

Clinton County Canine Club Spring 2018 Class Schedule

All classes will be held in the North Country Squares Building at the Clinton County Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted below.

Member Registration Dates: March 9th (beginning at 10:00pm) - March 12th

Non-Member Registration Dates: March 13th to March 19th

*** Registrations will not be accepted prior to the above dates ***

Register online by clicking the link below for the desired class. After submitting the registration form you will receive an email confirmation with additional instructions for completing your registration.

If the class is currently full you will be prompted to complete information to be placed on our waiting list.

*** Registrations are not completed until payment is received. ***

All registration paperwork and payments must be received within 10 days of registering for a class.

Please note that class sizes are limited and it is thus important that your payment and paperwork be received by the deadline, or, in the event that there is a waiting list for the class, your spot will be given away.

Class Fees: \$35 for Clinton County Canine Club Members / \$75 for Non-Members

Questions?

Contact the Registrar by email at CCCCRegistrar@gmail.com (preferred method) or call (518) 569-1144.

Basic Beginner Obedience / Family Pet Dog Manners

Mondays, beginning April 9th, from 5:30 to 6:30, 9 Sessions

Family Pet Dog Manners & Basic Obedience. For adult and adolescent dogs aged 12 months or more.

Auditors are welcome and even encouraged to watch these classes at no charge, although without dogs.

Please note: The first scheduled class is an orientation for dog handlers only. Dogs DO NOT attend the first class.

These classes might possibly be filmed for educational purposes.

Class size is limited to 8

Instructor(s): Daniel Meunier

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/0JvZY55LYv4T0nf12>

Intermediate Obedience / Family Pet Dog Level 2: Connection Courses

Mondays, beginning April 9th, from 6:40 to 7:35, 8 Sessions

Pre-Requisites: Basic Obedience/Family Pet Dog Manners or Puppy Class with your instructor's recommendation

A fun intermediate level class intended to sharpen and further the skills acquired in basic obedience.

This class will make use of training games and fun real-life inspired (sometimes silly) rally-type "connection" signs to encourage handlers to learn to split their focus and work through unexpected situations.

Class size is limited to 6

Instructor(s): Daniel Meunier

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/5TO12I7UdRbnYNs2>

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Adolescent Beginners with Introduction to CGC

Mondays, beginning April 23rd, from 7:40 to 8:25, 8 Sessions

Having a difficult time communicating with your teenage dog? Adolescent Beginner is the place for you! This class is also suitable for dogs just completing the AKC STAR Puppy Class. The objectives of this class are similar to the Basic Beginner class, but are geared to the adolescent dog. Skills focused on include canine life skills such as polite greetings, walking on leash, coming when called, and taking treats gently. All dogs will have the option of taking the AKC Canine Good Citizen test to earn a title at the end of classes. Dogs under 12 months of age at the beginning of classes will also have the option of taking the AKC STAR Puppy test at the end of classes. Dogs must be between the ages of 6 months and 18 months to register for this class. To learn more about the AKC Canine Good Citizen and STAR Puppy programs, follow this link: <http://www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/> (scroll down for STAR Puppy details)

Important Note: The first scheduled class on April 23 is an orientation for handlers only. Dogs DO NOT attend the first class.

Class size is limited to 8

Instructor(s): Deb Kreider

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/bRF2227IjfOxFAB02>

Introduction to AKC Canine Scent Work

Mondays, beginning April 23rd, from 8:30 to 9:15, 8 Sessions

Join us to explore the exciting new sport of Canine Scent Work! This class will focus on the AKC Novice level for Container and Indoor searches. We will use designated odors as you learn to listen to your dog tell you where to find the odor source. All work will be done on leash. Please bring treats and other reinforcers to class. Practice during the week will be necessary.

To learn more about Scent Work, follow this link: <http://www.akc.org/events/scent-work/>

Pre-requisites: none, however, dogs in class must be able to hang out calmly while other dogs in class work their courses, therefore, no reactive or dog/human aggressive dogs in class.

Class size is limited to 6

Instructor(s): Deb Kreider

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/OS9LqWKQ3QYZ8MAv1>

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Agility 101

Tuesdays, April 10th & 17th from 5:30 to 6:30, 2 Indoor Sessions

Saturdays, beginning April 24th, outside at the LaPier field in Chazy, weather permitting, 6 Outdoor Sessions

Are you fairly new to the sport of canine agility? Are you thinking about competing in a local agility trial with your dog? Agility 101 is a class that will teach you rules and strategies of all the agility games, terminology, the different agility sanctioning organizations, levels/titles and important trial need-to-knows (finding a trial, registering with a sanctioning organization and filling out a trial premium). The class will teach you trial etiquette, what to bring to a trial, familiarize you with volunteer jobs at trials and prepare you to run your first course with your agility partner!

