



Summer 2019

Dog Training Class Schedule and Descriptions

Celebrating our 31st year of excellence in dog training.

Classes	Instructors	Assistants	Day / Time
Puppy	Deb Pica	Sharon Bishop	Mon / 6:00-7:00 PM Starts June 24
Adolescent Dog	Barb Blace Noelle Bergmann	Ann Gilbertson	Sat / 11:30 A-12:30 PM Starts June 29
Companion Dog 1	Kendra Ormerod Ruth Schmidt		Wed / 6:00-7:00 PM Starts June 26
Companion Dog 2 / Canine Good Citizen	Denise Erenstone	Beverly Detwiler Jennie Sausville	Tue 6:00-7:00 PM Starts June 25
Agility II	Monica Schmidt Val Durfee		Thurs 5:30-6:30 PM Starts June 27
Training with a Marker	Doreen Alessi-Holmes Christa Gordon		Thurs 6:45-7:45 Starts June 27

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. DLPP 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 June 24, 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 16 weeks of age at the start of class. They will need to have had their first set of shots. During the 8 weeks, there is an emphasis on recalls and some leash walking. Socialization with other puppies will be limited and with the intention of teaching owners what are appropriate interactions among dogs. 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 and the instructor is an evaluator for the STAR program and will test your dog if you wish. We stress owner education and building a relationship with your puppy. Our goal is responsible owners training responsible companions. **Puppies DO NOT 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.**

Agility II: This 8-week class is for dogs who have already completed our Agility – Foundations class. We will build on what has been learned and will introduce sequencing of obstacles. We will also work on improving flatwork and crosses. **Dogs DO come 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. There is also training that leads to Canine Good Citizen certification. **Dogs DO come the first week of class.**

Training with a Marker Signal: An 8-week class where you will 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. As this class is based entirely on positive reinforcement, only flat webbed collars and/or harnesses are permitted in the classroom. **Dogs DO NOT come to the first week of class.**