



TRAINING CLASSES

PUPPY

Puppy Kindergarten (12 weeks to 6 months)

The primary goal of this class is to learn positive training techniques for socializing your puppy in a safe and stimulating environment. You will learn the basic manners and commands: watch, sit, down, come and stay. Leash walking and bite inhibition will also be introduced. Your puppy will be exposed to obstacle and other cutting edge confidence building activities which will enhance the development of a happy and well rounded puppy.

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Prep and Certification Class (12 weeks to 1 year)

Your puppy continues its basic obedience training and socialization in a positive, fun environment. In addition, you will learn responsible dog ownership to ensure appropriate activities and training. Puppies are required to attend all six classes and pass all the items on the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Test to achieve certification. The certification will be listed in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records. Class fees include AKC testing charges.

OBEDIENCE

Canine Life and Social Skills - C.L.A.S.S.

Most of us want to include our dogs fully in our lives, which is much easier when we give them boundaries and skills with real-life relevance. C.L.A.S.S. shows dog owners how to teach these skills using effective, reward-based methods. This program is a three-level evaluation for dog owners to demonstrate the real-life skills of their dogs, as well as a knowledge assessment of the owners' understanding of basic dog handling and care. Some of the skills assessed are: settling on cue, coming when called, walking politely on a leash, waiting to be released to a food bowl, and responding to "leave it" in the face of temptation. The dog learns to handle more challenging training each level up. For example, at the M.A. level the dog waits before being released from an open car and responds to the owner even when offered a treat from someone else. At the Ph.D. level, the dog demonstrates table manners during a simulated dinner scenario and comes directly to the owner when called past food and toys.



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AGILITY CLASSES

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Puppy Agility (6 months to 1 year)

Learn basic obedience exercises combined with agility foundation training, taught with positive training principles that will help your puppy to be well on its way to becoming a confident dog. Puppies will build confidence and proprioception by utilizing wobble boards and contact boards. We will work on core strengthening and hind leg awareness activities. Flat buckle collars or shoulder harnesses are encouraged.

Agility Obedience

Focusing on more than basic obedience, this class expands to include instruction on two-sided off-leash performance skills. The dog and handler team will learn foundation exercises of agility using positive training techniques. Proprioception, contact training, start line stays, weaving, jumping basics and beginner handling maneuvers will provide the foundation skills necessary for safe and adequate performance of agility apparatus. Only flat buckle collars or shoulder harnesses are permitted. This class is a prerequisite for all agility classes.

Agility 101

Building on the skills learned in Agility Obedience, handler and dog teams will continue to put together a solid foundation for safe and competitive agility performance. The APHS (Awesome Paws Handling System) will be introduced. Teams will begin working on contact obstacles at low levels. Weave pole, tunnel and chute performance, more advanced jumping and handling skills will be introduced. Only flat buckle collars or shoulder harnesses are permitted.

Prerequisite: Agility Obedience. This class may be repeated.

Agility 201

Teams will begin performing sequence training using the APHS. Emphasis will be placed on correct handling cues and crossing positions and techniques. Obstacles will begin at low levels with the goal of full height performance at the end of the session. Weave pole training continues to include 6-12 weave pole performance. Only flat buckle collars or shoulder harnesses are permitted.

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