



Dauphin Dog Training Club
Obedience Schedule - SPRING 2024

DDTC website: www.dauphindog.org



DAY	TIME	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	RING
Monday PM Classes Begin 4/1/24	1:00-4:30 pm	Rally Course (max 12 students)-NOTE: Times are staggered for students.	Lauren Zagnit	2, 3 & 4
	6:00 pm	Competition Novice Class (max 8 students)	Judy Fegan	1
	6:00 pm	Advanced Basic (max 8 students)	John Cirillo	2
	6:00pm	FUNdamentals (max 8 students)	Renee MacBean & Toni Lugosky	3 & 4
	7:10 pm	Beginning Basic (max 8 students)	Theresa Hylton	1
Tuesday AM Classes Begin 4/2/24	9:00 am	Competition Novice (max 8 students)	Judy Fegan	1
	9:00 am	Competition Open (max 8 students)	Jane Frantz/Sally Henry	2, 3 & 4
	10:00 am	Competition Utility (max 12 students)	Jane Frantz	1, 2, 3 & 4
	11:45-1:15 pm	Competition Open – (max 8 students)	Jane Frantz	1, 2, 3 & 4
Tuesday PM Classes Begin 4/2/24	6:00 pm	Handling Class (Drop in)	Linda Sansom	1
	6:00pm	Rally Novice (max 8 students)	Cheryl Champion	3 & 4
	7:10pm	KPT	Jen Hudson	1
	7:10pm	Beginning Basic (max 8 students)	John Cirillo	2
	7:10pm	Scent Work Advanced (max 8 students)	Rosemary Evans	3 & 4
Saturday Classes Begin 3/30/24	9:00 am	AKC STAR Puppy (KPT) (max 8 students) Class starts 4/6/24	Ruth Ann Van Dyke	1, 2, 3 & 4
	10:30	Intro to Nose Work - This class starts 3/30 and will be 5 weeks but will make 7 weeks of class	Deb Sorosky	1, 2, 3 & 4

All classes are 7-week classes unless noted above.

Registration:

Registration forms are available [here](#) and should be mailed to Sallie Jordan, 65 March Circle, Winfield, PA 17889. Questions to Sallie at graydog2002@gmail.com or 570-523-7468.

Member Registration Opens 2/12/24

Registration Closes 3/11/24 – KPT closes 3/25/24

Non-Member Registration Opens 2/19/24

Late Registration (Members only) Received by 3/18/24

Classes begin Monday 4/1/24

\$20 late fee payable by cash/check

First-Time Students and/or First-Time Dog(s) Must Be Evaluated: Upon acceptance into class(es), evaluation dates, times and contact information will be provided in your confirmation email. **It is your responsibility to sign up for an evaluation.** Please contact Jane Frantz, Obedience Director, at 570-617-9720 or fritz178@comcast.net to set up an appointment. Evaluation is **not** required for puppies 2-6 months of age registering for AKC STAR Puppy Kindergarten (KPT) classes.

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PET DOG CLASSES AVAILABLE:

AKC STAR Puppy Kindergarten is for puppies 2-6 months of age. Topics such as housebreaking, biting, grooming and destructive behavior are discussed. Puppies learn to socialize with other dogs and people and are introduced to basic obedience. Puppies must attend all classes and pass the AKC STAR Puppy test at the end of the course to be eligible for enrollment in the STAR Puppy Program.

Tricks class is offered for dogs completing DDTC Beginning Basic class and/or for dogs approximately 7 months and older: This class will consist of six weeks of class, and seventh week dogs will be tested for AKC tricks novice test. This class will be a great way to for owners to bond with your furry friend while teaching your dog some basic novice tricks and the start of some intermediate tricks depending on individual progression. The student will also be shown how to fill out the proper paperwork upon succession of passing the novice testing. Dogs must have an AKC # or a PAL # in order to send paperwork to AKC. Paperwork for a PAL # can be supplied if needed.

AKC Canine Good Citizen Class is for dogs who are approximately 7 months and older: All dogs, including both purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) class. Dogs must be old enough to have received necessary immunizations such as rabies vaccines and owner needs to bring a copy of vaccinations to class. Each week the instructor will work with you on responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. Some of the skills taught will include sit politely for petting, out for a walk, sit, down, stay in place, etc. Classes Utilize Positive Reinforcement, Incorporates Good Training Skills.

Beginning Basic is offered for dogs completing DDTC KPT class and/or for dogs approximately 7 months and older. Owners are taught how to teach their dogs the basic obedience commands: SIT, DOWN, STAND, COME and HEEL. Proper dog care is also taught.

Advanced Basic is a continuation of what the dogs began to learn in Beginning Basic, so that the dog will be very solid on the fundamentals of obedience commands. Dog and handler should be able to execute heeling with a loose leash with change of pace, stand for exam with handler 6 feet away, formal sit stay for 1 minute, and down stay for 3 minutes both at 15 feet and a recall with dog coming to front to handler 15 feet away. (Dogs must complete Adv Basic before being evaluated for Agility classes.)

