

## Class Descriptions – Forest City Dog Training Club, Inc

FCDDTC 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 \$85.00 for all obedience classes, which run 60 minutes for 6 weeks unless noted otherwise.

### Basic Class Descriptions

**STAR PUPPY PROGRAM** – For puppies 2-6 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.

**INTRO TO OBEDIENCE** - For dogs 6 months and older who have had no previous formal instruction. 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 Beginning Obedience.

**BEGINNING OBEDIENCE** – For dogs 6 months and older who have had previous formal instruction. 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** – 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 an AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen) exam for certification the last week of class.

**ADVANCED/ CGCA** – 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. CGCA requires a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) award or title on record at AKC. Dogs must also have an AKC number of one of 3 types (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). All dogs, including mixed breeds, can get an AKC number. AKC CGCA (Community Canine) exam for certification will be available upon successful completion of the class.

**THERAPY DOG** – Designed to teach the basic criteria needed to enable you and your dog to pass a Therapy Dog exam. Therapy Dog exams are available through several sources and passage of such an exam is required for you and your dog to participate as a Therapy Dog team. Prerequisite: Completion of Intermediate level class.

**TRICKS MIX** – Want to do something fun, impress your friends, build a bond with your dog? Try our Tricks Mix class. Everything we teach our dogs is basically a trick to them so why not build their confidence and yours by teaching them some “tricks” that are just for fun. During this class you will learn some basic tricks and add others you choose. Completion of Intermediate CGC is a prerequisite for this class.

**\*\* Payment by Cash, Check, Debit or Credit Card is accepted for On Site Registration \*\***

**On Site 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

Limited Online Registration also Available on our Website at [www.forestcitydog.com](http://www.forestcitydog.com)

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](http://www.forestcitydog.com)**

## Advanced and Competitive Classes

**RALLY NOVICE** (Beginning) - 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 MIXED** - Dog and handler will continue to build on their skills in preparation for competing in Rally Trials. Beginning (Novice) Rally must have been successfully completed before entering this class.

**RALLY ADVANCED/ EXCELLENT** - Dog and handler will expand their skills to a higher level in preparation for competing in Rally. Beginning (Novice) Rally must have been successfully completed before entering this class.

**NOVICE** – For the dog 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

**PRE- OPEN** – This class is for the student that has completed Novice level (CD) and is not yet proficient in their Open (CDX) skills. You and your dog will learn all the exercises necessary to compete at the CDX level, including: retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump; drop on recall, broad jump, and more.

**OPEN** - This class is for those working towards their CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) title. Teams in this class work at various levels from novice to experienced at competing. Plus you'll learn proper ring etiquette, positioning techniques, and tips from experienced handlers.

**UTILITY** - 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.

**NITTY GRITTY** – This class is designed to teach the basics of Open and Utility for those working toward their CDX and/ or UD titles on a more beginning and basic level. The class will cover exercises needed for both Open and/or Utility depending on the needs of the students enrolled.

**AGILITY** – Agility classes are offered at a number of levels from Agility Foundations to Excellent competitive classes. Contact Gayle Dixon for further information regarding these fun and exciting classes. Class Fees \$95.00