

Ojai School of Canine Massage

~ Catalog of Classes ~

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About OSOCM

Mission and Objectives:

The Ojai School of Canine Massage is a community-based center devoted to a holistic approach to healing. Our goal is to provide professional training of the highest quality in canine massage therapy, while enhancing the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical well being of each student. The Ojai School of Canine Massage strives to consistently provide a thorough and well-rounded education to our students. The courses are designed to provide each student with the most current information available. We prepare our graduates to successfully enter the workforce as professional small animal massage therapists. The Ojai School of Canine Massage maintains its standards that provide a clear framework for preparing students to work in their desired vocation.

We are a private institution approved by the NBCCAAM, IAAMB and the BPPE (as an exempt institution) to provide certificates of completion for the following programs: 200-hour Small Animal/Canine Massage program (100 onsite hours and 100 distance education), 200-hour Canine Massage Distance Education program.

In our **200-hour Small Animal/Canine massage onsite program** (100 onsite hours and 100 home study hours) we teach you how to massage dogs and cats. Our onsite program includes education in dog gait and conformation assessment, professional documentation for a dog massage therapy practice, dog nutrition, business, anatomy, physiology, remedial exercise & stretching for dogs and First Aid. Students also learn a variety of dog massage techniques including canine acupressure, myofascial release, swedish massage, trigger point therapy, TTouch for dogs, sports massage and energy work for dogs. Students may bring their own dog to the two week onsite/hands-on class or OSOCM can provide a dog for you. For the safety of all pets, we require all dogs to be current with all shots, be free of fleas and to be spayed or neutered. Please click on the “Small Animal/Canine Massage-onsite Program” option on the menu to learn more about this course.

*** The 100-hour home study portion of our onsite course includes 50 hours of anatomy and physiology which must be completed prior to coming onsite.**

As we celebrate our sixteenth anniversary, we are moving into the future with new distance/online learning programs designed to help our students save time and money while maintaining high standards of education. Our **200-hour Canine Massage Distance Education program** is a comprehensive distance learning program which includes both audio and video instruction. This certification course is designed for students who prefer the flexibility of learning a new skill from their home at their own pace. Students learn all of the massage techniques which are taught in our onsite course with the exception of Hydrotherapy and First Aid. These subjects are not included in the online course. Students may attend these classes onsite or choose to take a course in their area.

Please RSS feed this site if you would like to remain updated on changes and additions which happen on a regular basis.

*** Ojai School of Canine Massage is approved by the NBCAAM, IAAMB (International Association of Animal Massage & Bodywork) as a Preferred Provider, Association of Canine Water Therapy as an Approved Preferred Educational Provider and BPPE as an Exempt Institution.*

E-mail: osom11@gmail.com

Office hours: 10 am to 6 pm (PST) Monday through Saturday.

Phone: (805) 640 9798

- Small Animal/Canine Massage Onsite Program -
(200 Hours-100 Hours Onsite/100 Hours Distance Education)

Course Instructor: Nick Scott, CMT/LMT

Email: osomhealth@gmail.com

Tuition: 200-hour Onsite Canine Massage program
\$1950 when paid in full or \$2050 with a payment option.

Schedule and Curriculum: The onsite Canine Massage program is offered once per year. Our 13-1/2 day intensive program is held at a separate venue outside of our administrative office location. Please visit our website calendar or call us for more information.

The required hours include the following subjects:

Massage-76 hours: Covers Swedish Massage, Myofascial Release, Trigger Point Therapy, Acupressure, TTouch, Passive Stretching. Proper charting techniques and how to work with DVM's will also be covered in this class.

Hydrotherapy-4 hours: Covers indications and contraindications for hydrotherapy, application of hot and cold packs, cryotherapy and commercially available therapy packs.

Gait Analysis-4 hours: Covers canine locomotion, structural analysis, video-taping of gait and charting.

First Aid-2 hours: Covers common first aid procedures for animals.

Safety, Hygiene and Handling-4 hours: Covers the basics of safe handling, simple training techniques, identification of animal behavior patterns and communication signals. Zoonoses and communicable diseases will also be covered.

