

Dog Training Classes at Cincinnati Canine Companion Centers

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Obedience Training - 10 Levels:

"Puppy Class"

Welcome to Cincinnati Canine Companion Centers "Puppy Class". Our trainers for this class are Mary Jo Gentile (Owner) and other experienced helpers. The Puppy Class consists of a 3 week training session.

The first week handlers and dogs are introduced to a 2 hour sit down class orientation with their dogs. The orientation gives an in depth background into dog behavior, general dog care such as feeding, house breaking, and general everyday information needed to raise a puppy along with a question and answer period for the handlers.

Afterwards, a brief training session covering the basic sit, down and come commands are taught to the handlers. Handlers are instructed in the proper training method and are given homework to perform over the next week with their dogs at home.

In the second and third week new commands and training skills are taught to give an overall balanced training session that is geared to the given ages of the puppies.

If you are interested in joining one of our upcoming Puppy Classes, please download and view our current class schedule found on our ["Scheduling Page"](#) for availability. Puppy classes are usually generated from a waiting list of interested customers. When the list is large enough to start a class you will be notified. You will need to contact Mary Crisp to ensure that you are placed upon our Puppy Class waiting list.

If you still have further questions feel free to contact us. We would be more than happy to answer any of your questions or concerns.

"Beginner Obedience"

If you have ever wondered where a person might begin, when it comes to dog training, well look no further. Starting with a Beginners Obedience Class is a good place for dogs both young and old. The old adage that, "You can't teach an old dog new a trick is just a myth!" This is where our Cincinnati Canine Companion Centers motto; **"Don't Blame 'em, - Train 'em"** comes into play!

With Owners, Mary Jo Gentile and Vince Alvarez as your Beginner Obedience Trainers, their many years of experience will give you wonderful results. With the proper training and practice your dog will soon learn the commands that you will give them.

"Intermediate Obedience"

Now that your dog has completed its Beginner Obedience Class, you may move onto the Intermediate Class. If you are new to C.C.C.C. and you have had previous dog training with your dog, after a brief analysis given by Mary Jo Gentile or Vince Alvarez, you may be allowed to join this Intermediate Class. The handlers/dogs should now be familiar with the commands needed for this Intermediate Class.

The dogs are given the same basic commands as in the Beginners Class. This class goes into more details and finely tunes already known skill commands. It emphasizes on becoming more proficient and fluid with all the commands in obedience. It also introduces jumping into the training schedule. The jumping exercises helps in further Obedience training like Open, Utility or events like Agility.

"Advanced Obedience"

Now that your dog has completed its Intermediate Obedience Class, you may move onto the Advanced Class. The handlers/dogs should now be familiar with the commands needed for this Advanced Class.

The dogs are given the same basic commands as in the Intermediate Class. This class goes into all of the already known skill commands. It emphasizes on working your dog without the use a leash. It also utilizes jumping into the training schedule. The jumping exercises helps in further Obedience training like Open, Utility or events like Agility.

This class offers the stepping stone into other areas of training. After this Advanced Training level a handler/dog would be ready to go into a "Ready to Show Class", Open, Utility, or Agility. Completing this level of Obedience with your dog should give you a level of confidence to control your dog in most situations.

"Beginner Open"

The Beginner Open Class includes heel free and figure eight, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, and retrieve over high jump, broad jump, long sit and the long down. This class focuses on the introduction to the basics of the Open class.

BEGINNER OPEN

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight
2. Drop on Recall
3. Retrieve on Flat
4. Retrieve over High Jump
5. Broad Jump
6. Long Sit
7. Long Down

"Intermediate Open"

The Intermediate Open Class includes heel free and figure eight, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, and retrieve over high jump, broad jump, long sit and the long down. This class focuses on the refining previously learned Beginner Open class skills.

INTERMEDIATE OPEN

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight
2. Drop on Recall
3. Retrieve on Flat
4. Retrieve over High Jump
5. Broad Jump
6. Long Sit
7. Long Down

"Advanced Open"

The Advance Open Class includes heel free and figure eight, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, and retrieve over high jump, broad jump, long sit and the long down. This class focuses on the refining previously learned Beginner and Intermediate Open class skills.

