

# RECOMMENDED PROGRESSION OF CLASSES

## PUPPY

### Puppy S.T.A.R & Puppy K

Prerequisite: NONE

This is the first step to training your dog. For dogs 10 wks - 4 mos. This class encourages social skills with other puppies and with people, & teaches basic manners.

## BASIC OBEDIENCE

### Beginner Obedience

Prerequisite: NONE

For dogs 5 mo and up with little or no prior training. Dogs will be started on commands from the beginning, handlers taught how to train and use food rewards appropriately.

### Canine Good Citizen - (CGC)

Prerequisite: Beginner Obedience

Builds on skills learned in Beginner, plus dog and handler will learn and practice the skills needed for the AKC CGC Certificate. The CGC test is given the final week.

### Beginner Novice

Prerequisite: Canine Good Citizen

This is the first step for competing in Obedience or Rally. Dog and handler will concentrate on the exercises of the AKC Beginner Novice class including heeling, turns, recalls, stays and Figure 8.

## CONFORMATION

### Walk In Conformation

Prerequisite: NONE

Emphasis is on handling technique and fine-tuning the dog's performance for the show ring.

## AGILITY

NOTE: AGILITY STUDENTS MOVE UP TO NEXT LEVEL ONLY WITH PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR.

### Foundation

Prerequisite: TWO Obedience classes plus list of requirements.

Dogs are introduced to foundation skills, groundwork, contact behaviors, weaves, jumping skills and Agility equipment at low height.

### Beginner

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Foundation

This class further develops jumping skills, basic handling and short course work.

### Novice/Open

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Beginner

More work with longer sequences, and emphasis on obstacle performance and confidence in handling skills.

### Advanced Skills

Prerequisite: Successful Completion of Novice/Open

Advanced work for teams not quite ready for Masters work, emphasis on proofing and building drive.

### Masters

Prerequisite: Permission of Training Director

Instruction of more complex handling challenges, increase confidence and speed, and course strategy. Students in this class are competing in trials, typically at Excellent/Masters level.

## RALLY OBEDIENCE

### Intro to Rally

Prerequisite: Canine Good Citizen or equivalent

An Introduction to the sport of Rally Obedience. Handlers and dogs will learn the AKC Rally Novice exercises, Rules and learn to perform a Novice Rally course.

### Rally Tune Up

Prerequisite: Prior Rally experience

Rally courses are set up each week with instruction on how to perform stations. Rally rules are discussed so that handlers are prepared to enter advanced competitions.

## ADVANCED OBEDIENCE

### Focus On Heeling

Prerequisite: Age 6 mo and up.

This is a FUN class focusing on foundation skills for Obedience, Rally and Agility. Highly recommended for anyone planning to compete. Suitable for young dogs as well.

### Novice Competition

Prerequisite: Beginner Novice, Focus on Heeling or equivalent

This class polishes dog and handler for the Novice Obedience ring. Emphasis on precision heeling, footwork and handling skills.

### Open and Utility

Prerequisite: Novice Competition or equivalent

These classes teach the Open and Utility ring exercises while proofing and polishing for the ring.