Palpation-10 hours: Students will learn to palpate the major boney landmarks and trace the major muscles of the body. Students will also learn acupuncture meridian and basic treatment point location.

Anatomy-40 hours: Covers skeletal anatomy. Students will be required to learn the names of all of the bones in the animal's body, major boney landmarks and the major muscles of the body with their origins, insertions and actions.

Physiology-30 hours: Students will learn the functions of the eleven systems of the body and the basics of animal nutrition.

Pathology-10 hours: Students will learn about the top ten canine and feline pathologies and how identify the signs and symptoms of these pathologies.

Business Development-10 hours: Students will develop a business plan and learn how to market their services.

Case Studies-10 hours: Students will complete 10 hours of fully charted independent case studies before graduation from the class.

Required texts:

Application of Tui-Na In Veterinary Medicine

Getting In Touch With Your Dog

Clinical Anatomy & Physiology for Veterinary Technicians

Dog Anatomy A Coloring Atlas

Therapeutic Holistic Dog Massage DVD

Total Cost of Books and Materials is approximately \$200

*** Please order above textbooks & DVD from www.amazon.com. Our Therapeutic Holistic Dog Massage DVD may also be ordered directly from the Ojai School of Canine Massage by calling (805) 640-9798.**

Tests

During the course there is an open book online test for Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology. All online tests require a minimum score of 75% to pass the class. Online tests are not timed and can be taken more than once.

Students taking the 200-hour distance study program must demonstrate their knowledge of the hands-on massage techniques learned in the course. There is a one-hour onsite, or Skype, visit required once the online course is completed. This hands-on assessment is intended to help you perfect the hands-on techniques learned and assure the safety of the animal being massaged.

****THERE IS NO CALIFORNIA STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENT FOR THE SMALL ANIMAL MASSAGE PROGRAM.**

Graduation

Students completing all program requirements will receive a certificate of completion from the Ojai School of Canine Massage.

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-Small Animal/Canine Massage Distance Education Program-

Our online Canine Massage certification course allows you to learn a new profession from your home and at your own pace. Below is an outline of our 200-hour Canine Massage certification course which includes audio, video and live Skype (as requested) instruction.

Instructor: Nick Scott, CMT/LMT

Email: osomhealth@gmail.com

This course includes the following subjects: Massage, Anatomy, Physiology, Orthopedic conditions, Chinese medicine, Pathology, Hygiene, Contraindications, Business, Nutrition and more.

Tuition: 200 hour Online Canine Massage program - \$1450 when paid in full or \$1550 when a finance option is chosen.

Description- You will learn hands-on massage techniques which, when performed regularly, can greatly benefit your dog and help heal the animal as a whole. Students learn all of the massage techniques which are taught in our onsite course with the exception of Hydrotherapy and First Aid. These subjects are not included in the online course. Students may attend these classes onsite or choose to take a course in their area.

Required Textbooks/DVD:

Getting In TTouch With Your Dog

Clinical Anatomy & Physiology for Veterinary Technicians

Dog Anatomy A Coloring Atlas

DVD: Therapeutic Holistic Dog Massage by Nick Scott,
Ojai School of Canine Massage.

Total Cost of Books and Materials is approximately \$150

*** Please order above textbooks & DVD from www.amazon.com. DVD may also be ordered directly from the Ojai School of Canine Massage by calling (805) 640-9798.**

Organization-

This course has no prerequisites. The student must have previous experience in handling canines and be physically able to do massage. This course includes twelve lessons that may be completed at your own pace. Upon completion of this course, students are required to visit the school and demonstrate their knowledge of the hands-on techniques learned. A Skype option may be chosen for those students who are unable to come to the school for the onsite/hands-on demonstration. Please call us for more information.

Each lesson includes written instruction (with diagrams) explaining each hands-on massage technique including its benefits and any contraindications for the massage stroke. Following the written lecture are hands-on video demonstrations of each massage technique and how to do it on the dog. Following each video demonstration are audio meditations designed to help you focus and relax in preparation for your next lesson.

