TDI Therapy Dog Tests
Scheduled

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[***Bangor***]— Therapy Dogs International evaluator Don Hanson has scheduled two Therapy Dog tests for this Fall. Green Acres Kennel Shop will host the first test from 9AM until 3PM on Saturday October 13th, 2007. The rain date for the test is Sunday, October 14th, 2007. There are a limited amount of test slots available, so advance registration is suggested. To register, call Green Acres at 945-6841.

The second test will be hosted by the Tri-County Obedience Club on Saturday, November 3rd, 2007 at Pet Expo 2007 at the Nichols Expo Center in Wilton, Maine from 10AM until 3PM. There is no rain date for this test. There are a limited amount of test slots available, so advance registration is suggested. To register, please e-mail dale@mailto:kahluadanes@yahoo.com?subject=CGC%20TDI%20Expo%20Informationkahluadanes@yahoo.com or call 397-4105.

TDI Therapy Dogs and their handlers, when invited, may visit hospitals, nursing homes and other places to provide people with the opportunity to interact with a furry goodwill ambassador. The simple act of stroking a dog can be very therapeutic and brings great joy to people who no longer have dogs.

It should be noted that a TDI Therapy Dog is not a service or assistance dog and does not have the same rights to access as people with disabilities and their service/assistance animals.

The TDI test will evaluate the dog and handler and how well they work together. The dog must be at least one year of age. There is no minimum age for handlers, but handlers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult on visitations and the registration form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

- TDI will not register any dog that has bitten a human being.
- TDI will not register potential applicants who have their dogs registered with any type of Therapy Dog related program or organization other than TDI.
- TDI will not test or register deaf dogs.
- TDI will not test or register dogs that are service or assistance dogs.
- During the test you are responsible for your dogs' action. TDI's insurance will not cover unregistered dogs.
- Applicants who wish to visit with more than one dog at the same time must be tested by a TDI evaluator with the dogs together.

For more information on Therapy Dogs, click on the "Therapy Dog" at the Green Acres web site, www.greenacreskennel.com or visit www.tdi-dog.org.