Lapeer County 4-H Therapy Dog Program

Train your dog to become a certified American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen! After passing the test you and your canine companion can work together to become a therapy dog team.

What does it mean to be a therapy dog team? Together you can bring joy into people’s lives by visiting elderly in nursing homes or having a child read a book to your dog.

The test will include the following skills that the dog must pass:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger  
2. Sitting politely for petting  
3. Your dog must be groomed properly  
4. Walking on a loose lead  
5. Walking through a crowd  
6. Sit and stay on command  
7. Come when called  
8. Behave politely with another dog  
9. Reaction to distraction  
10. Supervised separation for 3 minutes

For more details on each testing area go to www.akc.org

Where: Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Downstairs Meeting Room

When: Thursdays – February 2, 9, 23, and March 2 from 6pm-8pm

Who: Youth ages 5-19 and their dog (must be 1 yr. old or older). Dogs must be current with all vaccinations that must be presented at the first class. Youth must have complete control over the dog without adult assistance, which will be determined after the first class.

Cost: All participants will have a $10 fee to register your dog with the AKC and receive a CGC certificate (paid after testing). Class fee is an additional $10 for non 4-H youth to register in 4-H for the 2016-17 year (paid with registration).

Please register either in person at the Lapeer County MSU Extension Office or by mail with payment to:

4-H Dog Therapy Spin Club 
Attention: Kathy George 
1800 Imlay City Road, Ste. 1 
Lapeer, MI 48446

If you have any questions or for more information, please call 810-667-0343.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Lapeer County MSU Extension Office at 810-667-0343 by January 20th to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.

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