

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

ALL CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED. CLASSES WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

We offer a \$10 discount for multiple class entries from the same family, same address. A 10% discount is given for all returning students on the next class. We urge you to register early. If you have any questions, E-Mail mmkc_trainingclasses@yahoo.com. You will be notified of your class entry status before classes begin.

DIRECTIONS: We are located in Sanford at 24 E. Saginaw Road. Take US 10 to the M-30 exit (Sanford) Go to the light at Saginaw Road; turn left. We are the first drive on the right hand side.. You may also take Saginaw Road from Midland. We are located south of M-30 on the left hand side of the road. Just before IGA.

PUPPY CLASS

This Class is for puppies from 8 weeks to 5 months of age. Puppy must have at least 2 puppy shots. This class will be a socialization experience for your puppy and an introduction to training. This class will use operant conditioning (affection/treat training) to teach basic commands such as 'sit', 'down', 'come', and 'stay'. Food lures will be used in this class. Treats should be something your dog really loves that is cut into small pieces about 1/2" square. This is a fun class for puppy and owner to learn about each other. A must class for all new puppies and their owners.

BEGINNING OBEDIENCE

Dogs should be 5 months of age or older. Handler will be taught how to teach the dog basic obedience commands such as 'heel', 'sit', 'down', 'come', 'stand', and 'stay' - ON LEASH. This class will help you train your dog to be a good family member. Leashes should be 6' long - leather - and 1/4" to 3/4" wide. (Leashes and collars will be available at a nominal fee.) Treats may be used.

INTERMEDIATE OBEDIENCE

This class is for Beginning Obedience graduates. You will continue to sharpen your obedience skills and also learn how to control your dog off leash. This level of control produces a favorably mannered family pet and prepares you to enter the Novice obedience ring (CD title). Some class time will cover exercises to help with attention and motivation.

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE

This class is a continuation of the Intermediate Obedience class. You must have Instructor Approval. The emphasis will be a better performance between the handler and his dog. Handlers will learn how to perfect off leash control of your dog. Drop on recall and retrieving may be introduced in this class. This level of control produces a well-mannered family pet or hunting companion and further prepares you for the competitive obedience ring to complete his CD title.

OPEN & UTILITY OBEDIENCE

Instructor Approval Required for these Classes. These classes are offered for the handler that wishes to continue training his dog toward the AKC CDX and Utility titles. These classes will be kept small to allow individual attention to each team.

CONFORMATION

This class helps prepare the handler and dog for the Conformation (Breed) ring. Handlers learn how to prepare the Purebred dog for entry in the show ring for championship points. Ring procedures, basic gaiting patterns, stacking, making entries to the show, dressing for the ring, show rules, ring etiquette, and presenting the owner/handler's dog to its best advantage will be introduced.

BEGINNING AGILITY

Your dog must have successfully completed our Beginning Obedience Class and have a **solid** recall. This class will introduce you and your dog to the concepts of agility training. Control and the focus of your dog will be stressed in this class. Bring a toy and LOTS of small treats to this class. Dogs should be 8 months of age or older. All dogs should be on a flat buckle collar and a 6 ft leather leash. Positive motivation will be used. All of the agility equipment will be introduced during this class. Safety on the equipment will be stressed.

Intermediate/ Advanced Agility

This class will be a continuation of the skills learned in the previous agility class. This class will be tailored to the needs of the teams. Sequencing, obstacle discrimination, and course analysis will be introduced.

Approval of Instructor required.

Beginning Rally Obedience

Rally Obedience consists of specific exercises that are performed on a course designated by the judge. Signs specifying the exercises are laid out by the judge in a competition. The course was modeled after Rally Road Racing, although speed is not a factor in Rally Obedience. Accuracy is not as precise as formal obedience although completion of the exercises is expected and you can talk to your dog in the ring, just like agility competition. The goals of the class are to introduce beginning Rally exercises. It will include instruction on how to execute the actual rally move described at each station and how to read a course map. Come see what this new and exciting class is all about!

Your dog should have completed a Beginning Obedience class.