



Canine Life Skills Courses ***At Mount Carmel Animal Hospital***

Mount Carmel Animal Hospital is pleased to offer Canine Life Skills Courses for all ages. With multiple levels, we have a course that is right for you and your canine companion. Whether your furry friend is a new puppy, an adult addition to your family, or an old familiar friend, we can help. You CAN teach old dogs new tricks!

We believe that all dogs deserve training and a responsible owner. Basic training courses are an important component of responsible pet ownership. Training classes for your new puppy or your new adult dog teach you how to communicate with your new addition most effectively. They also provide an opportunity for your dog to socialize with other dogs and learn basic skills. Organized classes also provide an opportunity to learn about housetraining, addressing unwanted behaviors, and learning and executing basic commands in every day situations.

All courses will consist of 6 one-hour sessions. The courses are designed to teach the handler a wide range of skills needed to foster a good relationship with the dog. Our goal is to create a well-behaved canine companion and a well-socialized pet able to engage positively with other dogs. Emphasis is placed on developing trust and communication between handler and dog. We welcome an additional family member to attend training with your pet. The more members of the household who are familiar with handling techniques, the better. We welcome children to participate in training alongside an adult handler.

The goals for each training course are general. The ability for handler and dog to reach these goals can be dependent upon the maturity and distractibility of the dog. Additionally, the owner's ability and willingness to work with their dog at home is a significant factor in skill development. Each dog will be treated as an individual with his or her own unique personality. We will do our best to help each and every dog (and handler) achieve their goals!

Fall 2018 Schedule

Level 1: Puppy Life Skills \$150 (6 weeks)

For puppies 3-6 months of age

- Learn basic heeling and control commands such as sit, stay, come.
- Mondays 3:00 – 4:00 PM with Kathy. START DATES September 24, November 5
- Tuesdays 12:30 – 1:30 PM with Kathy. START DATES October 2
- Fridays 5:30 – 6:30 PM with Chris. START DATES September 28, November 9

Level 2: Beginner Life Skills \$150 (6 weeks)

For puppies 6-12 months of age

- Continue to learn skills introduced in Level 1, introduce off-leash training and dealing with distractions such as unfamiliar dogs, situations, and noises. Dog and handler learn increased focus and control.
- Mondays 1:30 – 2:30 PM with Kathy START DATES: September 24, November 5
- Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM with Chris. START DATES October 9, November 20
- Wednesdays 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon with Kathy. START DATES September 26, November 7
- Saturdays 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. START DATES with Chris September 29. START DATES with Kathy November 10

Level 3: Novice Life Skills \$150 (6 weeks)

For dogs ages 1 year and older.

- Develop mastery of control commands, enabling confidence in off-leash situations and from a distance.
- Mondays 6:45 – 7:45 PM with Chris. START DATES August 27, October 15, November 26
- Thursdays 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon with Kathy. START DATES September 13, October 25
- Saturdays 1:00PM – 2:00 PM with Kathy. START DATE: November 10

Advanced Life Skills \$150 (6 weeks) For dogs who have completed Level 3 looking for advanced training

- Graduate school for dogs! Focus on refining and mastering the skills needed for AKC Canine Good Citizen and Novice titles. Continue with off-leash training.
- Tuesdays 6:45 – 7:45 PM with Chris. START DATES October 9, November 20

Adult Beginner Life Skills \$150 (6 weeks) For adult dogs with little or no previous training

- This is the ideal class for adult dogs who were recently adopted or who did not receive training as puppies. All handler skill levels welcome – owners who have trained other dogs and owners who have never been pet parents before.
- Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM START DATES with Kathy September 26.
- Fridays 12:00 – 1:00 PM with Kathy START DATES September 21
- Saturdays 10:15 – 11:15 AM. START DATES with Chris Sept 29. START DATES with Kathy November 10.

Rally Obedience! \$150 (6 weeks) For dogs who know the basics and are ready for fun!

- You and your dog are a team that follows a course laid out with signs for different obedience commands. Rally helps build confidence by discouraging corrections and encouraging positive direction. Perfection not required, but dogs do need to understand basic commands including Come, Heel, Sit, Down, and Stay.
- Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM START DATES with Chris November 7.
- Saturdays 1:00 – 2:00 PM with Chris START DATES: September 29

Individual Training Sessions \$50 per one-hour session For dogs of all ages

- Work one-on-one with one of our experienced trainers regarding your dog's specific needs
- This is a great option for handlers with very specific and unique concerns or goals

Puppy Open House \$25* For puppies aged 3 – 12 months and under 60 lbs

- New puppies and puppy parents are invited to our monthly Open House.
 - Saturday September 8 10:00 – 11:00 AM
 - Monday October 15 5:30 – 6:30 PM
 - November & December Date TBD
- **Limit 10 puppies per session. Call ahead or email Receptionist@MCAHonline.com to reserve your spot.**
- Meet our training staff and learn about Life Skills training at MCAH.
- Q&A with our trainers and technicians. Get answers to your questions on housetraining, common puppy behavior concerns such as biting, chewing, separation anxiety, MCAH preventative care recommendations, and much more.
- * Receive a \$15 credit towards the purchase of Life Skills training course.

All prices per student. Additional handlers are welcome. Children are welcome to participate alongside an adult handler.

Health Condition – participants in ALL programs must provide proof of the following:

- Vaccinations: Rabies (by age 4 months), DHPP or DHLPP (Canine Distemper), Bordetella (Kennel Cough)
- Fecal testing with negative results (free of parasites) within last 12 months

Materials Needed:

- Collar – American Choke or Martingale preferred. Buckle collars acceptable. Shock collars not permitted.
- Soft lead, 4-6 feet long. Retractable leashes not suitable for class.
- For practice at home, a small, non-slip rug or yoga mat and treats easy to break into smaller pieces.
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude!

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