

Session 4 Class Offerings – August 2025

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.

Entry Level Obedience Classes

Our entry level classes are the starting point for teaching you to train your dog. Our Puppy, Junior Dog and Beginners classes all teach the same foundational skills but are divided by age to best meet the needs and abilities of the dogs in the class. Once dogs have a solid foundation, they refine and expand their skills in the Intermediate class.

Puppy

Offered to puppies ages 3 to 6 months. The focus will be on getting control of your energetic puppy. Skills taught include sit, down, stay, controlled walking on the leash, drop it, leave it, wait, and come. Discussion topics may include house breaking, biting/mouthing, jumping, crate training and other puppy related issues.

Offered: Monday at 6:30 pm
Tuesday at 10:00 am
Tuesday at 7:45 pm
Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Thursday at 7:45 pm

Junior Dog

Offered to young dogs ages 6 to 12 months. The focus will be on helping the young dog gain greater impulse control. Skills taught include sit, down, stay, controlled walking on the leash, drop it, leave it, wait, and come. Better connection to the handler will be taught through games and activities.

Offered: Monday at 6:30 pm
Monday at 7:45 pm
Tuesday at 11:15 am
Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Thursday at 6:30 pm



AKC STAR PUPPY

All dogs in our Puppy, Junior Dog, and Beginners classes that are under 12 months of age on the first night of the session are eligible to participate in the AKC STAR PUPPY evaluation. This free evaluation is open to all puppies and will take place during class near the end of the session.

Session 4 Details - Obedience

Each session runs one hour per week for 8 weeks.
Each session costs \$85.00. Class sizes are limited.

Registration opens: Monday July 21st

Classes Start: Week of August 11th

No classes Labor Day – Sept. 1st

Obedience or Rally Questions?

Contact Corky Andrews at 937-293-5219

Beginners

Offered to young dogs ages 12 months and over. The focus will be on attention to the handler and working in a class setting. Skills taught include sit, down, stay, controlled walking on the leash, drop it, leave it, wait, and come.

Offered: Monday at 6:30 pm
Tuesday at 10:00 am
Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Wednesday at 7:45 pm

Intermediate

Must have completed Puppy, Junior Dog or Beginners

Do you wish your dog would pay more attention to you no matter what is happening around you? The focus of intermediate is to refine the skills previously taught while adding distractions. Skills taught include longer sit and down stays, controlled walking near distractions, greeting people, recalls and more.

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Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Wednesday at 7:45 pm

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Special Offerings and Featured Classes

Special Offerings

Dog Sports and Games

Must have completed Intermediate

Do you just want to have fun with your dog? Do you want to try out scent work, agility, or rally just to see if you and your dog like it? Then this is the class the for you. In this class students and their dogs will participate in games and activities to reinforce the skills taught in our entry level obedience classes in a new and fun way. Throughout the session dogs will be introduced to playing fetch, scent work, agility, and rally.

Offered: Thursday at 6:30 pm

(Future Classes TBD)

Trick Dog

Must have completed Intermediate

This class will demonstrate a variety of tricks as well as trick training techniques. Tricks may include: paws up, roll over, sit pretty, scoot, bow, kiss, tell me a secret, and others. Students will be given the opportunity to test for DMWYD and ACK Trick titles.

Offered: Monday at 7:45 pm

(Future Classes TBD)

Utility – Getting Ready to Show

Must have completed Intro to Utility or have foundational utility skills

Students must have excellent control over their dogs when off leash.

This is a show prep class which proofs and refines the skills needed to compete for the AKC Utility Dog (UD) title. Instructions will be tailored to each dog with a focus of maximizing scores in competition. Exercises will include the signal exercise, directed retrieve, scent discrimination (articles), moving stand and exam, and directed jumping. There will also be instruction on how to be successful at this level of showing

Offered: Tuesday at 6:30 pm

(Future Classes TBD)

Upper Level Obedience Classes

Our upper level obedience classes are designed to introduce more rigorous obedience exercises than those taught in our entry level classes. They are the bridge between entry and competition level classes.

Advanced

Must have completed Intermediate

Advanced offers an introduction into advanced obedience and will emphasize more precise heeling and a reduction in the use of treats as a lure. Skills taught will include sitting for exam, fronts, finishes, and longer and more precise heeling.

Offered: Tuesday at 10:00 am
Tuesday at 7:45 pm

Heeling 1

Must have completed Intermediate

This class is geared towards the person considering showing their dog in obedience or preparing for obedience trials. The focus on this class will be on polishing heeling skills. Other skills such as fronts and finishes will also be taught.

Offered: Monday at 5:00 pm

Heeling 2

Must have completed Heeling 1 or Foundations 1 for Competition Obedience and Rally

This class builds on Heeling 1. The focus of this class will be on "happy heeling". Off leash heeling will be introduced. Parts of this class will have a seminar format due to dogs being off leash.

Offered: Monday at 5:00 pm

Basic Obedience for Performance (BOP)

Must have completed Intermediate

This class teaches foundational obedience skills that are necessary for successes in agility and competition obedience including basic handling skills and off leash work. This class is particularly suited for dogs who are not physically mature enough to safely enter the agility program.

Offered: Tuesday at 11:15 am
Thursday at 7:45 pm

Foundations 1 for Competition Obedience & Rally

Must have completed Puppy, Junior Dog or Beginners

The purpose of this class is to develop skills related to an engaged and focused team. Play based strategies will be used to build muscle memory of competition behaviors and develop enthusiasm and focus.

Offered: Monday at 5:00 pm

Foundations 2 for Competition Obedience & Rally

Must have completed Foundations 1 for Competition Obedience and Rally

This class will further skills taught in Foundations 1. The class will work on reducing the reliance on luring and increasing the amount of behavior between rewards. Class activities will be structured with a focus on distractions and proofing exercises.

Offered: Tuesday at 5:00 pm



AKC Family Dog Classes

The AKC Family Dog is a comprehensive good manners program for all dogs, whether purebred or mixed breed. While participating in enjoyable activities that are fun for both dogs and people, dogs become well socialized and develop a lifelong bond with their owners.

Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Must have completed Intermediate

This class is for owners that would like to continue training but may not be interested in competition training. Teams will learn the skills needed to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluation. Dogs will also transition onto a flat buckle or slip type collar and teams will work to reduce the use of a food lure.

Offered: Monday at 7:45 pm

(Summer, Winter, and Early Spring sessions only)

Therapy Dog

Must have completed Canine Good Citizen

Dogs must want to interact with humans and behave politely for petting to take this class.

This class is for owners that would like to consider doing therapy dog work with their dogs. Exercises will include working around distractions, visiting with a patient, walking through a crowd on a loose leash and properly entering through a door.

Offered: Monday at 7:45 pm

(Fall and Late Spring sessions only)

Fit Dog 1

Must have completed Puppy, Junior Dog or Beginners

This class exposes dogs to a variety of exercise types including cardio, flexibility, balance, and strength. Exercises taught include tuck sits, kick back stands, cookie stretches, and pivoting. Upon completion, dogs can earn points towards AKC Fit Dog Titles.

Offered: Tuesday at 6:30 pm

(Summer, Fall, and Winter sessions only)

Fit Dog 2

Must have completed Fit Dog 1

This class builds on Fit Dog 1 and introduces air platforms. New exercises include rear feet targeting, push-ups, pop-ups, and position changes with feet elevated. Upon completion, dogs can earn points towards AKC Fit Dog Titles.

Offered: Tuesday at 6:30 pm

(Early Spring session only)

Fit Dog 3

Must have completed Fit Dog 2

This class builds on Fit Dog 2 and introduces more fitness skills. New exercises include four-paw targeting, sidestepping and ipsilateral targeting. Upon completion, dogs can earn points towards AKC Fit Dog Titles.

Offered: Tuesday at 6:30 pm

(Late Spring session only)

CGC and Trick Dog Testing

Dayton Dog Training Club offers Canine Good Citizenship and Trick Dog Testing to the general public twice a year, typically in early May and October. We offer Canine Good Citizen (CGC), Community Canine (CGCA) and Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU) evaluations along with Novice Trick Dog (TKN), Intermediate Trick (TKI) and Advanced Trick Dog (TKA). Please check the home or events page on our website for more information.



