



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, unwanted chewing, 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!

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 Jan 29, Mar 19, May 7
- Tuesdays 12:30 – 1:30 PM with Kathy. START DATES Feb 27, April 10, May 22
- Fridays 5:30 – 6:30 PM with Chris. START DATES Feb 16, Mar 30, May 11

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.
- Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM with Chris. START DATES Feb 27, April 10, May 22
- Wednesdays 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon with Kathy. START DATES Jan 31, March 21, May 9
- Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 with Chris. START DATES Feb 15, March 29, May 10
- Saturdays 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. START DATES with Chris March 31, June 23. START DATES with Kathy May 12, August 4

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 Feb 26, April 9, May 21
- Thursdays 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon with Kathy. START DATES Feb 1, March 22, May 10
- Saturdays 10:15 – 11:15 AM. START DATES with Chris March 31, June 23. START DATES with Kathy May 12, August 4

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

NEW - 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 Feb 27, April 10, May 22
- Wednesdays 12:30 – 1:30 PM with Kathy. START DATES March 21, May 9

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

- This is the ideal class for adult dogs recently adopted, and adult dogs who did not receive training as puppies. All handler skill levels welcome – from owners who have been through training with other dogs to owners who have never been pet parents or trained a dog before.
- Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM START DATES with Kathy March 21, June 20. START DATES with Chris May 9
- Fridays 12:00 – 1:00 PM START DATES with Kathy March 30, June 22. START DATES with Chris May 11
- Saturdays 1:00 – 2:00 PM. START DATES with Chris March 31, June 23. START DATES with Kathy May 12, August 4

NEW – Puppy Club \$40 for 4 one-hour sessions For puppies aged 3 to 9 months – BEGINS March 2019

- Remember recess? This is recess for puppies! Open play and socialization time for puppies aged 3 to 9 months. Non-instructional, monitored by our training staff. This is an opportunity for puppies to get some exercise, burn up some energy, socialize with other puppies, and practice what they have been learning in class.
- Pass is good for 4 sessions of your choice – **call ahead or email Receptionist@MCAHonline.com to reserve your spot. Limit 8 puppies per session.**
- Mondays 10:30 – 11:30 AM with Kathy and 5:30 – 6:30 PM with Chris
- Tuesdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM with Chris
- Thursdays 12:30 – 1:30 PM with Kathy

NEW – 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. Dates vary, call for details. **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 (younger than 4 months, please discuss with an MCAH team member), DHPP or DHLPP (Canine Distemper), Bordetella (Kennel Cough)
- Fecal testing with negative results (free of parasites) within last 6 months for puppies under 1 year old, and within last 12 months for adult dogs over 1 year old

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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