



STAAR

SYMPOSIUM ON THERAPEUTIC ADVANCES IN ANIMAL REHABILITATION

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**HILTON PARSIPPANY
NEW JERSEY, US**

STAAR

ALL HANDS ON DOG!

**THE CONFERENCE
WITH THE MOST
HANDS-ON
TRAINING**



**PET PARENT & DOG VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION FORM**

STAAR INFORMATION

Dear Pet Parent:

Welcome! As you may know, STAAR is the premier Conference in canine rehabilitation, physical therapy, sports medicine, and fitness, and is attended and taught by the best veterinary rehabilitation 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.

Many 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 choose to come in early to listen and learn.

If you are interested in volunteering you and your dog(s) for STAAR, here's what you should know.

Important Information for Dog Volunteers:

- Your dog must be comfortable around people and other dogs.
- Your dog must be comfortable with being examined by qualified professionals who will assess them for tenderness, pain, and muscle weakness.
- Though healthy dogs are welcome, we also appreciate and welcome dogs with physical and/or medical issues. Dogs with specific issues are usually paired in workshops where those issues are specifically addressed. For example, this year, we are having a workshop on knee/stifle injuries in dogs and how to treat them. Therefore, dogs with knee injuries or recent knee surgeries are welcomed in this specific workshop.
- Dogs must be at least 15 lbs. to participate in STAAR.
- All dogs older than 12 months are welcome.
- We assume your dog is up to date on all vaccines and shots (e.g., rabies).

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.

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



WORKSHOPS

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):

Tuesday 4/29: 9:00am - 1:00pm _____ and/or 2:00pm - 6:30pm _____

Wednesday 4/30: 9:00am - 1:00pm _____ and/or 2:00pm - 6:30pm _____

Thursday 5/01 9:00am - 1:00pm _____ and/or 2:00pm - 6:30pm _____

Friday 5/02 9:00am - 1:00pm _____ and/or 2:00pm - 6:30pm _____

Though the above hours refer to the Workshop times, you and you dog will only be asked to volunteer for about 3 hours per Workshop.

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.