Competition Obedience

Dayton Dog Training Club offers a comprehensive competition obedience program for those interested in competing in AKC Obedience events. In obedience events handlers and their dogs demonstrate how well they can work as a team while performing obedience skills ranging from heeling to scent discrimination.

Beginner Novice

Must have completed Advanced or Heeling 1

Beginner Novice is our first show prep class and teaches the skills needed to compete for the AKC Beginner Novice (BN) title. Exercises include heel on leash, the figure eight, sit for exam, sit stay and the recall.

Offered: Monday at 6:30 pm

Novice

Must have completed Advanced or Heeling 1

Novice is a show prep class and teaches the skills needed to compete for the AKC Companion Dog (CD) title (often referred to as the Novice title). Exercises include heel on leash, the figure eight, heel free, stand for exam, the recall and stay exercises.

Offered: Tuesday at 11:15 am

Thursday at 6:30 pm

Introduction to Open

Must have completed Advanced, Novice, or Foundations 1 for Obedience and Rally

Students must have control of their dog off leash

Introduction to Open is designed to introduce and teach the AKC Open exercises. Exercises will include retrieve on the flat, retrieve over the high jump, the broad jump, command discrimination, and the drop on recall.

Limited off-leash heeling will be included as time allows.

Offered: Thursday at 3:30 pm

Open

Must have completed Novice

Students must have control of their dog off leash

Open is a show prep class and teaches the skills needed to compete for the AKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (often referred to as the Open title). Exercises include heel free, retrieve on the flat, retrieve over the high jump, the broad jump, command discrimination, and the drop on recall.

Offered: Thursday at 7:45 pm

Introduction to Utility

Must have completed Introduction to Open or Open

Students must have control of their dog off leash

Introduction to Utility is designed to introduce and teach the AKC Utility exercises. Exercises will include the signal exercises, directed jumping, scent discrimination (articles), the glove exercises, and the moving stand.

Offered: Thursday at 4:45 pm



Rally Classes

Rally is an AKC performance event where handlers and their dogs' complete course of various obedience skills. Teams are judged based on their skill and their time. Dayton Dog Training Club offers a comprehensive Rally program to take students from novice to master.

Rally 1

Must have completed Advanced or Heeling 1

This class introduces handlers and their dogs to rally obedience. Teams will learn the AKC Rally Novice signs and have the opportunity to practice different courses each week.

Offered: Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Rally 2

Must have completed Rally 1

This class teaches teams the Intermediate and Advanced level Rally signs. Teams and have the opportunity to practice different courses each week.

Offered: Wednesday at 7:45 pm

Rally 3

Must have completed Rally 2

Students must have control of their dog off leash

This class teaches teams the Excellent and Master level Rally signs. Teams and have the opportunity to practice different courses each week.

Offered: Wednesday at 7:45 pm



Conformation Classes

In conformation dog shows purebred dogs compete against each other to demonstrate how well they conform to their breed standard. Conformation classes prepare dogs and their handlers to compete in conformation dog shows.

Conformation Run-Throughs

Run-Throughs provide an opportunity for dogs competing in conformation show to practice. These are held on a drop-in basis.

Cost: \$10 for non-members; \$5 for members

Offered: Tuesday at 7:45 pm

Conformation Class for Beginners

This class has a structured curriculum and focuses on teaching the handler skills needed to show their dog. Skill taught include free and hand stacking, showing the bite, and gaiting the dog.

Offered: Monday at 6:30 pm

(Summer and Early Spring Sessions only)

Advanced Conformation Class

Must have completed Conformation Class for Beginners

This class has a structured curriculum and focuses on expanding the handler's dog handling skills. Different gaiting patterns will be taught and practiced.

Offered: Monday at 6:30 pm

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Scent Work

Scent Work is a performance event where dogs use their nose to locate a hidden odor. Scent Work classes are open to all dogs including dogs who struggle in group obedience classes due to reactivity.

Please note the following scent work policies:

- Students taking each level for the first time will be given priority.
- Students are required to bring a crate or leave their dog in a vehicle for all scent work classes. All dogs will be crated unless actively working. Dogs must be quiet in their crates or they will be asked to crate in a vehicle.
- Students will be expected to buy training kits and odor jars to practice outside of class. Training kits are \$20-\$35 and odor jars are \$10.

