

DAYTON DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.

DESCRIPTION AND TIMES OF CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE, RALLY, AND SCENT WORK CLASSES OFFERED

ALL CLASSES ARE OPEN TO REGISTRATIONS BY BOTH MIXED BREED AND PUREBRED DOGS

Class times and days are subject to change based on instructor availability as we are all volunteers.

Please check the class you want close to registration time for that session. Registration for the next session begins on the Monday of the fifth week of the current session.

EACH SESSION COSTS \$85.00. A SESSION IS MADE UP ONE CLASS PER WEEK FOR 8 WEEKS. EACH CLASS LASTS APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR. (EXCEPT SCENT WORK LASTS ABOUT 1 ½ HOURS PER WEEK, AND RUNS FOR 6 or 7 WEEKS BEGINNING IN WEEK 2 OF EACH SESSION). CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED

CHECK OUT THESE FUN CLASSES FOR YOUR DOG:

AKC Fit Dog classes

Basic Obedience for Performance class at 11:15 AM Tuesdays and 7:45 PM on Thursdays

Scent Work classes offered at different days and times with different levels.

And A NEWER CLASS: FOUNDATIONS FOR COMPETITION OBEDIENCE

FIT DOG LEVEL 1 CLASS

- Must have completed Puppy, Junior Dog, or Beginner
- Must have reasonable focus on the handler and different tasks as well during class time.
- This class exposes dogs to a variety of exercise types including cardio, flexibility, balance, and strength training, as well as mental fitness and confidence building.
- Exercises will include tuck sits, front paw targeting, cookie stretches, kick back stands, and pivoting with rear legs.
- Equipment including platforms, balance pads, and cavaletti poles will be used.
- Students who attend at least six classes and can demonstrate 8/10 skills will earn a Fit Dog Level 1 certificate which they can use towards earning an AKC Fit Dog Title.
- **Note: Dogs in this class must be healthy and uninjured. This class does not address rehabilitation or physical therapy.**
- **OFFERED IN THE EARLY SPRING SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM AND THE LATE SPRING SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM. FUTURE SESSION TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

FIT DOG LEVEL 2 CLASS

- Must have completed FIT DOG Level 1
- Must have reasonable focus on the handler and different tasks as well during class time.
- This class will expand on exercises learned in Fit Dog Level 2 and well as introduce additional cardio, flexibility, balance, and strength training exercises.

- Exercises will include rear feet targeting, push-ups, pop-ups, leg weaves, and position changes with elevated feet.
- Equipment including platforms, balance pads, balance disks, and cavaletti poles will be used.
- Students who attend at least six classes and can demonstrate 8/10 skills will earn a Fit Dog Level 2 certificate which they can use towards earning an AKC Fit Dog Title.
- **Note: Dogs in this class must be healthy and uninjured. This class does not address rehabilitation or physical therapy.**
- **FUTURE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

FIT DOG LEVEL 3 CLASS

- Must have completed FIT DOG Level 2
- This class will expand on exercises learned in Fir Dog Level 2 as well as introduce additional cardio, flexibility, balance, and strength training exercises.
- Exercises will include four paw targeting, sidestepping, rear limb stretching and ipsilateral targeting
- Equipment including platforms, balance pads, balance disks, and Propel Air Platforms
- Students who attend at least six classes and can demonstrate 8/10 skills will earn a Fit Dog Level 2 certificate which they can use towards earning an AKC Fit Dog Title.
- **Note: Dogs in this class must be healthy and uninjured. This class does not address rehabilitation or physical therapy.**
- **OFFERED IN THE SPRING SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM**

PUPPY

- Offered to puppies ages 3 to 6 months.
- Focus will be on getting control of the energetic puppy.
- Discussion topics may 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.
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM, TUESDAYS AT 10 AM, AND 7:45 PM, WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM, AND THURSDAYS AT 7:45 PM**

JUNIOR DOG

- Offered to dogs that have just completed our Puppy class or that are over 7 months of age but less than 12 months of age.
- Focus will be on helping the young dog gain greater impulse control.
- Better connection to the handler through games and other activities will also be taught.

- Sit, stand, down, stay, controlled walking on the leash, drop it, leave it, and wait are some of the skills that will be worked.
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM & 7:45 PM, TUESDAYS AT 11:15 AM AND WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 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 dogs, including “All Americans” (also known as mixed breeds). The Puppy, Junior Dog, and Beginners classes will include a free evaluation for the AKC STAR 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.

