

PET THERAPY CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

Here is some information on organizations that you can contact about getting certified for Pet Therapy work at St. Mary's Hospital.

DELTA SOCIETY:

www.deltasociety.org

You can also go directly to <http://www.deltasociety.org/Page.aspx?pid=261> for more information on what is in the Delta evaluation process.

Delta Certification ("Registration" in Delta terminology) last for 2 years. Recertification requires a new evaluation.

Local Contacts:

- o Madison: Dogs on Call (<http://www.dogsoncall.org>) is the local Delta chapter

There are also Delta options in Milwaukee and elsewhere in Wisconsin/bordering states.

Therapy Dogs Incorporated:

www.therapydogs.com/

You can also go directly to http://www.therapydogs.com/PDF/Test_2009.pdf for more information on what is in their evaluation process.

TDI Certification lasts for 1 year. Extending certification does not requires a new evaluation.

Therapy Dogs International, Inc:

<http://www.tdi-dog.org/>

You can also go to <http://www.tdi-dog.org/HowToJoin.aspx?Page=Testing+Requirements> for more information on what is in their evaluation process.

TDI Certification lasts for 1 year. Extending certification does not requires a new evaluation.

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There are also other organizations in the area (e.g., obedience schools, Badger Kennel Club) that have pet therapy specific classes for you and your dog, but they are not affiliated with any of the national organizations listed above. St. Mary's Pet Therapy program currently is not tracking what options are available, as there is not enough time to fairly evaluate the various options.