



Fall 2018

Dog Training Class Schedule and Descriptions

Celebrating our 30th year of excellence in dog training.

Classes	Instructors	Assistants	Day / Time
Puppy	Barb Blace Noelle Bergmann	Ann Gilbertson	Sat / 10-11 AM Starts September 15
Adolescent Dog	Barb Blace Noelle Bergmann	Ann Gilbertson	Sat / 11:30 A-12:30 PM Starts September 15
Companion Dog 1	Betsy Miner Nanette Winter	Mary Mercurio	Wed / 6-7 PM Starts September 12
Tricks	Sharon Bishop	Dianne Tkach Beverly Detwiler	Wed / 7:15-8:15 PM Starts September 12
Companion Dog 2	Sharon Bishop	Phil Bogdanovitch Jennie Sausville	Tue / 6:00-7:00 PM Starts September 11
Scent	Deb Pica		Mon / 6:45-7:45 PM Starts September 10
Leash Walking Skills Module	Deb Pica	Christa Gordon	Mon / 5:30-6:30 PM Starts September 10

All classes will be held at the Adirondack High Peaks Dog Training Club located at 676 Kiwassa Lake Road, Saranac Lake.

At the first class, owners are asked to bring proof of vaccinations. DHLPP vaccinations are required as well as a RABIES vaccination for dogs over 6 months old. You will need to bring proof of vaccinations at the start of each class your dog is enrolled in.

Classes will begin the week starting on Monday, September 10, 2018. A registration application is complete only upon receipt of a registration form and check due for the class.

A signed registration form will be considered as authority to allow AHPDTC to use photos taken during class to be posted on our website, our newsletter, and/or our Facebook page. Please let us know if you have an objection to this on your registration form. Photos of children will not be used without written permission.

For additional information and a class registration application form -

- www.ahpdtc.org or www.facebook.com/AdirondackHighPeaksDogTrainingClub
- Email: ahpdogtrainingclub@gmail.com
- Training Directors: Christa (301.466.6713) and Harry (202.669.0640) Gordon

Please review the **class descriptions** to decide which class is best for you and your dog or contact us if you have any questions.

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Puppy: This is an 8 week course open to puppies 8 weeks through 4 months who have had their first set of shots. During the 8 weeks, there is an emphasis on socialization with other puppies and people as well as an introduction to basic commands. Elements of the AKC's S.T.A.R. Puppy program (S for Socialization, T for Training, A for Activity, and R for Responsibility) are also incorporated into the class. Some of the skills taught are loose lead walking, come when called, sit and down stays, and more. We stress owner education and building a relationship with your puppy. Our goal is responsible owners training responsible companions. Puppies **DO** come the first week of class.

Adolescent Dog: This is an 8 week course open to older puppies 5 months through 10 months of age. It is for owners of older puppies who want to teach their dog good manners and learn more about canine behavior. This is also the next step for owners whose dogs have graduated from puppy class and want to reinforce the skills they learned. In this class we review basic commands and add new ones such as waiting at the door. We incorporate some of the elements of the AKC Canine Good Citizen program. Dogs **DO** come the first week of class.

Companion Dog 1: A 9-week class open to all dogs 11 months and older. The class offers basic obedience skills, house manners and learn more about canine behavior. Skills taught: Walk on loose lead, come when called, sit/stay, down/stay, stand, attention, as well as basic dog and people interaction. Positive training is geared to teaching the owner to teach his/her dog in a rewarding, positive, fun manner. No dog is too old for this class. Dogs **DO NOT** come to the first week of class.

Companion Dog 2: A 9-week class open to dogs who have completed the Companion Dog 1 class. Dogs will learn to respond to signals at a distance and during increasing distractions. Control exercises, loose lead walking and recalls will be further advanced thru games and tricks. Dogs **DO** come to the first week of class.

AKC Scent Work Program: This 8-week class will focus on the AKC scent work program (http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/Scent_Work_Regulations.pdf). The dogs are first taught to indicate and stay on odor before doing any searching. All dogs, no exceptions, will be on a flat collar, martingale, or ideally a non-restrictive harness. Any questions about the class contact Deb at debpica@verizon.net. This class is open to dogs of any age.

Tricks: This is a new and exciting 8-week class to strengthen your relationship with your dog and have fun doing it! You can also earn an AKC Title by completing a certain number of tricks from a list of a hundred tricks!! This class will be appropriate for dogs who have completed a Companion Dog 1 class or a Clicker Class. Some experience with clickers is helpful, but not necessary.

Leash Walking Skills Module: This is a 5 week module – **first class is handlers only** followed by 4 weeks with dogs. We will cover skills such as a loose lead and getting a close position. No age restrictions on the dogs, however no reactive dogs. All dogs will work on a flat buckle collar or martingale collar. Any questions contact Deb at debpica@verizon.net.