ADVANCED OPEN

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight
2. Drop on Recall
3. Retrieve on Flat
4. Retrieve over High Jump
5. Broad Jump
6. Long Sit
7. Long Down

More Informational Links about Open Dog Training:

1. Obedience regulations for Open - <http://www.akc.org/registration/rules/RO2999.cfm?page=5>
2. Download Official Score Sheets for Open - <http://www.akc.org/insideAKC/masterform.cfm>

"Utility I"

The Utility I Class includes scent discrimination; stand for examination, silent signal exercises, directed retrieves and jumping. This class focuses on the introduction to the basics of the Utility class.

UTILITY I

1. Signal Exercise
2. Scent Discrimination Article No. 1
3. Scent Discrimination Article No. 2
4. Directed Retrieve
5. Moving Stand and Examination
6. Directed Jumping

"Utility II"

The Utility II Class includes scent discrimination; stand for examination, silent signal exercises, directed retrieves and jumping. This class focuses on refining previously learned Utility I class skills.

UTILITY II

1. Directed Jumping
2. Moving Stand and Examination
3. Directed Retrieve
4. Scent Discrimination Article No. 1
5. Scent Discrimination Article No. 2
6. Signal Exercise

"Utility III"

The Utility III Class includes scent discrimination; stand for examination, silent signal exercises, directed retrieves and jumping. This class focuses on refining previously learned Utility I and II class skills.

UTILITY III

1. Scent Discrimination Article No. 1
2. Scent Discrimination Article No. 2
3. Directed Retrieve
4. Signal Exercise
5. Moving Stand and Examination
6. Directed Jumping

More Informational Links about Open Dog Training:

1. Obedience regulations for Utility - <http://www.akc.org/registration/rules/RO2999.cfm?page=6>
2. Download Official Score Sheets for Utility - <http://www.akc.org/insideAKC/masterform.cfm>

Agility Training - 3 Levels:

"Beginner Agility"

Agility is a great way to share a special relationship with just you and your dog. This class is an entry level agility class which introduces both Owner/Handler and their dogs to the sport of agility, its rules and to each obstacle of the agility equipment. Here are some of those obstacles: jumps, tires jumps, broad jumps, teeters, A-frames, dog walks, tunnels, chutes, and tables are just a few. The rules of agility are also explained and practiced in each class. For those Owners/Handlers who feel the need for extra individual instructions, see Vince Alvarez for the availability of private lessons.

There are a minimum number of Obedience classes that are required before taking this higher level class. Please check with Vince and Mary Jo for their evaluation of your dog and its needs. This class requires extensive work off lead so that the Owner/Handler possesses and maintain the skills necessary to have complete control of your dog at all times on and off the course. Our concern is that you do not take offense that we do require a minimum number of Obedience classes before joining any agility class. It is a safety issue not only for you and your dog but for all the other dogs that train here at C.C.C.C.

"Intermediate Agility"

The Beginner Agility class deals with the "basics" and having the Owner/Handler and their dogs familiar on how to work with all of the agility obstacles. In the Intermediate Agility class we stress working on agility "skills", such as, pulling/fainting, sending dogs to obstacles, positioning for the next obstacle, reading the best line through the agility course, confidence building for both Owner/Handler & Dogs and working on our body language between Owner/Handler and their dogs are just a few examples.

"Advanced Agility"

Now that you have the basic agility skills that the Beginner and Intermediate Agility classes provide, this class emphasizes the "finesse" of Agility. This is the final class in our Agility series here at C.C.C.C. By this time you should already have most of the necessary skills and confidence that you will need, for you and your dog, to be able to compete in local Agility Event Trials put on by A.K.C. - U.S.D.A.A. - U.K.C. - N.A.D.A.C. & A.S.C.A. Organizations in your area.

Some benefits for taking this Advanced Agility class are getting the Owner/Handler and their dogs to be able work away from each other, being quicker to read the "sweet" line through the course layouts which ultimately increases Owner/Handler/Dog speed and accuracy. This enhances that competitive "edge" that all good agility competitors need to rank in their respective trial events.