A homework assignment is included at the end of each lesson and is designed to help you learn each technique by practicing it outside of class. It is suggested that you take time to practice the information presented in each lesson, therefore one lesson per week is recommended.

Course Objectives-

1. Provide students with deeply relaxing breath and meditation techniques to help promote you and your animal's relaxation and prepare you for the hands-on healing journey.
2. Introduce specific massage techniques designed to ward off stress and illness, improve flexibility, and promote you and your animal companions overall health.

3. Gain a new skill or complement your current work with canines.
4. Experience the transformative effects of healing massage for both you and your canine friends and enhance the powerful bond between you.
5. Provide hands-on healing techniques to help your canine companion to live a balanced and healthful life; and ensure their liveliness and longevity.

Course Syllabus :

~ A 200 hour comprehensive online Small Animal/Canine Massage Program ~

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Lesson 1

Lesson One-Preparation *for Touch/Starting the Journey*

- Medical Intake/Contraindications and Precautions
- Silent Meditation Instruction and Hand Energizing video

Lesson 2

Anatomy and Physiology – 50 hours

Reading Assignment followed by an open book online test following each chapter.

Textbook: Clinical Anatomy & Physiology for Veterinary Technicians; Colville
ISBN 978-0323227933.

Lesson 3-Swedish *Massage*

- Swedish stroke definitions and contraindications
- Video demonstration-Swedish strokes
- Meditation preparation and Audio

Lesson 4- *Trigger Point Therapy*

- Definition/Description
- Video demonstration (Human demo. and Dog demo.)
- Sound Meditation description and Audio

Lesson 5- *Acupressure*

- Description and diagrams
- Video demonstration
- Taoist Meditation descriptions and Audio

Lesson 6- *Myofascial Release*

- Definition/Description with diagram
- Video demonstration
- Mirror Meditation

Lesson 7- *TTouch One*

- Description and Origination of TTouch Massage
- Description/Diagrams/Uses of 11 TTouch strokes
- Video demonstration of 11 TTouch strokes
- Breath Cleansing Video

Lesson 8- *TTouch Two*

- Description and uses for 8 additional TTouch massage strokes

- Video demonstration of 8 additional TTouch massage strokes
- Pranayama meditations and audio

Lesson 9- *Stretching*

- Description/Uses/precautions for Stretching
 - Video demonstration
 - Candle and Dream Meditation

Lesson 10- *Orthopedic Pathologies*

Lesson 11- *Business for Canine Massage*

Lesson 12- *Nutrition*

Suggestions-

** Please feel free to contact me if you require help or if you have questions or feedback regarding the course. Please send email correspondence to Nick Scott at osomhealth@gmail.com.

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~Therapeutic Massage Services ~

We at the Ojai School of Canine Massage invite you to experience a therapeutic **massage for PEOPLE!** Come and enjoy a session of relaxation, invigoration and enhanced wellbeing.

By Appointment:

Appointments are available on Monday through Sunday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Please call us at (805) 640-9798, or [email](#) us to schedule an appointment.

Current Rates:

Full-body therapeutic massage (professional) \$65 per hour and \$95 for 1-1/2 hours (onsite) and \$75/hour and \$105/1-1/2 hours (offsite).

Swedish, Deep tissue, Shiatsu, Reflexology, Sports and more.

~Thank you for your interest. We look forward to speaking with you~

Enrollment

To reserve a space in an upcoming class, a student must complete and submit an Application form, Enrollment form, Release of Liability form and the Health Questionnaire. These forms must be accompanied by a nonrefundable, nontransferable \$300 registration fee (deducted from tuition cost) and received no later than one week prior to the first day of class. Please [email](#), or mail, forms to us at Ojai School of Canine Massage PO Box 1263 Ojai, CA 93024.

We recommend that prospective students speak with the school's Office Coordinator before signing the enrollment agreement. The Coordinator will discuss with each student his or her finances, as well as personal, educational, and career objectives. Payment plans are available.

To schedule an appointment, please call (805) 640-9798 between 9 am and 6 pm (PST) everyday but Sunday.

Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for our certificate courses, a student must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age (prospective students under age 18 may be admitted with the approval of the students parent / guardian and with the submittal of a parental release form).
2. Be socially and psychologically capable of performing massage.
3. Be physically able to perform massage.
4. Possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, or otherwise successfully take and pass the GED, ability-to-benefit test or equivalent, demonstrating that the student may benefit from the education and training being offered.
5. Understand the English language (the Ojai School of Canine Massage does not offer ESL instruction). All instruction will occur in the English language. Incoming students must be proficient in English. Proficient means 75% or greater proficiency in the English language.

Location

The Ojai School of Canine Massage main office is located in the town of Ojai, nestled at the southern border of the Los Padres National Forest, 75 miles northwest of Los Angeles, 35 miles southeast of Santa Barbara, and 14 miles from Ventura. The area surrounding the Ojai Valley has a multitude of campgrounds, hiking and bicycling trails and free running streams. The Lake Casitas recreational area alone offers 2,700 wooded acres for boating, fishing, camping and picnicking.

Ojai (pronounced “Oh-hi”) is a Chumash Indian name now thought to mean “Valley of the Moon,” although many residents who favor a previous translation fondly call our mountain-ringed valley “The Nest.” The Ojai Valley is known around the world as an artist colony and spiritual mecca, and as the locale of several famous spas and healing centers. It is also recognized for its annual tennis tournament and music festivals, as well as its excellent private schools.

At dusk, Ojai’s distinctive Topa Topa mountains are bathed in the rosy glow of the setting sun. This is a magical time of day, known locally as “The Pink Moment.” Come enjoy the beauty, the serenity, and the special quality of life that are to be found in the Ojai Valley.



Student Services/Student Rights

Student Services/Job Placement:

All school services and programs are responsive to students needs. The services offered by the Ojai School of Canine Massage are services that support student success and enhance the overall educational experience of students. The following services are available ongoing for all students of the Ojai School of Canine Massage:

-Advising services designed to help students to clarify their career goals and other student concerns.

-Student Support designed to assist students in their educational and accommodation needs prior to, during, and following their enrollment in a course.

-Career Support is available to all students. Available students are notified when job opportunities arise.

Student's Right to Cancel:

1. You have the right to cancel your program of instruction and you have the right to receive a pro rata refund, for onsite classes, if you have completed 60 percent or less of the scheduled days (or hours) in the current payment period in your program through the last day of attendance.

2. Cancellation may occur when the student provides a written notice of cancellation at the following address: Ojai School of Canine Massage at PO Box 1263 Ojai, CA 93024 or via email at JLR.osom@gmail.com.

3. The written notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail and properly addressed with proper postage.

4. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form and, however expressed, it is effective if it shows that the student no longer wishes to be bound by the Enrollment Agreement.

5. If the Enrollment Agreement is cancelled, the school will refund the student any money he/she paid, less any deduction for classes taken and equipment not returned in good condition, within 45 days after the notice of cancellation is received.

Withdrawal From a Program:

You may withdraw from the school at any time, after the start of a course and receive a pro rata refund for the course material which you have not yet received through the onsite or online program. There will be no refund for online course material which is previously sent to you, by your request, after you have enrolled. Students canceling after the start date of the onsite program will be charged for only the course work taken. The \$300 registration fee is nonrefundable.

In addition, a student may withdraw from an onsite course, after instruction has started, and receive a pro rata refund for the unused portion of the tuition and other refundable charges if the student has completed 60% or less of the instruction. There is no refund when more than 60% of a course is taken.

Cancellation shall occur when you give written notice of cancellation at the following address:

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You can do this by regular mail or email (JLR.osom@gmail.com). The written notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form and, however expressed, it is effective if it shows that you no longer wish to be bound by this Agreement. The Ojai School of Canine Massage can provide you with a cancellation form or you can use any written notice you wish.

For the purpose of determining a refund under this section, a student shall be deemed to have withdrawn from a program of instruction when any of the following occurs:

- The student notifies the institution of the student's withdrawal or as of the date of the student's withdrawal, whichever is later.

- The institution terminates the student's enrollment for failure to maintain

satisfactory progress; failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution; absences in excess of maximum set forth by the institution; and/or failure to meet financial obligations to the School.

