



Home of the Vero Beach Canine Country Club

EDUCATION DIVISION

Canine Massage Therapy Career Program

Start Date: August 19, 2024

End Date: September 27, 2024

IN-PERSON DATES: SEPTEMBER 23-27 9:30AM-4PM

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL: EVERY FRIDAY 7-8PM EST.

Location: South Paw Massage and Wellness

6750 73rd. Street

Vero Beach, FL 32967

This Canine Massage Therapy Career program is combined with online courses and live in-person hands-on practice. This program offers all the education you'll need to become a qualified, and competent canine massage practitioner.

Cost \$3,900. Includes Anatomy text book, First aid/CPR Certification, and a course completion certificate that will allow you to obtain your International Board Certification through IAAMB . *Half of payment is due at sign-up.*

Registration Deadline and Tuition must be paid in full by: August 1

Course Objectives:

- Provide students with an education and business specialty so that they can succeed in the canine massage and bodywork industry.
- Having the knowledge and ability to help canines live longer and stronger by providing specific massage and bodywork techniques designed to ward off illness, stress, and pain; Overall improving canine health and wellness.
- Have a strong understanding canine behavior and communication.

IN-PERSON LIVE DATES are combined with Powerpoints, and lots of live hands-on practice.

ONLINE CLASSES are combined with content study material, homework, quizzes and 1 group Zoom Conference Call per week.

Canine Ethology, Communication and Low Stress Handling (16 hours) Also offered as Individual workshop for \$600.

Online Content, Homework, and Quiz

Live in-person practice: September 21, 2024

This class involves live dog-on-dog and dog-with-human observations and practice which will allow you to learn the signs, signals, and expressions of canine communication, what it means and how to respond.

Dog Anatomy and Physiology (48 hours) Also offered as individual workshop for \$900. Pre-req: Canine Ethology, Communication and Low Stress Handling must be completed before starting this course.

Online Content, Homework, and Quiz

This course covers canine skeletal and canine muscular anatomy. Students will learn the names of the bones, major boney landmarks, the muscular system of the body including names of the muscles, their origins, insertions, and actions. Students will learn the functions of the 11 systems of the body. Directional Terms will also be covered. This class involves your own body interaction and participation.

Canine Gait and Conformation Analysis (6 hours)

Online Content, and Quiz

This course will cover canine locomotion, gait patterns, posture, and charting.

Palpation and Massage Techniques (48 hours) Also offered as individual workshop for \$900. Pre-req: Canine Ethology, Communication and Low Stress Handling, AND Dog Anatomy and Physiology must be completed before starting this course.

Online Content, and Homework

Live in-person practice: September 22-24, 2024

You will learn how to identify and palpate the major boney landmarks and the associated muscles. Students will also learn when, why and how to apply Massage Techniques safely. This course is mainly hands-on practice.

Canine Pathology and Conditions (12 hours)

Online Content, Homework, and Quiz

Students will learn about the most common canine pathologies and how to identify the signs and symptoms of these pathologies, and when to refer to a vet. Zoonoses and communicable diseases will also be covered. Specific breeds that are susceptible to abnormalities and conditions will be addressed and how massage and bodywork can help.

Palpation and Massage Techniques Continued

Online Content, Homework, and Quiz

Live in-person practice: September 22-24, 2024

This course dives deeper into the Fascial System. Students will learn when, why and how to apply more advanced techniques including Myofascial Release. This class involves Hands-on practice. Lymphatic Massage will also be covered thoroughly. This course is mainly hands-on practice.

ROM and Passive Stretching (10 hours)

Online Content, Homework, and Quiz

Live in-person practice: September 25, 2024

Students will learn how to safely apply stretching techniques. This class involves Hands-on practice.

Emergency Situations (5 hours)

Live in-person: September 26, 2024

PET-TECH First aid and CPR certification by PET-TECH will be obtained upon completion of this class. Also, students will learn how to manage other common emergencies. This class involves Hands-on practice.

What to do at your first appointment and How to maintain proper record keeping (2 hours)

Live in-person: September 27, 2024

Students will learn about SOAP charting and how to properly keep and maintain patient records.

Ethics, Law and Standards (2 hours)

Online Content

We will cover IAAMB ethics and other professional ethics related to this field.

OPTIONAL ADD-ON: Full day of personal one-on-one private hands-on training (6-hours)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE CAREER PROGRAM +\$500

Live in-person practice: September 28, 2024.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations by South Paw are possible due to limited enrollment one week prior to the start date. If a workshop is canceled by South Paw, students are subject to a full refund or can enroll in a future workshop. Students who are unable to attend the workshop may apply their payment to a future course or can be refunded the full payment (minus 5% admin fee) if given 3-day notice before the first day of class. Failure to notify us of cancellation before the first day of class, or failure to show up, will result in forfeiture of payment. If any course content has been sent, the course is then deemed non-refundable.

Live in-person Information: There is access to a full kitchen. Location is about 15 minutes away from stores or restaurants.

Closest airports: Orlando (MCO), Palm Beach (PBI)

Way to sign-up/pay: Sign-up by contacting Stacy using the contact details below. A sign-up intake form will be sent to you. Upon receiving the intake form, a personal invoice will be created and sent out to you via email. You can pay by credit card (3% fee applies), or by mailing check.

Discounts: Discounts for the career program are available if you are currently working in the Veterinarian Field, currently holding a license in human massage therapy or physical therapy.

About the Lead Instructor, Stacy Gradel:

This program is taught by Stacy Gradel, Founder of South Paw Massage and Wellness. Stacy started her Canine Massage Practice in 2015 after graduating from Chicago School of Canine Massage (now known as Canis Bodyworks). Stacy has completed over 200 additional hours of continuing education in canine rehab, massage, and fitness. Stacy has helped the lives of hundreds of Canines, Felines and even goats! Animal communication is a huge part of this practice, and you will be learning from someone who has been actively working with animals, whether it be gaining their trust, or helping them recover from surgery as her full-time job.

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