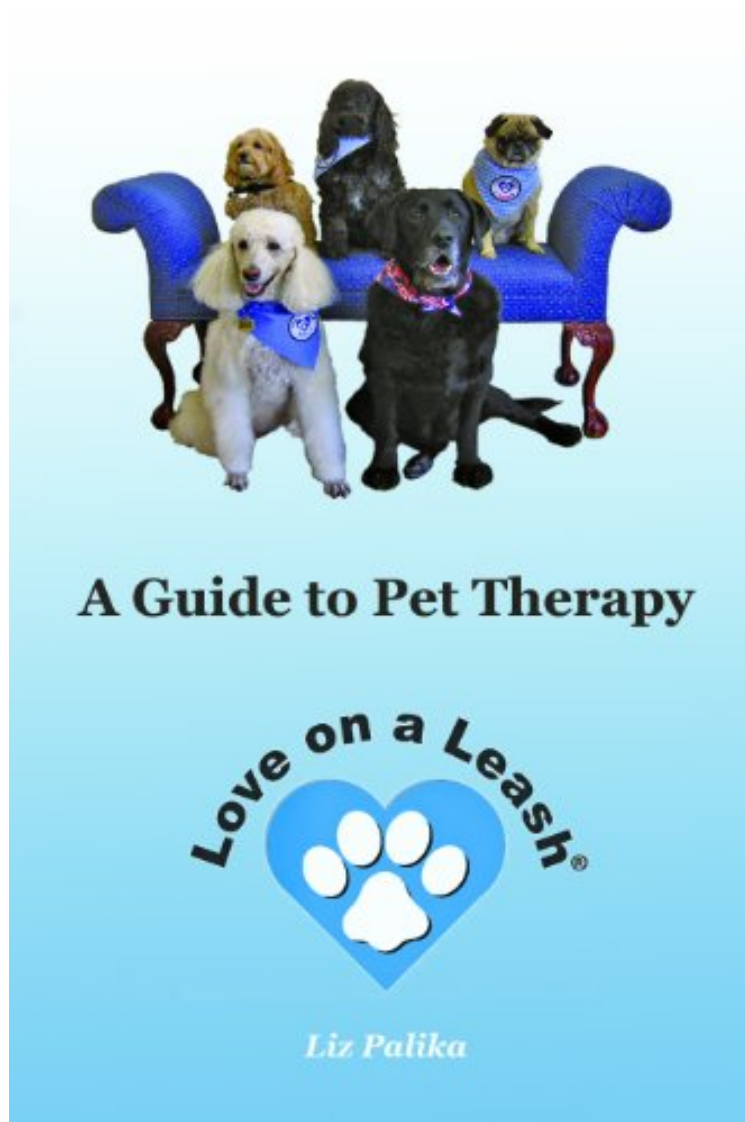


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What does a therapy dog do? Can my dog do therapy work? How can I train my dog? What do I need to know? What problems am I likely to encounter? Love on a Leash gives you the tips, methods, and techniques for training and working with a therapy dog.

The book provides an informative step-by-step guide. It is organized in a clear and concise way with enough details to explain the necessary information. Each chapter covers a different aspect, including basic and specific obedience training, what a pet-therapy dog does, and if your dog qualifies, where to volunteer and the types of facilities, visiting guidelines, evaluation and certification, and finally, the joys and potential problems. There is also a chapter on other types of pet-therapy animals besides dogs. The first part of the book covers all the benefits of canine companions and pet-therapy dogs. It also clearly states the difference between a pet-therapy and service dog. This is an important point as many people have been abusing service-dog vests which they purchased online. Real service dogs can accompany their owner anywhere; whereas, pet-therapy dogs are only allowed to visit in designated facilities. The next part of the book states important traits that a pet-therapy dog must possess in order to be successful. It also asks the dog owners to honestly assess whether they have the characteristics to do pet-therapy work with their dogs. It is important to have a calm and well-trained dog and a good sense of humor. In addition, the book offers a wealth of information for pet owners to consider, helping them to decide if pet therapy is for them. This includes what it takes to be successful as half of a pet-therapy team, and the types of facilities at which one can volunteer, such as hospices, hospitals, retirement homes, and school and library reading programs. For example, at both physical and occupational therapy places and in special education classrooms, visits from a therapy dog can be used as an effective motivational tool. Finally, the book provides guidelines for getting pet-therapy animals successfully evaluated and certified. Palika gives delightful, personal anecdotes of her own pet-therapy dogs, and what she has learned from them over the years, including Riker whom the book is dedicated to. There is also a chapter at the end of the book on other successful therapy animals, including Flea, the cat, and Sprouts, the rabbit. --Mimi Pollack - San Diego Jewish World About the Author Liz Palika is the founder of Love on a Leash, a nationwide therapy pet certification organization. She has over 25 years of experience teaching dogs and their owners at Kindred Spirits Canine Education Center. She has written over 60 books and thousands of magazine articles and columns. Liz's books have won many awards and in 2005 Liz was awarded the Dog Writers Association Distinguished Service Award. She is a founding member of the Association for Pet Dog Trainers (APDT), a charter member of the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP), and a member of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC).