

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 \$75.00. A SESSION IS MADE UP ONE CLASS PER WEEK FOR 8 WEEKS. EACH CLASS LASTS APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR. (EXCEPT SCENT WORK WHICH HAVE AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$10 FOR SUPPLIES, 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:

Dance/Drill Class at 6:30 PM on Thursdays

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.

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 MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM, TUESDAYS AT 10 AM, AND 7:45 PM, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM, AND THURSDAY NIGHTS 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 MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 PM & 7:45 PM, TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 11:15 AM, AND WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY 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 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, Beginners, or a skills evaluation
- 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**

DRILL/DANCE CLASS

- Prerequisite of Intermediate or pass a skills evaluation
- Simply a fun class to get better focus from your dog through drill and dance routines
- Attention will be on teamwork, both between handler and dog and handler/dog team and other teams
- Exercises will be those that may be seen in Advanced Beginners, BOP and/or Rally
- Better controlled walking, straighter sits and proper downs, changes of speed, and the dog walking properly on either of the handler are just some of the many skills that will be worked on.
- **OFFERED THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM**

BASIC OBEDIENCE FOR PERFORMANCE (BOP)

- Must have completed Intermediate or a skills evaluation
- 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

- **OFFERED TUESDAYS AT 11:15AM AND THURSDAYS AT 7:45PM**

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

- Must have completed Intermediate class or a skills evaluation.
- 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, SPRING AND EARLY FALL SESSIONS**

THERAPY DOG

- Must have completed Canine Good Citizen Class or pass a skills evaluation
- 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 SUMMER AND LATE 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 or a skills evaluation.
- 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
 - Walking through a crowd
 - Recalls with distractions
 - And more
- **OFFERED TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 7:45PM**

BEGINNER NOVICE

- Must have completed Advanced Obedience or a skills evaluation.
- 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 an evaluation 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 is required
- 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.
- All exercises in this class will be on leash
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM**

RALLY II

- Completion of Rally I is required
- This class will graduate dogs to working off leash.
- Material will include advanced and excellent signs, and dog/handler teams will have the opportunity to practice on many different courses with guidance from qualified Rally instructors.
- **OFFERED WEDNESDAYS AT 7:45PM**

INTRODUCTION TO OPEN

- Completion of Advanced Obedience or Novice or a skills evaluation 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 a skills evaluation 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

Open and Utility Obedience classes are held on Tuesday mornings. These Open and Utility classes focus on skills and polishing of the AKC Open and Utility exercises. Please contact the Class Registrar for more information.

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 SPRING AND EARLY FALL SESSIONS**

ADVANCED CONFORMATION CLASS

- Prerequisite of Conformation Class for Beginners or skills evaluation
- 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 SUMMER AND LATE 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 and require a supply fee of \$10 be added to the class registration cost when registering for classes. 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.

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 LATE FALL SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 10AM. FUTURE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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 \$17.
- **OFFERED IN THE LATE FALL SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 6PM. FUTURE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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.

- Students will be given the opportunity to purchase an optional training kit to be used for practice outside of class. Cost will be \$10

OFFERED IN THE LATE FALL SESSION ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM. FUTURE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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 LATE FALL SESSION ON TUESDAYS AT 6 PM. FUTURE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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 LATE FALL SESSION ON MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM AND TUESDAYS AT 6 PM. FUTURE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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 IN THE LATE FALL SESSION ON THURSDAYS AT 10 AM AND 6 PM. FUTURE SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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.

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