

Canine Adventure, LLC

Training School

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GROUP CLASSES

\$100+tax / 6 week session

PUPPY S.E.T.(Socialization, Enrichment, & Training) Puppy S.E.T. (Socialization, Enrichment & Training) is for pups 8 – 18 weeks old. Attending puppy socialization classes is the single most important thing you can do for your dog in their lifetime. This class follows the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) guidelines for puppy socialization, enrichment, and training. Pups must have received their first round of vaccinations at least 10 days prior to attending class and follow the booster schedule prescribed by your veterinarian. This class includes puppy play sessions, exposure to new sights and sounds, health and handling, puppy parenting tips, and essential puppy training techniques. Note: Pups may register anytime between 8 – 14 weeks of age. After Puppy S.E.T. it is recommended that your pup continues their training in our *A.K.C. S.T.A.R. Puppy* program.

A.K.C. S.T.A.R. Puppy - pups up to 6 months old This class is the pre-Canine Good Citizen class. This “20 Steps to Success” includes Socialization, Training, Activity, & Responsibility (S.T.A.R.). The behaviors your pup will learn and be required to master include: Petting by a friendly stranger, happily being handled, on-leash follow, walking on-leash past other people (without jumping!), sit on cue, down on cue, come when called, calm and non-reaction to sound and visual distractions, relaxed when on-leash held by another person while owner walks away. This program welcomes purebreds and mixed breeds. Upon passing the test, you'll receive an application for enrollment in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program and an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Medal (for display); a frameable certificate designating your puppy is in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records; an AKC Puppy Handbook; and an ongoing AKC monthly newsletter with training tips. In addition, you and your pup will have the opportunity to register for: *Canine Companion: Basic*.

Canine Companion Basic - pups older than 6 months

The goal of this class is to train your canine companion to have better self-control and manners. Class content will include: How to settle your canine companion when excited, come when called (even with environmental distractions); respond reliably to hand signals for sit, down, stand, stay, follow, introduction to verbal cues, attention with eye contact, “Leave It”, “Drop It”, heel on-leash (polite leash walking), polite greeting; door manners. Discussions/readings of management techniques at home will include: dog proofing, chewing, house-breaking, barking, jumping, counter-surfing, separation anxiety, reaction to visitors, pulling on leash, health & grooming issues.

After completing *Canine Companion: Basic*
choose any one of our other class offerings below

A.K.C. Canine Good Citizen Title &/or Therapy Dog Certification

This class prepares you and your canine for the A.K.C. Canine Good Citizen title and/or Therapy Dog certification. At the end of the 6-week session you may test for the A.K.C. Good Citizen title. Dogs that are at least one year of age may also take the test for Therapy Dog certification. Both tests are administered in our facility by Deb DeSilva, an AKC CGC Evaluator and *Love on a Leash* Therapy Dog Evaluator. A.K.C. C.G.C. prepares your dog to: calmly sit by your side as people approach; walk on a loose leash while navigating turns and walking through a crowd; come when called and stay when cued; behave politely around other dogs; ignore environmental distractions and sit calmly with a friendly stranger while you are out of sight. Therapy dog prepares your dog to be relaxed in facility settings such as hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, schools, etc. and to provide comfort and affection. If certified as a Therapy Dog team, the local *Love on a Leash* chapter will assist you and your therapy dog during visitations at a local facility of your choice.

A.K.C. Trick Dog (earn an A.K.C. Title!)

Looking for something fun and interesting to do together with your dog? Join us for trick dog class. A.K.C. Trick Dog class provides a low-impact and unique form of both physical and mental exercise appropriate for dogs of any age, breed, or breed mix. Learning new skills keeps older dogs young and flexible and gives young energetic dogs an outlet for their energy. Trick training not only builds your relationship with your dog, but also provides much needed mental stimulation, while reducing anxiety and stress. When you interact with your dog at this level, you help to build his/her confidence and strengthen the bond you have with him/her. Do you want to do therapy work with your dog? Make your visits even more memorable with these tricks that will put a smile on the faces of the people you visit. This class comes with an optional evaluation by Deb, a certified AKC Trick Dog Evaluator which means you and your dog can earn a new A.K.C. Title.

Canine Freestyle: Move with the Music: Appropriate for any age dog that is well-socialized to people and other dogs and has basic obedience skills. Dancing isn't required! CF is taking a dog and handler, adding some music, a little creativity and having a whole lot of fun. For pups and younger dogs, learning freestyle skills is a great way to "learn how to learn". For older dogs, it is a great activity to help maintain strength and flexibility. Enjoy moving to music with your dog and building routines with performance heeling, direction and side changes while incorporating simple tricks such as weave, bow and spin. The skills taught in this class are applicable for all competition venues (MDSA, WCFO & CFF). Recommended pre-requisite: A.K.C. Trick Dog class

Agility Foundation Skills: This class teaches the foundation skills that form the core of agility training. Dogs develop self-confidence, rear-end awareness, balance, and learn to read their handler's body language. Handlers will develop handling skills, timing and coordination. Handler dog teams will also have an opportunity to work jumps, tunnel, pause table and beginning dog walk. This class will also teach you how to train without agility equipment while preparing you and your dog for the agility ring. Prerequisite: Dog must be able to perform a sit, down, come and short stay with distance on cue.