-The student has failed to attend class for four successive days or five total days of classes without adequate and legitimate reason or without an approved leave of absence.

For programs beyond the current “payment period,” if you withdraw prior to the next payment period, all charges collected for the next period will be refunded.

If any portion of the tuition was paid from the proceeds of a loan or third party, the refund shall be sent to the lender, third party or, if appropriate, to the state or federal agency that guaranteed or reinsured the loan. Any amount of the refund in excess of the unpaid balance of the loan shall be paid to the student.

Student Questions or Grievances:

Any questions, or grievances, a student may have regarding the online catalog, or other, may be directed to the schools Director, Jamie Roth, at (805) 640-9798.

School Policies

Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for our certificate courses, a student must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age (prospective students under the age of 18 may be admitted with the approval of the students parent or guardian and with the submittal of a *parental release form*).
2. Be socially and psychologically capable of performing massage.
3. Be physically able to perform massage.
4. Possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, or otherwise successfully take and pass the GED, ability-to-benefit test or equivalent demonstrating that the student may benefit from the education and training being offered.

5. Understand the English language (the Ojai School of canine Massage does not offer ESL instruction). All instruction will occur in the English language. Incoming students must be proficient in English. Proficient means 75% or greater proficiency in the English language.

Documentation of English language proficiency:

English language proficiency is documented by either the admissions interview or receipt of prior education documentation.

***Please Note: The Ojai School of Canine Massage does admit students from other countries. The Ojai School of Canine Massage does not provide visa services to prospective students from other countries or English language services. The Ojai School of Canine Massage does not offer Closed Captioning instruction.*

Notice Concerning Transferability Of Credits & Credentials Earned At The Ojai School Of Canine Massage:

The Ojai School of Canine Massage has not entered into an articulation or transfer agreement with any other school. No previous credits are accepted or may be transferred from another institution. In addition, the Ojai School of Canine Massage does not offer or award credit for prior experiential learning.

In addition, the transferability of credits you earn at the Ojai School of Canine Massage is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the certificate you earn in our 200-hour onsite Small Animal/Canine massage program or our 200-hour Small Animal/Canine distance study massage program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the certificate that you earn at this institution is not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending the Ojai School of Canine Massage to determine if your credits or certificate will transfer.

Policies On The Retention Of Student Records:

All academic and financial records will be maintained in the same file at the Ojai School of Canine Massage. All student records are kept on file for a period of ten years and are available upon request.

Financial Policies

****The Ojai School of Canine Massage does not participate in federal and state financial aid programs.**

A nonrefundable, nontransferable \$300 registration fee will reserve your space in any class and will be applied toward class tuition.

1. All fees for classes and workshops shall be due and payable by the first class session unless a payment option has been contracted. A finance charge of \$100 total shall be charged, for any program, when a payment option is chosen.
2. The registration fee is for a specific course starting on a specific date and may be applied to a class starting on a later date.
3. All financial arrangements may be arranged by contacting our office between 9 am and 6 pm everyday but Sunday. The Ojai School of Canine Massage assumes no responsibility for agreements made with staff or personnel that have not been handled by the Office Coordinator.
4. All prices for workshops and certificate courses are subject to change without notice.
5. All students are responsible for providing their own notebooks and pens.

Facilities

The Ojai School of Canine Massage facilities and equipment fully comply with any and all federal, state, and local ordinances and regulations, including those requirements that pertain to health, fire safety, and building safety. The equipment and materials used in our Small Animal massage course includes palates balls, fake/stuffed dog and cat, dog skeleton, and anatomical dog charts.

Library and Other Learning Resources:

The Ojai School of Canine Massage maintains an online library for its students.

Office Hours

Our office is open six days a week between 9 am and 6 pm (closed Sundays). The Office Coordinator will be happy to answer your calls for information. Our Office Coordinator also registers students for classes and talks to students about their educational goals.

Holidays

Classes will not be held during the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Forth of July, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

Emergency Policy

In case of emergency, the Ojai School of Canine Massage reserves the right to cancel or postpone courses or to change instructors.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Ojai School of Canine Massage does not discriminate in regard to race, gender, age, ethnicity, handicap, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin.