To learn more about Agility rules, other Agility Organizations and their Agility Event information see below:

- **A.K.C.** - <http://www.akc.org/dic/events/agility>
- **U.K.C.** - <http://www.ukcdogs.com>

- [U.S.D.A.A.](http://www.usdaa.com) - <http://www.usdaa.com>
- [N.A.D.A.C.](http://www.nadac.com) - <http://www.nadac.com>
- [A.S.C.A.](http://www.asca.org) - <http://www.asca.org>
- [CleanRun.Com](http://www.cleanrun.com) - <http://www.cleanrun.com>

Miscellaneous Dog Training:

"Fly Ball"

What "Fly Ball" is NOT! - (fly ball - (in baseball) is a hit that flies up in the air) or (a pop fly - (in baseball) is a short high fly ball). Fly Ball originated in England and has become a fast growing dog sport here in America since 1994. Basically, it is a relay race using a group of dogs that make up a team. The teams' race side by side down a series of low level jumps until they reach a spring loaded box that houses a tennis ball. Once the dog steps onto the box it triggers the box to eject the tennis ball where now the dog must catch the ball in its mouth and return back over the same low level jumps it had previously jumped. When the dog returns to where it started, now holding a tennis ball in its mouth, it crosses a finish line to where the next dog starts another round of jumping and fetching until each dog on the team has completed the course.

Fly Ball is a class that can be taught and enjoyed by every member of the family. In just a matter of hours, you and your dog can be having fun at Flyball. So, if you and your dog enjoy playing with a tennis ball this would be a relatively easy course to take. Vince Alvarez is the Fly Ball trainer here at C.C.C.C.

Find out more about this fast growing past time to go www.flyball.org.uk. For more local information, the North America Flyball Association (N.A.F.A.) at www.flyball.org has detailed information on the sport.

More Informational Links about Open Dog Training:

1. www.flyball.org.uk - <http://www.flyball.org.uk/>
2. www.flyball.org - <http://www.flyball.org>

"Frisbee"

This Frisbee class is for recreational and non-competitive purposes. The class teaches you how to get your dog to be able to chase and catch a tossed Frisbee. Obedience and Retrieval classes are recommended but not a requirement to enroll in this class.

Your own personal results may vary depending upon the type of dog that you may be trying to train. So, if you have always wanted to play Frisbee with your dog and have been unsuccessful in your attempts, join the next session from our schedules on Frisbee.

You must provide your own Frisbee. Suggested Frisbees are the softer and more flexible nylon versions over the hard plastic. This is safer for both the Owner/Handler/Dogs providing less of a chance for potential injury to the dogs face and mouth, plus lessens the chance of injury to others standing nearby from a stray Frisbee.

"Rally"

Rally is an obedience competition by which the dog and handler are guided by numbered signs indicating the task to be performed. These signs are laid out in the obedience ring, and indicate direction of movement and task.

Depending on the level of Rally, the dog is on or off lead. Dog and handler heel from sign to sign, and perform the exercise indicated on each sign. You can talk and gesture to the dog (clap, smack pants leg, etc.) to encourage the dog to perform the task, but you **CANNOT TOUCH THE DOG**.

It is a timed event, and although minimal points are deducted depending upon the infraction, (points are not as stringent as in Novice, Open, or Utility scoring), it can be a good sport for dogs in training stages from Intermediate/Advanced level training on up.

Examples of signs you will see in level one are halt, halt - stand, halt - down, halt - down - sit, halt - walk around, right turn, left turn, about turn right, about U-turn, 270 degree right, 270 degree left, 360 degree right, 360 degree left, slow, fast, or normal pace, calling dog to front and finishing, moving side step right, spiral right or left, figure 8, serpentine.

"Tracking"

Tracking - the handler will train the dog to follow the exact scent trail set by the handler. This Tracking Class is performed outside at a local park so we highly recommend you take a few Obedience Classes before you attempt Tracking with your dog. Obedience Classes are not a requirement, to take this Tracking Class.

Tracks are "set" by the handler, and you begin by putting treats at every step, then every other step, etc. until the dog gets the idea to follow your scent instead of the treats.

It is a five week course taught by Owner Mary Jo and is only available from Spring through the Fall seasons.

"Silly Pet Tricks"

Silly Pet Tricks is a fun class for you and your dog. You are taught the basics of the trick and how to perform it, but it is up to you to practice and perfect the trick for you and your dog.

Some examples, but not limited to these tricks only; dogs are taught weaving between your legs as you walk, teaching the dog to jump through your arms formed as a circle, or through a hula-hoop, teaching the dog to find a treat under one of three flower pots, and teaching the dog limp, crawl and/or to "play dead" after it is shot.

This is a five week course taught by Owner Vince Alvarez. For more information as to other tricks that are offered in this course, please contact us.