

**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, and other puppy related issues. Sit, stand, down, stay, 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 TUESDAYS AT 9:30 AM & 7:30 PM, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM, AND THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM**

**BEGINNERS** – Offered to dogs at least 7 months of age. 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. Sit, down, stay, and coming when called are some of the other exercises that will also be introduced and practiced. **OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 9:30 AM AND 7:30 PM, AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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 the Puppy Kindergarten and Beginners classes will include a free evaluation by a Certified AKC evaluator for any dogs that were under 12 months of age the night the session started. 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.

**INTERMEDIATE** – Offered to dogs that have completed either the Puppy Kindergarten or Beginners classes. Do you wish your dog would pay more attention to you no matter what was happening around you? 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, all with distractions are just some of the other exercises that will be taught. **OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 9:30 AM AND 6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM AND THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**ADVANCED** – Prerequisite of Intermediate or Beginners class after a skills evaluation. Building on what was learned in the previous classes, dog handler/teams taking this class will expand on such things as the sit and down stay exercises at greater distances for longer times with more distractions, heeling for longer distances with better focus by the dog, heeling through a crowd, recalls with distractions, and more. Students completing this class should be well trained to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluation which will be offered the last night of class. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**ATTENTION** – This will be an ongoing, drop in class. Prerequisite of Advanced 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 dumbbell work, maintaining enthusiastic recalls, finish, and much more. **OFFERED SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM**

**CANINE FREESTYLE** – Canine freestyle is a competitive sport where dogs and handlers “dance” together to music. In this introductory class, we will teach some of the basic freestyle moves, how to flow between the moves, and how to develop a simple routine. The dog and handler will do a variety of moves, spins, weaves, roll overs, heeling on the left or right, side passes, backing up, etc. Freestyle requires a dog that has good attention, is food motivated, and wants to work. The dog must have some obedience training, and the handler must have off lead control. Prerequisite of Advanced with an instructor evaluation is required. The handler does not have to be a good dancer, as long as you have a basic sense of rhythm and are not afraid of having a great time with your dog!! **OFFERED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**BASIC OBEDIENCE FOR AGILITY** – This class will introduce the handler to the skills needed to participate in Agility. Control issues will be addressed along with such things as reliable stays at the start line, exercises to help your dog be more aware of his body position, strong recalls, the call to hand, the dog being able to walk on either side of the handler, targeting, and more. Prerequisite of Advanced or a skills evaluation is required. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**BEGINNING NOVICE I**—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 Advanced or a skills evaluation is required. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM**

**BEGINNING NOVICE II** – Prerequisite of Beginning Novice I is required. This class will build on the skills introduced in Beginning Novice I. It will also introduce competition skills such as properly entering the ring, moving in between exercises, conditioning the dog to having a “judge” in close proximity while they are working, run throughs, and more. **OFFERED TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30**

**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 Advanced. 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 offered on Monday and Thursday nights.**

**We host Canine Good Citizen evaluations the last night of the Early Fall and Spring Sessions.**

**Open and Utility Obedience classes are also offered at DDTC, for members only.**