BEGINNERS

- Offered to dogs at least 12 months of age.
- Exercises taught will include emphasis on attention to the handler, controlled walking on the leash, sitting quietly while being petted or groomed, walking in a controlled way around other people, sit, down, stay, and coming when called.
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 6:30PM, TUESDAYS AT 10AM, AND 6:30PM, AND WEDNESDAYS AT 7:45PM**

INTERMEDIATE

- Must have completed Puppy, Junior Dog, or Beginners
- 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, loose leash walking, and promptly coming when called (recalls), all with distractions, are just some of the other exercises that will be taught.
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 7:45PM, TUESDAYS AT 11:15AM AND 6:30PM, AND WEDNESDAYS AT 7:45PM**

FOUNDATIONS FOR COMPETITION OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

- Must have completed Intermediate
- Class goal will be to develop skills related to an engaged and focused team
 - Learn play based strategies to build muscle memory for needed competition behaviors
 - Develop enthusiasm and focus to support control and precision
 - Develop strategies to manage preparation, transitions and actual competition
 - Enhance your relationship with your dog as a team with a common goal
- **OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 4:45 PM**

BASIC OBEDIENCE FOR PERFORMANCE (BOP)

- Must have completed Intermediate

- This class is geared towards the person that is considering taking Agility or other performance classes but whose dog is young and not yet ready for jumping and/or whose dog has little experience staying with them off leash.
- Emphasis would be on handling skills with the dog working on both sides of the handler.
- Sits, downs, call to hand, off leash work, and crate training ringside are some of the many exercises that will be taught.
- A crate is required
- Please note that students registering for BOP for the first time will have priority for that class.
- **OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 11:15AM AND THURSDAYS AT 7:45PM**

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

- Must have completed Intermediate
- This class is for owners that would like to continue obedience training with their dogs but may not currently be interested in competition training.
- Dogs will transition to controlled walking on the leash with a flat buckle or slip type collar (which includes martingales) and without the use of a food lure.
- Dogs will learn skills needed to pass the **AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation**
- Exercises will include accepting being petted, meeting a friendly stranger, working around distractions including other dogs, sit and down stays, walking on a loose leash and more.
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 7:45PM IN THE WINTER, EARLY SPRING AND SUMMER SESSIONS**

We offer Canine Good Citizen evaluations to the general public towards the end of the Spring and Early Fall Sessions. Please check the home page for details.

THERAPY DOG

- Must have completed Canine Good Citizen Class
- This class is for owners that would like to consider doing Therapy Work with their dogs, and/or continue obedience training but may not currently be interested in competition training.
- Dog must be able to walk on a loose leash with a flat buckle collar and without the use of a food lure
- Exercises will include working around distractions including medical equipment and other dogs, visiting with a patient, leave it, walking through a crowd on a loose leash, properly entering through doors, group stays, and more.
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 7:45PM IN THE LATE SPRING AND FALL SESSIONS**

Effective a few years ago, The American Kennel Club (AKC) opened up its companion event titles to include all dogs, including "All Americans" (also known as mixed breeds) except when at a breed specialty.

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE

- Must have completed Intermediate
- Building on what was learned in the previous classes, dog handler/teams taking this class will expand on such things as:

- Sit and down stay exercises at greater distances for longer times with more distractions
- More precise heeling with better focus by the dog
- Front and Finishes
- Walking through a crowd
- Recalls with distractions
- And more

- **OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 10 AM AND TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 7:45PM**

HEELING

- Completion of Intermediate is required
- This class is for the person considering showing their dog in obedience or preparing for obedience trials
- It is polishing the finer details
- Much time will be spent on perfecting heeling
- Fronts and Finishes will also be worked on
- **OFFERED IN THE SUMMER SESSION ON MONDAYS AT 5:30 PM**

BEGINNER NOVICE

- Completion of Advanced Obedience or Heeling is required
- Our first show prep class
- Successful completion of this class will prepare the handler and dog team with the skills needed to compete for the AKC Beginner Novice title.
- These skills include Heel on Leash, the Figure Eight, Sit for Exam, the Sit Stay Exercise, and the Recall.
- This class is for dogs who have not earned the Beginner Novice or Novice titles.
- **OFFERED ON MONDAYS AT 6:30PM**

NOVICE

- Completion of Advanced Obedience or Heeling is required
- Heel on leash, the Figure Eight, Heel Free, Stand for Examination, the Recall, and the Stay exercise make up the components of the AKC Companion Dog (CD) Obedience Title, sometimes known as the "Novice Title".
- Dog/handler teams successfully completing this class will have mastered the above exercises and will be well prepared for competition for their CD.
- **OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 11:15AM AND THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM**

RALLY I

- Completion of Advanced Obedience or Heeling Course is required
- Rally is an AKC event that combines obedience exercises with the ability to talk to your dog while completing the course.
- This class includes the Novice Level of Rally and all exercises will be performed on leash.

