

*“It is a great pleasure to invite you next 15th March to the event “Stakeholders meeting”  
Therapy Dog Trainer.....”*

This and other words were in the invitation that involved the team from the Pet Therapy Centre of ULSS 4 “Alto vicentino” in Montecchio Precalcino, consisting on Ivano Scorzato, veterinarian, Michela Romano, psychologist, Chiara Menardi, professional trainer and Cristina Frigo, person in charge of financial and administrative issue for the project.

The wonderful room where the meeting was held filled quickly up with people, over and above any expectation with one hundred participants.

The audience was multifaceted and consisted mainly of people who believe in AAI and would like to have more information about it or have already started a training path, in order to make their passion a professional activity, but also farmers, dog trainers and professionals who love their work and believe that the animal can really become an important “bridge” towards the other.

Among the participants, there was also the representative of Associazione N.E.T. and the responsible for the Association “Cani da Vita” from S. Patignano, Pergine and different private Associations that already deal with the AAI.



The meeting had the objective to present a European project, sharing the training and working formats related to AAI that can bring to an increase of skills and new work opportunities.

The first part of the event was dedicated to the presentation of the whole Te.D project: general objectives and specific objectives, time schedule and modalities; presentation and description of partner countries and their role within the European Project.

During the second part of the meeting we explained the training path developed by our team, both in training and operational terms, the experimental, educational and individual projects that involved us and are going on, the participation to technical and scientific committees within the AAI, seminars, study flashes, collaboration with public and private bodies and advice to support AAI interventions. Last but not least the training courses of first and second level for dog trainers.

The third and last part of the meeting was addressed to the explanation of the training course of second level, whose training format enabled us to be involved in the project “Therapy Dog Trainer” funded by the European Union through the UK National Agency.

The organization of such path will be proposed in all partner countries and obviously adapted according to the national contexts. This means that apart from us, it has been considered valid, complete and professional even by the European Union and this is something that makes us really proud of it.



The event of 15<sup>th</sup> March is a stage of the path started in October 2012, a difficult and demanding path but as much as rewarding.

The Te.D team, consisting of different experts, is a tight-knit and tested working group that was able until now to cope with the difficulties and rejoice with the small achievements.

Willingness and passion in doing it and transferring knowledge and emotions bring us to share our achievements and projects with an attentive and interested audience, almost enveloping us.

