

### **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy**

This is a basic socialization and early obedience class for puppies up to 12 months old. At the completion of the program, your puppy can earn an AKC S.T.A.R. puppy certificate.

Skills such as sit, down, come, and controlled walking on a leash will be taught. Other puppy behaviors we practice are handling the puppy, socialization with other people and puppies etc.

Puppies do not have to be registered with AKC nor do they need to be purebred.

Beginner OB/Rally I, Canine Good Citizen preparation, Pre-Agility and Life Skills for Dogs are all reasonable next steps following this S.T.A.R. Puppy class.

### **Puppy 1 & Puppy 2**

These 2 classes progress puppies through specific age related skills. These are not S.T.A.R Puppy classes. For a full description see [Puppy 1 & 2](#)

### **Life Skills for Dogs**

Dogs will learn to sit, down, stay, greet people properly.

Handlers will learn how to get a dog's attention. How to move from lure training to marker reward training. How to control a dog when greeting people out walking or at the door at home. How to teach and use a stay in position with distractions about.

Prerequisites: Be able to walk on Leas. Not aggressive towards people or dogs.

### **Beginner Obedience/Rally I**

Description: This is a basic class for handlers and dogs to learn skills needed to prepare for Obedience and Rally Classes. Skills such as sit, down, come, and controlled walking on a leash will be covered. The class is intended for graduates of our STAR Puppy program, Puppy 1 & 2 classes and Life Skills. This class prepares teams for many of our more advanced obedience classes. Recommended for dogs 7 months and older.

### **Beginner Obedience/Rally II**

Description: This class is the next class for those who have completed the Beginner Obedience/Rally Class (Part I). We will focus on the skills needed for advancing to Beginner Obedience and Rally Classes. Skills covered will be beginning heeling with patterns for obedience and rally, sit and down stays, recalls fronts and finishes.

Prerequisite: Completion of Beginner Obedience/Rally or instructor approval

### **CGC Test Prep**

We will teach to the 10 specific behaviors required by the AKC for the Canine Good Citizen certification. Dogs being enrolled into this class must be able to document successful completion of the CDTC Beginner Obedience class (or a similar non-CDTC training program). Dogs who cannot provide this documentation will require instructor review and approval prior to starting the class and class enrollment is not guaranteed.

### **CGCA Test Prep**

Description: The AKC Community Canine is the advanced level of the AKC's Canine Good Citizen Program. Dogs who pass the AKC Community Canine test earn the official AKC Community Canine title that is designated by the letters "CGCA" (Advanced CGC) on the dog's title record. Whereas Canine Good Citizen tests are most often tested in a ring and situations are simulated, the AKC Community Canine test is done in real situations including at shows, classes, and in the community.

Prerequisite: CGC

### **Controlled Walking**

Does your dog drag you on a walk, pull you through doorways, lunge at other animals, jerk you off your feet? Three 30 minute sessions will teach how to take back control on your walk. 6 teams only.

**Therapy Work Preparation**

We will teach to the 13 specific behaviors required by Therapy Dogs International for the TDI certification. Test requirements can be found at [www.tdi-dog.org](http://www.tdi-dog.org).

Class prerequisites are AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification and / or CDTC (or similar) Beginner Obedience. Dogs who do not meet these prerequisites will require instructor review and approval prior to starting the class and class enrollment is not guaranteed.

**Tricks**

This class will teach various tricks using luring as well as shaping to allow dog/handler teams to have fun in a low stress environment, improve their training skills, and learn tricks to prepare for AKC Tricks Title testing.

**Control Unleashed**

Control Unleashed is a program developed by Leslie McDevitt, that is a fabulous foundation for working with your dog. CU helps you and your dog develop clear 2 way communication about what your dog can handle, while improving the ability to concentrate on task in the face of distractions. It is a great start for puppies, a super way to help adolescents through a difficult time, and helpful for any dog experiencing issues.