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Independent Education Program

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Course Outline

Course Topic

Therapeutic outcomes for using dogs as a pet therapy approach

Therapeutic Recreation Knowledge Area

Practice of RT/TR: Facilitation Techniques and Approaches

Clock Hours of Continuing Education

Five (5) contact hours or 0.5 CEUs

Please note that 10 contact hours is equal to 1.0 CEUs.

Course Goal

Participant will increase awareness of the benefits for using dogs as an approach in pet therapy programs.

Course Objective

Participant will be able to identify the benefits of using dogs as a facilitation technique as evidenced by scoring at least a 70% score or better on a 10-question multiple-exam test based on required reading before the end of a one-year timeframe. Participant can re-take exam if needed.

Required Text:

Sakson, S. (2007) Paws & effect: the healing power of dogs. New York: Alyson Books.

Book Store:

The required text can be purchased from Danny Pettry's online bookstore at the link below:

<http://astore.amazon.com/dannypettry-20>

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Course Requirements: What you'll need to do to complete this course:

1. Read the required reading listed above.
2. Review the study guide shown on the next page of this course outline
3. Take the online exam and earn at least a 70% score or better. You can re-take the exam as often as needed within a one-year timeframe.

Go to this link to take your exam:

<http://www.dannypettry.com/dp6dogstx.html>

You should be able to click on the link above to open it.
Click "allow."

FAQ: What if my computer does not allow me to click on the exam link above? You can type the link in your browser.

4. **Print the results page as proof of completion.**

FAQ: What if I don't have a printer? Send an email to Danny@DannyPettry.Com after completing the course with your name, address, and course completed, and title of the course and one will be sent to your email address.

Study Guide for the Online Exam

- An American study found that those patients hospitalized in coronary care units who owned pets were: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007 p. 7)**
- A University of California – Davis study showed that children who are blind or wheelchair bound with guide dogs in public places were: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 7)**
- Dogs have been human-helpers for the past: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 15)**
- Sakson (2007) found that the Aztec's slept with this hairless dog to alleviate pain in joints, stomachs, etc.: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 26)**
- In the story, *The Warm Touch of the Zolo* (chapter 4) Sakson (2007) argued that studies have shown that dogs: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 28)**
- Sakson (2007) argued that dogs are not a luxury item for people who are elder, ill, and/ or poor, but that: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 63)**
- Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) is non-profit group that: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 69)**
- Assistant Dogs International is a: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 83)**
- Can dogs be trained to read, recognize the smell of cancer cells, and sense an imminent hypoglycemic shock? **Helpful Hints (Sakson, 2007, p. 90 – 91, & 156)**
- In the story, *Big Dog in Troubled Places* (Chapter 9), a dog named Gabe helped give an eight-year-old girl who had been sexually abused: **Helpful Hint (Sakson, 2007, p. 99 – 100)**

Instructor Bio

Danny Pettry is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS). Pettry has a Master of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana and a Bachelor of Science degree in Park Resources and Leisure Services with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation from Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia.

Pettry has provided recreation therapy services for children between the ages of 7 to 13 on who are in treatment for abuse and reactive behaviors since 2003. Pettry has also worked for in-patient skilled nursing and psychiatrics in Recreation Therapy for three Huntington, West Virginia facilities: Woodlands Retirement, HealthSouth Rehab, and St. Mary's Hospital.



Mr. Danny Pettry, II

Pettry has been an active and good-standing member of the American Therapeutic Recreation (ATRA) since 2000. He won the Peg Connolly Scholarship to the 2004 national conference in Kansas City. He was awarded an advocate of the year in 2005 by ATRA for outstanding efforts with the Recreational Therapy – Medicare Project. He served on the Peg Connolly scholarship committee in 2007 and 2008. Pettry is also an active member of the West Virginia Therapeutic Recreation Association (WVTRA) branch of ATRA.

Pettry has provided in-services throughout the state of West Virginia on:

- What is Recreation Therapy and the Importance of the Medicare Project
- How to Lead Group Activities for Diversion: training for technicians.
- Discovering the Secrets to Enjoying Work
- Teambuilding Workshops
- Writing Functional Outcome Goals
- The Therapeutic Benefits of Journaling

Important Notice

As with any continuing education agency, The National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) does not pre-approve any continuing education courses for re-certification. All of the continuing education programs designed by Danny

Petry follow the job analysis knowledge areas set by NCTRC, including:

- a. Foundation knowledge
- b. Practice of Therapeutic Recreation/ Recreational Therapy
- c. Organization of Therapeutic Recreation/ Recreational Therapy Services; and
- d. Advancement of the Profession

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