



Spring 2019 Dog Training Class Schedule and Descriptions

Celebrating our 31st year of excellence in dog training.

Classes	Instructors	Assistants	Day / Time
Puppy	Barb Blace Noelle Bergmann	Ann Gilbertson Mary Brown	Sat / 10:00-11:00 AM Starts April 20
Adolescent Dog	Barb Blace Noelle Bergmann	CLOSED	Sat / 11:30 A-12:30 PM Starts April 20
Companion Dog 1	Betsy Miner Nanette Winter	Mary Mercurio	Wed / 6:00-7:00 PM Starts April 17
Companion Dog 1 (section 2)	Sharon Bishop	Diane Tkach Noelle Bergmann	Wed 7:00-8:00 PM Starts April 17
Training with a Marker Signal	Gene Ohman-Leone	Doreen Alessi- Holmes	Thur / 6:45-7:45 PM Starts April 18
AKC Scent	Deb Pica		Mon 7:00-8:00PM Starts April 15
Skills for Hiking with Your Dog	Deb Pica		Mon 5:30-6:30 PM Starts April 15
Companion Dog 2	Denise Erenstone	Beverly Detwiler Jennie Sausville	Tue 6:00-7:00 PM Starts April 16
Agility 1	Monica/Val	CLOSED	Thurs 5:30-6:30
Agility 2	Val	CLOSED	Thurs 4-5

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 in the week starting on Monday April 15, 2019.

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.

Training with a Marker Signal: Learn the power of training with a unique "good job" signal and see the results. This approach to training helps your dog learn new behaviors in a clear, precise, and all-positive way (we use rewards only in this class). You'll understand the method many master trainers use when teaching their dogs freestyle, agility, search and rescue, service work, and other advanced concepts and skills. We'll start at the beginning with the basic mechanics of using a "good job" signal such as a clicker - or for deaf dogs, a tactile or visual alternative. Your dog will learn 10 foundation behaviors to enhance manners, impulse control, and provide enrichment in the meantime. **First class is humans only.** This class uses 100% positive methods and is open to all ages. Only flat webbed collars and/or harnesses are permitted in the classroom.

AKC Scent Class: This 8-week class will focus on the AKC scent work program (http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/Scent_Work_Regulations.pdf). Shaping and back-chaining are used, that is the dogs are first taught to indicate and stay on odor before doing any searching. Dogs will not be searching for food in boxes. This class is open to dogs of any age. Dogs **DO** come to the first week of class. Any questions about the class contact Deb at debpica@verizon.net

Skills Class for Hiking with Your Dog: This class will focus on skills for hiking with your dog. Leash walking skills are covered but the focus of the class is on off-lead control. Off-lead control includes topics such as teaching a stop, teaching a range distance, recalls, etc. One class will be on canine first aid. The first class is without dogs followed by 8 weeks of class. Instructor approval is required to take the class. No fearful or reactive dogs. All dogs will be on a flat buckle collar or martingale collar. A 6ft and a 25-30ft long line is required. Any questions about the class contact Deb at debpica@verizon.net

Trick Class: Join us for Tricks Class and you can look forward to strengthening your relationship with your dog, learning to communicate more clearly and have fun doing the training!! Once you understand how to train tricks, the possibilities are endless as to what you can teach your dog. Tricks are great for boosting a dog's confidence and provides excellent exercise. Dogs should have completed a Companion Dog 1 class or Clicker Class.

Agility – Foundation Skills: This 8-week class is designed to teach and develop skills needed to build a solid foundation for further training in the sport of agility. Dogs must have completed the Adolescent Dog or Companion dog 1 class and be reliable off-leash. Dogs **DO** come the first week of class. The earlier class will be held to a 3 dog minimum.

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.