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annual



STAAR

Symposium on Therapeutic Advances in Animal Rehabilitation

Sept. 27-30, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Parsippany, New Jersey
US

Hands On

STAAR is the
Conference that
offers the most
hands-on training



**PET PARENT
AND
DOG VOLUNTEER FORM**

STAAR INFORMATION

Dear Pet Parent:

After a long COVID-mandated break, STAAR Conference is thrilled to be back. For newcomers, STAAR is the premier Conference in canine rehabilitation, physical therapy, and sports medicine, and is attended and taught by the best veterinary rehab professionals from across the globe.

STAAR Conference features various workshops where dogs participate on a volunteer basis so that the veterinary professionals in attendance can witness and practice learned skills. **Our dog volunteers are the backbone of this Conference and without you and your dog(s) the learning experience would not be possible.** Most pet parents gain a tremendous amount of information from attending STAAR workshops, and though the dogs are needed for only portions of each class, many pet parents come in early to listen and learn.

Requirements for Dog Volunteers:

- Dogs must be comfortable around people and other dogs.
- Dogs must be comfortable with being examined by qualified professionals who will assess them for tenderness, pain, and muscle weakness.
- Dogs must be comfortable having their paws handled.
- Healthy dogs as well as those with medical issues are welcome.
- Dogs must be at least 20 lbs.
- Dogs of all ages are welcome (we even have a puppy conditioning workshop).

Your dog(s) can participate in morning and/or afternoon workshops. The amount of time you volunteer is up to you and most importantly, your dog, and how much he/she can handle. Our classrooms have water bowls and treats, and are fully carpeted. There is an outdoor area where you can walk your dog. Light snacks are available for our pet parents, and those who volunteer all day receive lunch.

NEW THIS YEAR: Many of our volunteers have requested that we tailor a workshop for pet parents who want to learn rehab techniques for their own pet.

Here it is: ***All Hands on Pet: How-To Course on Home Physical Therapy Methods for Pet Owners***. This 2-hour workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30. Space is limited. Register online at:

<https://www.staarconference.com/product-page/copy-of-sue-davis2>

If interested in volunteering with your dog at STAAR, please complete the attached form and email it back to jill@staarconference.com.



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Please complete the information below and return as instructed.

Your dog's information (1 form per pet, please)

Dog's Name:

Weight:

Sex (M/F):

Age:

Breed:

Is your dog neutered/spayed:

Does your dog have any current or past medical issues (please specify)?

Does your dog have emotional issues (e.g., biting, shy, nervous) and can he/she be handled by strangers?

Does your dog have any sensitive areas where they do not like being touched (e.g., ears, belly, paws)?

Is your dog involved in any sports or working activities such as agility, obedience, flyball, or police work?

Will you be bringing a crate to the Conference (so we can anticipate space requirements)?

I would like to volunteer for the following Workshop times (check all that apply):

Wednesday 9/27 (9:00am - 1:00pm) _____

and/or

Wednesday 9/27 (2:00pm - 6:30pm) _____

Thursday 9/28 (9:00am - 1:00pm) _____

and/or

Thursday 9/28 (2:00pm - 6:30pm) _____

Friday 9/29 (9:00am - 1:00pm) _____

and/or

Friday 9/29 (2:00pm - 6:30pm) _____

Saturday 9/30 (9:00am - 1:00pm) _____

Your information:

Your first name:

Your last name:

Address:

Email:

Contact cell:

Please complete the attached form and email it back to jill@staarconference.com. For more information, see our website at: staarconference.com. Thank you for your help. We are all immensely grateful!

We have a "1 person per dog" policy. If you need to bring an additional person with you, please let us know. No volunteers under the age of 18 permitted. Please bring the dog you registered and who has been approved by the STAAR Committee (no substitutions). Thank you.