookie—therapy dog work is a mighty fine way to volunteer in the service of others and spend some meaningful time together. Even though Therapy Dogs of Vermont doesn't certify therapy dogs until they are a year old, it's never too early to start preparing! Early experiences in your pup's life can set the stage for a solid, confident, well-behaved, sensible adult dog.

This six-week class (for puppies 8 weeks to 4 months of age) focuses on building a foundation for future therapy dog work. Since we are dealing with canine babies, the focus will be keeping every exercise fun and positive, while building your puppy's social skills with people and other dogs, getting careful and positive exposure to a wide variety of new experiences, and getting started on some very basic relationship-based, pre-obedience training behaviors. *Even if therapy dog work is not in you and your pup's future, this class is useful for any dog and owner.*

**For class schedule or any questions, please contact TDV at: [admin@therapydogs.org](mailto:admin@therapydogs.org)**

Taught by TDV's own experienced therapy dog testers and evaluators, this class is for any dog owner seeking to socialize a puppy and build a strong foundation for a happy, healthy relationship.



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