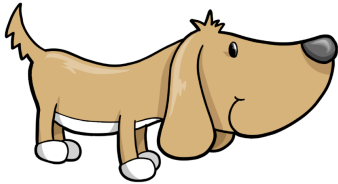


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Therapeutic Massage & Dog Services

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Pet Massage – Basic 4 Session Course – Northeast Animal Shelter

The sessions will be at 6:30PM to 7:30PM on Thursday evenings every other week. The dates are: Feb 16, March 1, March 15 and March 29.

At the end of the course you will feel comfortable and confident in massaging your own pet and also know a variety of techniques that can be used with the animals at the shelter.

The pet's body will be organized into four major regions:

- 1 – Head, Neck and Chest
- 2 - Shoulder and Arms
- 3 - Back and Sides
- 4 - Hip, Hind Legs and Tail

Each session, we will go over a few of the major anatomical features of a specific region selecting a few landmarks that are easy to find. We will also add a few new techniques each week so by course end, you will have a variety of techniques that can be adapted to any region of the dog.

In addition, we will choose a few relevant topics each session that will be useful to understand such as comparing the dog to the human or how to read dog signals. Finally, we will do actual massage on your dogs in each session.

The course is limited to 12 people – first come first served. If there are enough people for a second class, I will start one at another time. The fee is \$20 per individual session payable to David Feldman by check or cash. Twenty five percent of each fee will be donated to the shelter. We only want four (4) dogs per session so that we can easily focus on our practice. We will rotate which of your dogs to bring. We can also use some of the shelter dogs if that is helpful.

We will use the book Dog Massage by MaryJean Ballner as our basic reference and text. It is nicely written for dog owners with excellent photos and explanations of techniques. I will have these books for you on the first session and will sell them to you at cost which will be under \$10.

If you wish to sign up or have any questions, please let me know by either emailing or calling me directly. The email address and phone number are on the letterhead. We can then figure out which dogs to bring to class. Although we will focus on dogs, pet massage also works well for cats.