

Class Descriptions – Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc

FCDTC Offers Obedience training classes designed to help you train your dog and achieve your personal training goals. Qualified Club members teach all classes on a volunteer basis, and can assist you on a training plan designed with your goals in mind. Class Fees are \$70.00 for all obedience classes, which run for 60 minutes for 8 consecutive weeks unless noted otherwise.

Basic Class Descriptions

STAR PUPPY PROGRAM – For puppies 3-6 months old. Gentle puppy training teaches essential social skills such as sit, stay, down, come when called, and controlled walking. The Star Puppy program is designed by the AKC to teach basic Canine Good Citizen skills for puppies of this age. Other activities include tunnels, small jumps, and other obstacles for puppies to master. This class is an advantage for anyone going into beginners.

MY NEW DOG CLASS – This class is a 1-hour weekly class that runs for 8 weeks. The class is designed to assist owners in training their dogs to have the basic manners and socialization needed to become a good family pet. The class includes the basics of sit, down, walk nicely on leash, and a number of other useful exercises that can be incorporated to your daily life as a dog owner. This class is ideal for dogs over the age of 6 months as a stand-alone class or a lead into beginners.

BEGINNERS – For dogs 6 months and older. Handlers and dogs learn together basic training and proper methods for correcting unwanted behavior. Exercises taught are proper heel position, automatic sits, sit/stay, down/stay, come when called, attention skills, and more. All exercises in this class are done on lead.

INTERMEDIATE/CGC – This class is the next step after Beginners. It will polish skills you and your dog have learned. There will be more social skills taught which will lead to AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen) certification the last week of class.

ADVANCED – This class is for handler/dog teams to build on skills acquired from previous classes. The goal is to develop an attentive dog that responds correctly to the handler's commands

K9 KIDZ – This class is for 8-12 year old children. It is a 4-week session that covers basic obedience skills and responsible dog ownership. This class is good for beginning handlers or as additional instruction for 4Her's. A parent or guardian must be present for all lessons. Cost of the 4-week session is \$35.00.

RALLY TO OBEDIENCE - This class is designed for students who have had at least one regular Obedience class and want to improve their skills. The class will utilize exercises found in Rally Obedience; the student will learn and perfect all the basic obedience skills and more. This class will prepare the student for the new AKC Beginning Novice Class. Have fun and bond with your dog.

**** Payment by Cash or Checks Only****

Registration is held on the Tuesday between sessions from 10-11 am **and** 6-7 pm at the training facility (a late registration opportunity is available from 6-7 pm on the following Thursday)

See the Registration Schedule for exact dates

All Dogs must have proof of shots (Rabies/Parvo/Distemper)

Puppies & Beginners MUST have proof of negative stool check within the past 30 days of date of registration.

No guard / protection trained / attack trained dogs are allowed in classes.

Class entry is on a "first come-first served" basis. Size of all classes is limited.

Scheduled classes are subject to change/cancellation depending upon enrollment

All classes are conducted at our Training Facility – 6203 Material Ave., #8 Loves Park
(Located between Riverside Blvd. & Windsor Rd.)

For more information – Contact our Information Line at 815-633-2350 between 9 am and 9 pm or visit our **Website at www.forestcitydog.com**

Advanced and Competitive Classes

RALLY NOVICE (Beginning) A 1-hour class for 8 weeks. In this class dog and handler will begin to learn working as a team as they practice footwork and advanced heeling skills while maneuvering through a Novice Rally course. All work at this level is done on lead. Intermediate level obedience class must be successfully completed before entering this class.

RALLY ADVANCED (Excellent/Mix) A 1-hour class for 8 weeks. Dog and handler will continue to expand their skills in preparation for competing in Rally. Beginning Rally must have been successfully completed before entering this class.

ULTIMATE RALLY – (1-hour class for 8 weeks) This class is designed to challenge the student who is already accomplished at the Rally Advanced level. The curriculum includes exercises from multiple venues incorporated with the Rally format to give you and your dog a well rounded experience. The Ultimate Rally class handler must have earned at least an RE title or equivalent in any Rally Venue with any dog.

NOVICE – (1-hour class for 8 weeks) This class is for the owner who wants a very well behaved pet, or has interest in showing in obedience trials. You'll learn how to proof your dog for a steady performance, proper ring etiquette, how to fill out a dog show entry, and how to sharpen your dog's skills. Dogs will also be introduced to off lead heeling. Advanced must be completed before entering this class. Dog/handler teams that have perfected the skills taught in Novice class should be able to enter the "Novice Class" at obedience trials and earn the AKC CD (Companion Dog) title.

OPEN (1-hour class for 8 weeks) This class is for those working towards their CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) title. Teams in this class work at various levels, from starting out to already competing. You'll learn how to teach your dog the exercises for "Open Class" competition, including: retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, drop on recall, broad jump, and more. Plus you'll learn proper ring etiquette, positioning techniques, and tips from experienced handlers.

UTILITY (1-hour class for 8 weeks) This class is for those working towards their UD (Utility Dog) title. Teams in this class work at various levels. You'll learn how to teach your dog the exercises required for "Utility Class" competition; signal exercises (hand signals), scent articles, directed retrieve (gloves), moving stand, and directed jumping.

CONFORMATION – The handlers/dogs are learning to show in breed or conformation events towards a Championship title. All skills associated with the show ring are emphasized; **HANDLING** to polish to perfection the presentation of conformation and junior handler dogs.

FUN WITH AGILITY – (1-hour class for 8 weeks) This is a non-competitive class for those who want to gain a solid base in the sport while having fun. A good foundation of obedience skills such as solid sits, down, and come are required for this class. This class is on a "first come first-served basis" Class size is limited. \$85.00

BEGINNER AGILITY - \$85.00 (45 minute class) This class focuses on the foundational skills for **competitive agility** trials. There is an introduction to obstacles as well as the shaping of correct performance and handling. Dogs must have completed Advanced Obedience classes and require instructor pass cards.

INTERMEDIATE/ COMPETITIVE AGILITY - \$85.00 These classes build the necessary skills for **competitive agility**. Focus on obstacle performance, distance work, and advanced handling techniques.

All competitive agility classes are currently filled, to reserve a spot on the wait list e-mail
renee@workingboxer.com