- Class work will include the introduction to Rally signs and courses, explanation and demonstration of the exercises, scoring, entering, and exiting the ring, and more.
- Teams will have the opportunity to practice different courses weekly with guidance from expert Rally instructors.
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM**

RALLY II

- Completion of Rally I is required
- This class includes the Intermediate & Advanced Levels of Rally
- Material will include the Advanced Level signs and will have the dogs graduating to off leash work.
- Teams will have the opportunity to practice different courses weekly with guidance from expert Rally instructors.
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAYS AT 7:45PM**

RALLY III

- Completion of Rally II is required
- This class includes the Excellent & Masters Levels of Rally
- Material will include the Excellent & Masters Level signs
- Teams will have the opportunity to practice different nested courses weekly with guidance from expert Rally instructors.
- This class is limited to 15 dogs. Newer students from the Rally II class will be given priority if limits are reached and/or experienced handlers may be limited in the number of dogs they can enroll.
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAYS AT 7:45PM**

INTRODUCTION TO OPEN

- Completion of Advanced Obedience or Novice is required
- Offered to students interested in learning the AKC Open Exercises
- Students will learn better off leash heeling with their dogs, plus retrieve on the flat and over the high jump, the broad jump, command discrimination, and drop on recall
- Proper show protocol will also be discussed
- **OFFERED THURSDAYS AT 4:45PM**

INTRODUCTION TO UTILITY

- Completion of Introduction to Open or Open is required
- This class is for students interested in learning the AKC Utility Exercises
- Students will learn the signal exercise, directed jumping, scent discrimination (articles), the glove exercises, and the moving stand
- There will also be instruction on how to be successful at this level of showing
- **OFFERED THURSDAYS AT 3:30 PM**

CONFORMATION CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

- This class will have a structured curriculum
- Focus will be on teaching the handler skills needed to show their dog
- For the dog - getting used to being touched and learning how to move well on leash will be practiced
- How to free stack, hand stack, and gait the dog will be taught. Students will also learn how to show the bite, and enter and exit the ring.
- Students will learn how to properly complete entry forms, what is acceptable ring attire, and how to prepare for a show.
- Junior handlers serious about learning show protocol are welcome
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 6:30PM IN THE EARLY SPRING AND SUMMER SESSIONS**

ADVANCED CONFORMATION CLASS

- Prerequisite of Conformation Class for Beginners
- This class will have a structured curriculum
- Focus will be on expanding the skills needed to properly show a dog in conformation
- Different gaiting patterns will be practiced
- The AKC point system will be taught
- How to win in the ring when competing against Professional handlers will be addressed
- Junior handlers serious about learning show protocol are welcome
- **OFFERED MONDAYS AT 6:30PM IN THE LATE SPRING AND FALL SESSIONS**

We also offer Conformation run-throughs on Tuesday nights at 7:45 PM. These are held on a drop-in basis, and the fee is \$5.00 per class for non DDTC members. Conformation run-through nights follow the same schedule as the Obedience and Rally program.

Please note that all DDTC Scent Work classes begin in week 2 of each session. Scent Work is an activity that allows reactive dogs to participate so dogs in our Scent Work classes will be left in their vehicle or crated when not actively working. Please plan accordingly. Also, please note that students taking each level for the first time will have priority for that class.

LEVEL 1 SCENT WORK

- In this first class your dog will learn foundation scent work skills to eagerly and independently hunt or search for something he or she wants and will learn a basic, default search pattern.
- **A crate or leaving the dog in the vehicle is required for this class. All dogs must be in a crate unless actively working or the handler will leave their dog in their vehicle bringing the dog to the search area when it is their turn.**
- After building your dog's desire to hunt, we will introduce the first target odor, "sweet birch" oil. Your dog will learn the association between target odor and a highly desired reward.
- Gradually and systematically, your dog will be introduced to searching for the target odor source to earn that fabulous reward.

- You will learn how to help build your dog's drive for scent work and how to support and reward your dog's independent searching and problem-solving.
- Students must have a nonrestrictive harness for their dog by Week 3.
- Students will be expected to purchase a training kit to be used for practice outside of class that will be explained in the first couple weeks of class. Cost is \$20.
- **OFFERED IN THE WINTER SESSION ON MONDAYS AT 6 PM, IN THE EARLY SPRING SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6PM, IN THE SUMMER SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 6 PM AND IN THE FALL SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 10 AM**

LEVEL 2 SCENT WORK

- Completion of Level 1 Scent Work is required
- In this class you and your dog will be introduced to four of the search elements that you will encounter in a trial: interior searches, exterior searches, vehicle searches, and container searches.
- **A crate or leaving the dog in the vehicle is required for this class. All dogs must be in a crate unless actively working or the handler will leave their dog in their vehicle bringing the dog to the search area when it is their turn.**
- Your dog will continue to build drive for target odor and searching and will be encouraged to work target odor all the way to source under a variety of circumstances.
- Handlers will begin developing the leash handling skills needed for actual searches and will start learning how to observe the dogs for subtle changes in behavior that may indicate the presence of target odor.
- Students will be expected to purchase a training kit to be used for practice outside of class that will be explained in the first couple weeks of class. Cost is \$15.
- **OFFERED IN THE WINTER SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 10 AM, IN THE EARLY SPRING SESSION ON MONDAYS AT 6 PM, IN THE LATE SPRING SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6 PM, IN SUMMER SESSION ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM, AND IN THE FALL SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 6 PM**

