

**DAYTON DOG TRAINING CLUB**  
**DESCRIPTION AND TIMES OF CLASSES OFFERED**  
**EACH CLASS LASTS ONE HOUR**

**PUPPY KINDERGARTEN** – Offered to puppies ages 3 to 6 months. This class will focus on getting control of the energetic puppy. Discussion topics will include house breaking, biting (mouthing), jumping, crate training, health and grooming, and other puppy related issues. Sit, Stand, down, controlled walking on the leash, drop it, leave it and wait are some of the exercises that will be taught. Puppy socialization will be a large part of this class and puppies will be encouraged to interact with other handlers and puppies in the class. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**AKC STAR PUPPY** – Offered to puppies ages 7 to 11 months, or that have completed Puppy Kindergarten. The American Kennel Club sponsors a program known as the AKC Star Puppy program which is open to all breeds, including “All Americans” (also known as mixed breeds). The last night of this class will include a free evaluation by a Certified AKC evaluator. Puppies passing the evaluation are welcome to send the completed evaluation form along with a nominal fee to the AKC to receive a certificate, medal, and more. Exercises taught will include emphasis on attention to the handler and controlled walking on the leash, sitting quietly while being pet or groomed, and walking in a controlled way around other people. Sits, downs, stays, and coming when called are some of the other exercises that will also be introduced and practiced. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM AND THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**BEGINNER I** – Offered to dogs 12 months and older, or that have completed AKC STAR Puppy class. Do you wish your dog would pay more attention to you or maybe you would like to go for a walk without the dog pulling you down the street? This class will focus on getting the dog to pay attention to you under numerous distractions. The dog/handler team will work on such things as 1 minute Sit Stays and 3 minute Down Stays. Stationary and moving attention, straight line heeling, coming when called (recalls), and finishes are just some of the other exercises that will be taught. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM AND THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

**BEGINNER II** – Prerequisite of Beginner I is required. Admission from the AKC STAR Puppy program is possible after a skills evaluation. Dog must be at least 12 months old. Building on what was learned the Beginner I classes, dog handler/teams taking this class will expand on such things as the sit and down stay exercises, moving the dog into heel position, straight line heeling for longer distances and with distractions, large circle heeling to the right and left, heeling through a crowd, recalls with distractions, and more. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

**ATTENTION** – This will be an ongoing, drop in class. Prerequisite of Beginner II is required as is an evaluation before admission. Many skills will be worked on in this class including improving

handling skills with increased distractions, longer stays and beginning out of sight stays, polishing the figure eight, starting dumb bell work, maintaining enthusiastic recalls, finish, and much more. **OFFERED SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM**

**SKILLS & TRICKS** – Want to do something more with your dog but not really interested in formal obedience classes? Want to train with your competition dog in something a little more relaxing and fun for the dog? This class may be for you. Completion of Beginner I is required. Various tricks will be taught along with really enthusiastic recalls, random drops, choosing to heel, walking on weird surfaces, picking up objects such as toys, keys, etc. and more. This class should be a fun way to bond with your dog while teaching better focus at the same time.

**OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

**BEGINNING NOVICE** –Successful completion of this class will equip the handler and dog team with the skills needed to compete for the new AKC Beginner Novice title. These skills include Heel on Leash, the Figure Eight, Sit for Exam, the Sit and Down Stay Exercises, and the Recall. This AKC title is open to all breeds, both purebred and “All American”. Completion of Beginner II or a skills evaluation is required. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**NOVICE** – Heel on leash, the Figure Eight, Heel Free, Stand for Examination, the Recall, and Long Sits and Downs from across the ring make up the components of the AKC Companion Dog (CD) Obedience Title, sometimes known as the “Novice Title”. Students will also learn fronts and finishes. Dog/handler teams successfully completing this class will have mastered the above exercises and will be well prepared for competition for their CD. All breeds, both purebred and “All American” are eligible for this class and for competing for the AKC CD title. Completion of Beginning Novice or an evaluation is required. **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**RALLY I** – This is an on leash class open to dog/handler teams that have completed Beginner II. Rally is an AKC event that combines obedience exercises with the ability to talk to your dog while completing the course. Class work will include introduction to rally signs and courses, explanation and demonstration of the exercises, scoring, entering and exiting the ring, and more. **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**RALLY II** – Prerequisite is Rally I. This class will graduate dogs to working off leash. It will be offered as a drop in class. Material will include advanced and excellent signs, the honor, and dog/handler teams will have the opportunity to practice on many different courses with guidance from qualified Rally instructors. **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

**We also offer conformation training on Tuesday nights at 7:30. These are held on a drop in basis and the fee is \$5.00 per class for non DDTC members.**

**We have a full Agility program and host Canine Good Citizen evaluations twice each year, plus Open and Utility Obedience, and Canine Freestyle (dancing with your dog) are also offered at DDTC for members only.**