Treibball: (pronounced "Try-ball" and also known as "Drive Ball"): Treibball is a terrific new way to play with your dog. The game consists of "herding" a number of large inflatable exercise balls into a soccer-like net. Of course, the herding breeds come to mind, but it's also great for many of the prey-oriented sporting dogs and terriers, and any dogs who just likes to chase things. It's a competitive sport for dogs of all ages and sizes. It promotes better teamwork and communication between you and your dog. It's great fun and a mental challenge for any energetic dogs who work well off-leash and needs a job.

Canine Scent Work: This class will put you and your canine companion on the road to a popular recreational as well as competitive sport. The goal is for your dog to find a hidden “scent” and direct you to where it is. Handlers in turn learn to read their dog's body cues and behaviors as they guide you on the invisible scent trail. For those dogs that are too shy, nervous, distracted, barky or reactive to other dogs for training in a group setting, this is the perfect class to build their focus, confidence, and concentration. Prerequisite: Dogs must be non-aggressive towards people, must tolerate being crated or able to stay in vehicle for short periods of time

Beginner Agility

Open to dogs 14 months of age and older. Transform the maneuvers you've learned in *Agility Foundation Skills* to send your dog over jumps, through tires and tunnels, onto the A-frame, and more as you and your dog learn to master the obstacles on an agility course with confidence, speed, and accuracy. (private sessions not available)

Pre-requisite: Graduate from *Agility Foundation Skills* class

Beyond the Treat!

Does your canine companion listen to you and have great basic skills . . . as long as you have treats, and are at home? Does your dog seem to forget you exist in new settings or distracting environments? This class will work on the two areas most dog owners struggle with: working around distractions and getting your dog to respond without a treat in sight. This is a life skills-based class that uses games and skills to help you and your dog become partners in distracting situations without relying on food first.

Prerequisite: Your dog should be able to: sit, down, come, “leave-it” on cue and walk with you on-leash if you are holding a treat. All dogs must be 1 year of age and non-reactive to other dogs and people.

Busy schedule? All class offerings are available as privates or semi-privates (sign-up with a friend!)

DAY TRAINING & BEHAVIOR TESTING

Private Training

Are you unable to attend a traditional group class due to scheduling? We now offer day training at our facility. Pursue one of our classes as a scheduled private or semi-private (sign-up with a friend). Or have Deb design an individualized training program for you and your dog. Private/Semi-private day training meetings will be scheduled weekly or based on your individualized program. Private day training - \$55+tax/hour – owner present; Semi-private - \$35.00+tax/hour for each handler/dog team. Cancellations will result in the hourly rate charge and forfeiture of that session.

Behavioral Consultations

Are you struggling with inappropriate behavior or training issues with your canine? A consultation can quickly pinpoint why, and what you need to do. The consultation begins with a detailed behavioral questionnaire about your dog, followed by a 30-minute appointment for you and your dog. Within a week, a follow-up appointment will be arranged with our canine behavioral professional, Deb DeSilva, CPDT-KA, who will present you with a completed analysis and make recommendations for appropriate behavior modifications and/or training. This report can then be shared with your veterinarian. Upon request we can design a behavior modification and/or training program for your dog. Since the consultation is a working session, some minor issues may be handled in one session. \$90.00+tax includes initial 30-minute consultation, a written behavioral analysis, and follow-up appointment.

Assessment

Do you have a reactive rover? Need help deciding if the dog at the shelter is right for you? Assessments determine a dog's temperament with a gentle, non-confrontational approach. An assessment reveals a dog's personality, sensitivities and aggression thresholds. The tests are performed by Deb DeSilva, CPDT-KA and an experienced professional dog handler in a neutral environment at Canine Adventure, LLC. Dogs of any age and puppies that are at least 10 weeks old may be tested. Typically, the entire assessment takes 1 hour. Assessment recommendations may include management, veterinarian referral, behavior modification training. In cases of severe aggression we will refer you to Cornell University. \$100+tax/assessment.

Temperament Testing

Are you in search of the perfect pup? Looking at a litter and trying to determine which adorable pup is right for you? Maybe you have narrowed it down to two pups, but are having difficulty choosing which one. We offer temperament testing to help you choose the perfect pup. Temperament testing needs to be performed at 49-51 days of age and is \$20.00 per pup. Please contact Deb for further details.

Dognition

A scientific tool that reveals a dog's style of thinking and discovers which cognitive skills your dog relies on to navigate the world. Dognition was developed by leading scientists in the field of canine cognition from around the world and led by Dr. Brian Hare, founder and Director of Duke University's Canine Cognition Center. During Dognition testing your dog will be involved in a series of 20 game type activities. These activities are actually cognitive tests. The cognitive testing of your dog will require 3 one-hour private sessions with a Certified Dognition Evaluator (CDE). Just make your appointments and drop your pup off to spend an hour with us. After completing your dog's cognitive testing you will receive a full-length individualized Dognition Profile Report by the Dognition Center detailing your dog's unique genius. You'll find out what each game revealed about your dog's thought process and how your dog compares in respect to all other dogs. \$90.00+tax

Special Note: This program is not available for pups under 7 months of age.

Questions? Contact the instructor for all of these classes:

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