FUNDamental Obedience is offered for dogs approximately 7 months and older - This class is aimed at students just beginning training with their puppy and are not sure what path or paths they will ultimately want to concentrate on. The main difference is in the delivery of these skills. It is a cross-over course that will teach the fundamentals of obedience, rally and agility instruction to reinforce the teaching of the skills. Based on the student's progress, this class may have to be repeated before entry into advanced basic, rally 1, or beginner 1 agility.

COMPETITION DOG TRAINING CLASSES AVAILABLE:

Scent Class – This class allows your dog to use his most powerful sense – smell! Your dog will be taught to recognize and find birch, cypress, clove bud and anise. You will be taught to recognize your dog's cue to you that he has found the scent. The scent can be hidden in either a box or container. This can be a stepping stone for you to enter trials and earn titles in scent work.

Scent Work Skill Building – **This will be a 6-week class this session.** In this class, students will work on skills needed for success in the sport of scent work. Confidence, focus, independence, handler proofing, distractions are some skills worked on. Dogs can be competing at any level, but **MUST** be on birch and anise. Students are also expected to help with tearing down work areas.

Intro to K9 Nose Work – This is a new class introducing the new and exciting dog sport of K9 Nose Work. This is based on professional detection dog techniques and is fun for dogs of all breeds, ages and personalities. Dogs start by

searching for their favorite food or toy reward hidden in a variety of environments. It is a terrific way to allow your dog to have fun, and build confidence. Handlers will start to learn how to read their dog's body language when working scent.

Prerequisite - Dog must be comfortable in a crate while other dogs are working.

Competition Novice – This class is geared towards individuals that are interested in showing in obedience. Skills taught in beginning basic classes are incorporated into this competition novice class. Instruction is taught on use of foot work, heeling which will include changing paces (i.e., normal, slow, and fast) and generalized introduction of what is expected in novice when competing in the show ring. Skill work learned in one week will be a building block for the next week, etc. The emphasis of this class is to make learning fun for you and your dog. You will also learn to begin to prepare yourself and dog to compete at a show. Attention heeling, kick back stands, tuck sits, sphinx downs, fast recalls, solid stand for exams and making it fun for the dog & handler. Students will start work on some open & utility exercises. For competitive handlers who are close to or actively showing. Skill work can also be used for the start line stays in agility as well as heeling and other skills needed in Competition Rally.

Competition Advanced Novice (Ring Prep) – Work on all things to get good scores in novice & beyond: You will also learn how to fill out an entry form for competing and showing your dog. This class addresses individual training issues and prepares you for the ring. This class will prepare you and your dog to move up to the competition open class.

Competition Open Class – This class is available for anyone who is actively showing in Novice or has a Novice title. Your dog must be able to have the basic skills required for open, i.e., dog must be able to pick up and hold a dumbbell and have basic idea for broad jump and high jump.

Competition Utility – This class is available for anyone who is actively showing in Open or has an Open title and ready to move onto utility. Should have some knowledge of utility skills.

RALLY CLASSES AVAILABLE:

Great way to improve your handling and your dog's attention. Whether you're learning skills to apply towards Competition Rally, CGC, Tricks, Therapy – the rewards are endless.

Rally Novice (1) – Pass Beginning Basic Obedience class is required or Evaluator approval. All Novice signs and skills will be covered. Practice courses will be set-up using learned signs. Will focus on proper heeling, sits, etc. Dogs will be on lead. To move onto the next level, handler and dog must be working as a Team having fun with the skills you've learned. Handler must understand signs.

Intermediate/Advanced Rally (2) – Pass Introduction to Rally, Rally Novice Title or Evaluator approval. All Advanced signs and skills will be covered. Practice courses will be set-up using learned signs. Dog will start working off lead. Jumps will be introduced, including Bar, Broad and Panel. May need to repeat class until handler and dog are comfortable working off lead, perform all jumps and understand signs.

Excellent Rally (3) – Pass Intermediate/Advanced Rally, Rally Advance Title or Evaluator approval. All Excellent signs will be covered. Practice courses will be set-up using all learned signs with detail to improving your team performance.

Master (4) – Pass Excellent Rally, One leg in Rally Excellent or Evaluator approval. All Master signs will be covered. Practice courses will be set-up using all signs from Novice to Master. This class will be offered as a Mini Session throughout the year.

Rally Course (1) – Pass Introduction to Rally or Intermediate/Advanced Rally is required or Evaluator approval. Nested courses of Novice, Intermediate and Advanced signs will be set-up. You will be working on improving on the previously taught signs and skills with help of the Instructor. Continuation in Rally Course 1 is a great way to keep your Team in condition for Rally competition at this level.

Rally Course (2) – Pass Excellent Rally or Evaluator approval. Nested Rally courses of Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Master signs will be set-up. You will be working on improving your performance with help of the Instructor. Continuation in Rally Course 2 will keep your Team in condition for Rally competition at this level.