Housing

The Ojai School of Canine Massage does not assume responsibility for student housing and does not have dormitory facilities under its control. The Ojai School of Canine Massage does offer assistance with student housing. Local housing is available, through private parties, at a cost as low as \$40 per night.

Attendance Policy

1. In a certificate program, the attending of all classes is required.
2. Make-up work in a certificate program is the responsibility of each individual student. Missed classes may be made up in a future course, at no additional cost, or through private instruction. The fee for private instruction is \$75 per hour.
3. Any student missing four successive days or five total days of classes without adequate and legitimate reason or without an approved leave of absence will be excused from the course.
4. Credit for prior training may not be substituted for hours in a certificate program.

Tardiness, Withdrawal, And Leave-Of-Absence Policies

1. Students may arrive up to 10 minutes late to class without penalty.
2. Student may withdraw from a course and receive credit for classes taken. The student will be entitled to a pro-rata refund. (Please see section “Student Services and Student Rights” for more information on student Withdrawal.)
3. Students may take a one-week leave of absence from a course with prior instructor approval. The student must make up the time in order to receive a certificate of completion for the course.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

You have the right to cancel this agreement for a course of instruction and receive a pro rata refund for the course material which you have not yet received through the onsite or online program. There will be no refund for online course material which is previously sent to you, by your request, after you have enrolled. Students canceling after the start date of the onsite program will be charged for only the course work taken. The \$300 registration fee is nonrefundable.

In addition, a student may withdraw from an onsite course, after instruction has started, and receive a pro rata refund for the unused portion of the tuition and other refundable charges if the student has completed 60% or less of the instruction. There is no refund when more than 60% of a course is taken.

Cancellation shall occur when you give written notice of cancellation at the following address:

Ojai School of Canine Massage PO Box 1263 Ojai, CA 93024

You can do this by regular mail or email. The written notice of cancellation, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form and, however expressed, it is effective if it shows that you no longer wish to be bound by this Agreement. The Ojai School of Canine Massage can provide you with a cancellation form or you can use any written notice you wish.

If the School has given you any equipment, including books or other materials, you shall return it to the School within 30 days following the date of your notice of Cancellation. If you fail to return this equipment, including books, or other materials in good condition within the 30-day period, the School may deduct its documented cost for the equipment from any refund that may be due you. Once you pay for the equipment, it is yours to keep without further obligation.

If you cancel this agreement, the School will refund any money due, less any deduction for equipment not timely returned in good condition, within 30 days after your notice of cancellation is received.

If the School cancels or discontinues a course or educational program, the School will make a full refund of all charges, Refunds will be paid within 30 days of cancellation or withdrawal. If you obtain equipment, as specified in the agreement as a separate charge, and return it in good condition within 30 days following the date of your withdrawal, the school shall refund the charge for the equipment paid

by you. If you fail to return the equipment in good condition, allowing for reasonable wear and tear, within this 30-day period, the school may offset against the refund the documented cost to the school of that equipment. You shall be liable for the amount, if any, by which the documented cost for equipment exceed the prorated refund amount. The documented cost of the equipment may be less than the amount charged, and the amount the school has charged in the contract. In any

event, you will never be charged for more than the equipment charges stated in the contract. IF THE AMOUNT THAT YOU HAVE PAID IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT THAT YOU OWE FOR THE TIME YOU ATTENDED, THEN A REFUND WILL BE MADE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF WITHDRAWAL. IF THE AMOUNT THAT YOU OWE IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID, THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY IT.

**Remember, you must cancel in writing. You do not have the right to cancel by just telephoning the school or by not coming to class.*

Dismissal Policy

A student may be dismissed for:

1. Unexplained or unauthorized absence from four successive or five total days of class. Please see Leave-of-Absence Policies above.
2. Conduct deemed disruptive or disrespectful to staff, students, clients, or faculty members.
3. Being under the influence of any drug or controlled or illegal substance while on campus or while on official school business.