Scent Work Levels 1-5 are offered on a rotating basis as shown in the chart below. Teams continue taking classes on the same day and time as they progress through the levels. For example, if you take Level 1 on Monday at 6:00 pm in the Winter session, you will progress to Level 2 on Monday at 6:00 pm in the early spring, Level 3 on Monday at 6:00 in the late spring, and so forth.

	Winter	Early Spring	Late Spring	Summer	Fall
Level 1	Mon. 6 pm	Tues. 6 pm	Wed. 6 pm	Thurs. 6 pm	Tues. 10 am
Level 2	Tues. 10 am	Mon. 6 pm	Tues. 6 pm	Wed. 6 pm	Thurs. 6 pm
Level 3	Thurs. 6 pm	Tues. 10 am	Mon. 6 pm	Tues. 6 pm	Wed. 6 pm
Level 4	Wed. 6 pm	Thurs. 6 pm	Tues. 10 am	Mon. 6 pm	Tues. 6 pm
Level 5	Tues. 6 pm	Wed. 6 pm	Thurs. 6 pm	Tues. 10 am	Mon. 6 pm

Session 4 Details – Scent Work

Each session runs 1 ½ hours per week for 6 or 7 weeks. Classes start the second week of the session. Each session costs \$85.00. Class sizes are limited.

Registration opens: Monday July 21st

Classes Start: Week of August 18th

No classes Labor Day – Sept. 1st

Scent Work Questions?

Contact Darlene Rak at 937-306-2156

Scent Work Classes

Scent Work Level 1

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. Dogs will learn a basic default search pattern.

Offered: Monday at 6:00 pm in Winter

Tuesday at 6:00 pm in Early Spring

Wednesday at 6:00 pm in Late Spring

Thursday at 6:00 pm in Summer

Tuesday at 10:00 am in Fall

Scent Work Level 2

Must have completed Scent Work Level 1

In this class you and your dog will be introduced to the first scent work odor, birch. Handlers will begin developing the leach handling skills needed for actual searches. A second odor, anise, will be introduced.

Offered: Monday at 6:00 pm in Early Spring

Tuesday at 6:00 pm in Late Spring

Wednesday at 6:00 pm Summer

Thursday at 6:00 pm in Fall

Tuesday at 10:00 am in Winter

Scent Work Classes Continued

Scent Work Level 3

Must have completed Scent Work Level 2

In this class you and your dog will continue to develop your scent work skills including commitment to target odor source and less accessible hides. A third odor, clove, will be introduced.

Offered: Monday at 6:00 pm in Late Spring
Tuesday at 6:00 pm in Summer
Wednesday at 6:00 pm Fall
Thursday at 6:00 pm in Winter
Tuesday at 10:00 am in Early Spring

Scent Work Level 4

Must have completed Scent Work Level 3

In this class you and your dog will begin working on more challenging skills needed to be successful in scent work trials. These skills include hides placed inside of objects, ground level hides, and semi-blind searches. A fourth odor, cypress, will be introduced.

Offered: Monday at 6:00 pm in Summer
Tuesday at 6:00 pm in Fall
Wednesday at 6:00 pm Winter
Thursday at 6:00 pm in Early Spring
Tuesday at 10:00 am in Late Spring

Scent Work Level 5

Must have completed Scent Work Level 4

In this class you and your dog will continue working on more challenging skills needed to be successful in scent work trials. These skills involve channeling and pooling odor and developing the skill of reading your dog.

Offered: Monday at 6:00 pm in Fall
Tuesday at 6:00 pm in Winter
Wednesday at 6:00 pm Early Spring
Thursday at 6:00 pm in Late Spring
Tuesday at 10:00 am in Summer

Advanced Scent Work

Must have completed Scent Work 5

This class is for teams dedicated to having higher level skills and that may be planning on trialing in the future. ORT and hides duplicating trial condition will be set up including container, buried, interior, exterior, and vehicle searches. Skills such as clearing a room, multiple hides, and elevated hides will be practiced.

Offered: Tuesday at 3:30 pm
Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Thursday at 6:00 pm
(every session)

