

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy

This is a basic socialization and early obedience class for puppies up to 12 months old. At the completion of the program, your puppy can earn an AKC S.T.A.R. puppy certificate.

Skills such as sit, down, come, and controlled walking on a leash will be taught. Other puppy behaviors we practice are handling the puppy, socialization with other people and puppies etc. Puppies do not have to be registered with AKC nor do they need to be purebred.

Beginner obedience, Canine Good Citizen preparation, Pre-Agility are all reasonable next steps following this S.T.A.R. Puppy class.

Beginner Obedience

This is a basic class for handlers and dogs to learn skills needed for everyday life. Skills such as sit, down, come, and controlled walking on a leash will be covered. The class is intended for graduates of our STAR Puppy program or for adult dogs that are just getting started. This class prepares teams for many of our more advanced obedience classes. Recommended for dogs 7 months and older.

CGC Test Prep

We will teach to the 10 specific behaviors required by the AKC for the Canine Good Citizen certification. Dogs being enrolled into this class must be able to document successful completion of the CDTC Beginner Obedience class (or a similar non-CDTC training program). Dogs who cannot provide this documentation will require instructor review and approval prior to starting the class and class enrollment is not guaranteed.

Controlled Walking

Does your dog drag you on a walk, pull you through doorways, lunge at other animals, jerk you off your feet? Three 30 minute sessions will teach how to take back control on your walk. 6 teams only.

Advanced Beginner Obedience

This class will continue to develop and reinforce and the manners and skills learned in Beginner so your dog's behavior becomes more reliable. This class also provides another opportunity for dogs needing more practice to work towards achieving the AKC Canine Good Citizens Certification. Prerequisite: AKC Star Puppy or Beginner

Therapy Work Preparation

We will teach to the 13 specific behaviors required by Therapy Dogs International for the TDI certification. Test requirements can be found at www.tdi-dog.org.

Class prerequisites are AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification and / or CDTC (or similar) Beginner Obedience. Dogs who do not meet these prerequisites will require instructor review and approval prior to starting the class and class enrollment is not guaranteed.

Tricks

This class will teach various tricks using luring as well as shaping to allow dog/handler teams to have fun in a low stress environment, improve their training skills, and learn tricks to prepare for AKC Tricks Title testing.