(Please see section “Student Services and Student Rights” for more information on student Withdrawal)

Student Questions or Complaints:

The Ojai School of Canine Massage is dedicated to providing a safe, secure, thriving school environment that provides an effective means for students to voice informal concerns, complaints, or grievances. Different procedures must be followed for specific types of complaints. Informal complaints related to the classroom should be directed to the teacher. Informal complaints related to the school must be directed to the school Director. The teacher, or school Director, will determine if the student complaint requires a verbal response, written response, or further action in order to resolve the specific complaint. All informal complaints or grievances are documented in the Ojai School of Canine Massage Complaint

Logbook and are kept on file, indefinitely, for future reference if necessary.

Student Grievances:

All student grievances should be directed to the school Director, Jamie Roth, at (805) 640-9798.

Staff & Faculty

Nick J. Scott, C.M.T. Nick is a founder, Instructor and Associate Director of the Ojai School of Canine Massage. He graduated in 1986 from Desert Institute of the Healing Arts, one of the premier massage schools in the nation. In 1988 he graduated from Educating Hands School of Massage with additional training in Hydrotherapy. He then studied Chinese Acupressure and Dit Dar treatments with Augustine Fong, and went on to study Attentive Physical Transformation with Gregory Johnson. Nick has been presenting workshops and teaching massage therapy classes since 1989, and has taught advanced massage classes at Educating Hands School of Massage. Having spent eight years in a Tibetan Buddhist retreat center, he brings to his classes a unique blend of meditation and massage techniques.

“I believe that, for all living beings, the power of love is the most effective force for healing. Through a peaceful mind, the clear light of joy can shine impartially on all who suffer. My hope is to help pass on the knowledge of compassionate action that my teachers so kindly shared with me. In this way, I further hope to play a part in preparing the legions of love and light to move forward into a new dawn of hope, health, and happiness.” – Nick J. Scott

Jamie L. Roth, C.M.T., B.A. Jamie is a founder and Director of the Ojai School of Canine Massage. She studied pre-physical therapy at Georgia State University, and received her bachelor’s degree in liberal arts in 1985; and taught fitness for three years. Jamie went on to earn her massage therapy certification in 1991 and practiced massage therapy for eight years. While integrating her vision of holistic health into her massage practice, she is dedicated to furthering her knowledge of the healing arts for body, mind, and spirit. In 1999 Jamie opened the Ojai School of Canine Massage,

along with Nick Scott. In taking on the administrative duties of this school, Jamie has focused her energies on enriching the curriculum and assisting students in discovering and actualizing their life work.

“I gratefully acknowledge all of you who have recognized the unique healing potential of massage. I am also grateful for our main instructor, Nick Scott, who superbly conveys the school’s message through his depth of wisdom. We hope to share with you the fulfilling gifts of health, healing, and vitality. We look forward to the opportunity of providing for you a nurturing environment where you may acquire both in-depth knowledge and a balanced and peaceful spirit of healing.” – Jamie L. Roth

Standards for student achievement

We, at the Ojai School of Canine Massage, strive to set an example for excellence in student achievement by assuring that our incoming students are prepared to enter their chosen field of canine massage therapy as well-trained professionals. This is accomplished in several ways. First, our classes are small which create a learning environment where students receive a more personalized education. Smaller classes create an environment where students have more one-on-one interaction with the instructor. While in a chosen program, student’s progress is also measured by asking students to demonstrate their understanding of what they have learned and their ability to apply it. In addition, students are offered a forum to provide feedback during and following a course of study. This valuable information is evaluated and used to modify and improve our programming where needed.

The Ojai School of Canine Massage is dedicated to our students and their future success. Our programs are designed with this goal in mind. That is, to provide a thorough and well-rounded education to people who will leave this school as confident well-trained leaders in the field of Canine massage therapy. Our goal is have our graduates leave this school prepared to provide a valuable and much needed service designed to help humans and animals and, thus, the world as a whole.

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The Ojai School of Canine Massage is approved by the BPPE as an exempt institution. The degree programs offered by the Ojai School of Canine Massage are not accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education (USDE) and, therefore, students are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid programs.

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