



Healing Touch for Animals® Facility Requirement Guidelines

General Facility Fees / General Information

As facility fees may vary, \$550.00 is the average fee for an entire Level 1 or Level 2 course. Levels 3 – AP average \$650.00 for the entire course. In some cases, a scholarship to the course may be offered in lieu of the facility fee. If the facility rentals exceed a total of \$550.00 (Level 1 & 2) or \$650.00 (Levels 3 – AP), or if a scholarship could be offered in lieu of the rental fee, please obtain authorization from the HTA Office prior to committing to the facility.

A facility manager should be present or clear instructions for facility operations should be provided to the coordinator. Inform the facility owner/manager that Healing Touch for Animals® carries liability insurance and proof of insurance can be provided upon request.

Facility fees are paid by the HTA Office and are paid directly to the facility. When the facility has been chosen, complete and submit the Facility Location Record and Facility Contract to the HTA Office. A contract between the facility and HTA is required.

Intro to Healing Touch/Half Day Fundamentals Class/Full-Day Fundamentals Class

Facility Requirements

A classroom is required for the Healing Touch for Animals® Introduction to Healing Touch/Fundamentals classes. The classroom needs to be large enough to provide a circle of chairs for all the participants and have room to move around the chairs. This class requires a minimum of 1200 square feet. There are a variety of places where this class can be taught. The Introduction to Healing Touch/Fundamentals classes has been taught in a variety of locations including large rooms in animal facilities, hotel meeting rooms and conference centers.

The classroom layout should have a circle of chairs with enough room around the chairs to allow space for the course participants to work around one another. Ideally, classrooms should have a clock large enough for the instructor to see from across the room. Facilities should be well-lit and located on the first floor or have handicapped accessibility.

It is preferred to have one facility for the Introduction to Healing Touch/Fundamental class and the Small Animal Class combined rather than one for each as it requires a lot of time and energy to set up and pack up everything twice.

Small Animal Class

Facility Requirements

It is best to have a large, indoor classroom. The classroom needs to be a minimum of 1500 square feet and should be large enough to accommodate the number of participants and their dogs. The classroom layout should have a circle of chairs with enough room around the chairs to allow space for the dogs to lie down next to their owner.

It is ideal to hold the Small Animal Class in a pet friendly hotel. This is the best situation because these facilities are designed to accommodate dogs. Ideally, classrooms should have a clock large enough for the instructor to see from across the room. Classes have been taught in doggy daycare facilities and obedience-training centers, however, many doggy facilities may not cater to our need of having a quiet learning environment. Facilities should be well-lit and on the first floor or have handicapped accessibility.

Often times, the Small Animal Class is held at the farm or ranch facility that is hosting the Large Animal Class. This is acceptable providing we can be somewhat separate from the horses during the Small Animal Class. It is not advisable to work in a dirt arena for the Small Animal Class. However, if a dirt arena is the only option, please inform the participants of the dusty environment.

A large covered patio may also be adequate, weather permitting. Easily accessible shade is necessary for the participants and their dogs to be able to get out of the sun and or weather if necessary.



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Canine Information

Class participants are encouraged to bring their well-behaved dog to the Small Animal Class providing their state-mandated vaccination requirements are current and they are parasite free. Well-behaved dogs are defined as dogs that have never shown signs of aggression towards any human or animal, responds well on a leash, does not whine, jump, or bark and is able to respond to behavioral commands.

Each dog attending the class will receive Healing Touch for Animals® treatments by the care giver and other participants. They are given frequent breaks to eat, drink and relieve themselves.

As we are in a group setting with multiple dogs, it is necessary for care givers to monitor their animal's behavior. In the event a dog is in her heat cycle, please ask the participant to refrain from bringing her to the class. Occasionally, there are intact male dogs that are required to be handled by the care giver.

It is advisable for a participant to bring only one dog as this allows the participant to focus more on the learning experience.

Large Animal Class

Facility Requirements

It is best to have an indoor arena large enough to accommodate 10-15 horses in the perimeter (3-4 people around each horse). The area needs to be large enough that participants can walk around each horse group and not disturb the space of the group next to one another.

Courses have also been conducted inside large barns. We have also worked in the alleyway of a barn, so the width of the alleyway should be wide enough to move easily while not being crowded. If the weather is good, it is great to be able to work outside. We can work in a large paddock or fenced field. Some facilities have a covered area, but are not enclosed. This is acceptable as we can get away from the elements if necessary.

Ideally, equine facilities should not have other trainings in session during the course. We do not allow outside auditing as observers and other trainings can form as a distraction.

Please assure the facility contact person that the participants attending the class who are not familiar with horses are teamed-up with people who have horse experience. Inexperienced participants are not allowed to handle the horses while unattended.

It is important to have someone in the class that is familiar with the facility and the horses. This person is able to let us know the individual aspects of each horse. This helps the class run smoothly.

Equine Information

10-15 horses should be available to work with throughout the day; however, the number of horses may vary. Please inform the Coordinator Support Team Manager or the HTA Office if the number of horses is less than 10. We generally work 3-4 people to each horse.

Horses in class have good ground manners, are not shy around their head or feet, are able to be touched, stand quietly with a halter and lead rope and are comfortable in group settings around horses and people.

The horses are given frequent breaks to eat, drink and relieve themselves. In the event your equine facility caters to ill horses, please ensure the horses at the facility are well enough to stand for long periods of time while students work with them.

Each horse being used in the class will be receiving Healing Touch for Animals® treatments by the instructor and/or participants. HTA **does not** suggest having horses trailored-in due to the pecking order that the horses typically present with a new arrival.