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## Advanced Therapy Dog Degrees

Dogs that have passed the initial control and visit evaluations for membership and certification by Love on a Leash are awarded the degree "Therapy Dog (ThD)" from **The Foundation for Pet Provided Therapy**.

A number of different advanced degrees are available depending upon your individual interests or specialty. Advanced degrees require teamwork; this is a joint effort between you and your dog.

The following specialties are available. Please check the one that applies. If you are working in a field not listed, use 'Other' and fill it in.

- ThD (c:dc) children: day care
- ThD (c:se) children: special education
- ThD (c:pd) children: physical disabilities
- ThD (c:ed) children: emotional disabilities
- ThD (c:\_) children: other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ThD (t:ed) teenagers: education
- ThD (t:sd) teenagers: special education
- ThD (t:sc) teenagers: special circumstances (drug abuse treatment, runaways, etc.)
- ThD (t:\_) teenagers: other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ThD (p:c) psychology: counseling
- ThD (p:\_) psychology: other \_\_\_\_\_
- ThD (sw:c) social work: counseling
- ThD (sw:\_) social work: other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ThD (ci) crisis intervention
  
- ThD (e:sv) elderly: social/visits
- ThD (e:h) elderly: hospice/critical care
- ThD (e:a) elderly: Alzheimer's/senile dementia
- ThD (e:\_) elderly: other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- ThD (pe) public education
- ThD (\_\_) other \_\_\_\_\_

# Advanced Therapy Dog Degrees

## Application

(page 2, be sure to check your specialty on page 1 of this form.)

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. You and your dog must have a minimum of fifty (50) hours working in this particular specialty. Please document that time on a calendar or journal and submit a copy of that with this application.

2. Include the name and telephone number of one or more people from the facility, nursing home or school where you and your dog have been working.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Write a short essay (500-1000 words) about your work. Make sure to answer the following questions as you do so. You will NOT be judged upon your writing abilities. Some essays may be reprinted in our newsletter so others may benefit from your work. Questions include:

*What were your goals in doing this work?  
What training has the work entailed?  
How did you go about training your dog?  
What results did you see while doing this work?  
What could you have done differently?  
What are you going to do in the future?*

4. Enclose a check for \$10 and mail entire application to:

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