LEVEL 3 SCENT WORK

- Completion of Level 2 Scent Work is required
- In this class dog and handler teams will be continuing to develop their scent work skills
- **A crate or leaving the dog in the vehicle is required for this class. All dogs must be in a crate unless actively working or the handler will leave their dog in their vehicle bringing the dog to the search area when it is their turn.**
- Building the dog's desire to get to and stay at the target odor source will be emphasized.
- Handlers will learn how to encourage their dogs to commit to the target odor source without creating conflict.
- Dog and handler teams will also start working on more challenging target odor hide placements, including less accessible hides, lower hides, and more elevated hides, similar to what you might encounter at a trial.

- **OFFERED IN THE WINTER SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 6PM, IN THE EARLY SPRING SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 10 AM, IN THE LATE SPRING SESSION ON MONDAYS AT 6 PM, IN THE SUMMER SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6 PM AND IN THE FALL SESSION ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM**

LEVEL 4 SCENT WORK

- Completion of Level 3 Scent Work is required
- Dog and handler teams will begin working on some of the more challenging skills needed to be successful at the lower trial levels.
- **A crate or leaving the dog in the vehicle is required for this class. All dogs must be in a crate unless actively working or the handler will leave their dog in their vehicle bringing the dog to the search area when it is their turn.**
- For the dog, these skills will include “semi-real” searches that are closer to what teams might encounter in a trial, hides paced inside of objects, channeling odor hides, stronger commitment to source behaviors, handler movement distractions, ground or floor level hides, and more.
- For the handler, the added challenges will include “semi-blind” searches (hide locations unknown to handler) and exercises to assist you in reading your dog and understanding his or her behavior,
- Additional handling skills and “cementing” the theory, methodologies and observations acquired during the first three classes will also be included in this class
- **OFFERED IN THE WINTER SESSION ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM. IN THE EARLY SPRING SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 6 PM, IN THE LATE SPRING SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 10 AM, IN THE SUMMER SESSION ON MONDAYS AT 6 PM, AND IN THE FALL SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6 PM**

LEVEL 5 SCENT WORK

- Completion of Level 4 Scent Work is required.
- Dog and handler teams will continue working on some of the more challenging skills needed to be successful at the lower trial levels.
- **A crate or leaving the dog in the vehicle is required for this class. All dogs must be in a crate unless actively working or the handler will leave their dog in their vehicle bringing the dog to the search area when it is their turn.**
- For the dog, these skills will include “semi-real” searches that are closer to what you might encounter in a trial, more difficult containers, ignoring handler movement distractions, stronger commitment to source behaviors, more inaccessible hides, channeling odor hides, pooling odor challenges, and more.
- For the handler, the added challenges will include semi-blind and blind searches (hide location unknown to handler), developing the skill of “reading your dog”, and additional handling skills.
- Learning how to maintain your dog’s motivation as the searches get more challenging, and “cementing” the theory, methodologies and observations acquired during the first four classes will also be discussed.

- **OFFERED IN THE WINTER SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6 PM, IN THE EARLY SPRING SESSION ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM, IN THE LATE SPRING SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 6 PM, IN THE SUMMER SESSION TUESDAYS AT 10 AM AND IN THE FALL SESSION ON MONDAYS AT 6 PM**

ADVANCED SCENT WORK

- This class is for teams dedicated to having higher level skills that plan on trialing in the near future.
- Completion of Level 5 Scent Work is required
- **A crate or leaving the dog in the vehicle is required for this class. All dogs must be in a crate unless actively working or the handler will leave their dog in their vehicle bringing the dog to the search area when it is their turn.**
- Dog and handler teams will continue working on more challenging skills needed to be successful at trials.
- These skills will include “semi-real” searches that are closer to what you might encounter in a trial, such as container searches, interior and exterior searches, searching vehicles, buried hides, clearing a room, and multiple hides.
- We will discuss how to properly introduce the dog to other odors and combo hides
- There will be practice working in lingering odor, inaccessible hides, elevated hides, and other more challenging puzzles
- ORT and hides duplicating trial conditions will be set up
- **OFFERED ON TUESDAYS AT 4 AND 6 PM AND ON THURSDAYS AT 6:15 PM.**

We have a full Agility program offered on Monday through Thursday nights and also have day time agility classes.