

TILLY'S NEW HOME

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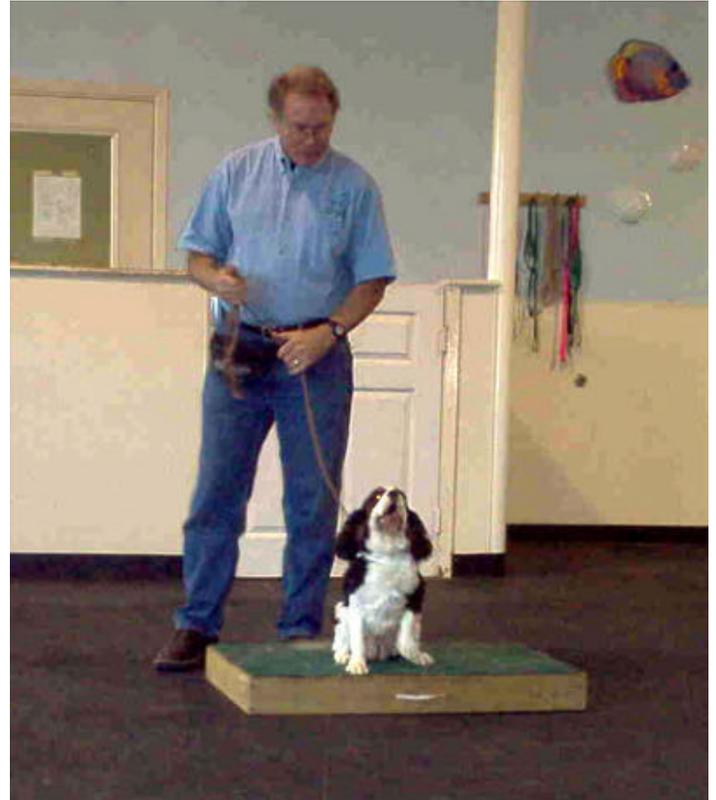
One of our club members' dogs is now owned by UTMB and is working as a therapy dog there. One of Betty Fett's lovely girls, Tilly, has a new home at UTMB (University of Texas Medical Branch) where she is being trained to be a therapy dog and will give great comfort to the patients there. Betty graciously donated Tilly to the Division. Tilly was picked up back in July by Susan Tyler, the Director of Geriatric Nursing for the medical center and is being trained by Jim Burwell of Rover Oaks. She lives at night with her foster parents, Bob and LaVene Washburn, and spends her days loving on the medical center patients. She has been fitted with a "nurses' locator" so that the staff will always know where she is.

UTMB will keep the club posted on Tilly's progress and her accomplishments with the Geriatric Patients. And, if all goes well, they hope to bring Tilly to one of our specialty show as an "Ambassador" of the therapy dog and Cavalier breed.

At the present time, she is not physically on the 10th floor ACE Unit every day due to her Delta Society training and the training of her handlers. She is however, "visiting" and "training" on the 3rd floor of the Geriatrics' Administrative Core. There folks from the division work with her all day long on her training and socialization. Our target goal of having her permanently on the floor is December 1st.

Tilly's birthday is in November and the Geriatric Division is planning a birthday party for her on the ACE Unit. Tilly is truly an ambassador for our breed and we couldn't be prouder of her.

Burwell & Tilly's new handlers, Bob and LaVene Washburn



Jim Burwell of Rover Oaks and Tilly training.



Tilly going home with Susan Tyler