There will be **no** dogs at the first two classes which will be held at the Squares' building. After that, we will move out-of-doors to the LaPier field and weather permitting, continue for another six weeks. Outside we will familiarize you with different types of courses each week (standard, jackpot, snooker, wildcard, colors, jumpers & full house) which you will study, walk and run.

Class size is limited to 8

Instructor(s): Roxanne Vincent & Linda LaPier

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/oDro1d6bgFnycAov1>

Super Seniors

Tuesdays, beginning April 24th, from 5:30 to 6:30, 8 Sessions

Would you like to help your dog enjoy life as a Super Senior? If your dog is 6 years old or older and comfortable in the presence of other well-mannered dogs, then this class might be for you! Classes will include opportunities to enhance your dog's quality of life through fun and fitness. Planned topics include exercises to maintain flexibility and strength, massage and energy work, nutrition, and steps you can take now to maximize your dog's enjoyment of life's daily adventures.

This class will be limited to six dogs and their handlers. The dogs must be able to work and relax quietly in the presence of other dogs and people. All dogs must know basic behaviors such as sit, down, wait/stay, coming when called, and loose leash walking. This class lasts eight weeks. Dogs are welcome to attend all eight classes.

Instructor(s): Wendy & John Annette

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/Wmr3UQCWynjLRMK72>

Therapy Dog

Tuesdays, beginning April 10th, from 6:35 to 7:35, 8 Sessions

The Therapy Dog Class is designed to introduce the skills necessary for Therapy Dog evaluation that will be offered at the end of the classes. The class will focus on teams being greeted by strangers, working and moving together with distractions, door manners, getting accustomed to crowds, refusing water and food at the handler's command and being comfortable around medical equipment.

Prerequisites: Well-socialized dogs, **must have mastered** the skills taught in an advanced obedience class (loose-leash walking, sit/stay, down/stay, coming when called). Dogs must also be comfortable when their handlers are out of sight.

Class size is limited to 8

Instructor(s): Rodney LaPier & Wendy Annette

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/PQWqvxU7YSwHV9N43>

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Foundations of Agility

Tuesdays, beginning April 10th, from 7:45 to 8:30, 8 Sessions

A beginner agility course in handling on the flat with attention to skills needed before introducing obstacles. This class is a necessity for handlers wishing to enroll in summer or fall agility classes.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Basic Beginner Class, Puppy Class or permission of instructor.

Class size is limited to 8

Instructor(s): Carolyn Wilson & Mickey Schmidt

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/FtFZGsVV21rpoVsb2>

AKC STAR Puppy

Wednesdays, beginning April 11th, from 5:30 to 6:30, 10 Sessions

Puppy kindergarten offers positive techniques for teaching your puppy to sit, down, stand, target, come when called, walk politely on a loose leash, and more. The class provides puppies with the opportunity to get their paws on unfamiliar surfaces and check out interesting household items such as children's toys and medical equipment (crutches, walker, wheelchair). Training is done on-leash with food rewards. Puppies must be less than six months old on their first day of class. Class is limited to ten puppies and their adult handlers. Family members and friends are welcome to attend if they can sit quietly and not interact with the puppies for the entire one-hour class. The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy evaluation will be offered during the last class. Information about the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program is available at www.akc.org.

NOTE: The first class is an orientation for people only. Puppies do NOT attend the first class.

Class size is limited to 10

Instructor(s): Wendy & John Annette

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/T3F7ftjz4fBg9CUp2>

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Beyond the Backyard

Wednesdays, beginning April 11th, from 6:40 to 7:40, 10 Sessions

Can your dog sit, down, come when called, wait/stay, and walk politely on a loose leash in your home and yard? Would you like your dog to be able to do these behaviors in other places and around real-life distractions like food on the floor, unfamiliar people, and other dogs? Will you commit to do some homework and train your dog for about 10 minutes a day? Then this new class might be for you!

Participants must:

--purchase and read Denise Fenzi's book "Beyond the Back Yard: Train Your Dog to Listen Anytime, Anywhere!"

--practice assigned exercises with their dog for about 10 minutes each day

Participants' dogs **MUST**:

--know how to sit, down, come when called, wait/stay, and walk politely on leash in a quiet environment

--work for food rewards

--be free of food allergies

--work wearing a buckle collar or non-restrictive harness (no training harnesses or head halters)

--NOT have resource guarding behaviors around unfamiliar people and dogs

--NOT have antisocial or fearful behaviors around unfamiliar people and dogs

Class size will be limited to six mature puppies and/or adult dogs and their primary handlers. Adult family members and friends are also welcome and may be asked to participate. This class is not appropriate for children. This class lasts ten weeks. Dogs are welcome to attend all ten classes.

Instructor(s): Wendy & John Annette

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/flcxoCXl4nD4yPVC2>

Rally Novice

Wednesdays, beginning April 18th, from 7:45 to 8:40, 8 Sessions

Rally is a competition sport that requires teamwork between the dog and handler along with performance skills similar to obedience. The Rally Novice class, which is the beginning level of Rally, is worked completely on leash and will introduce teams to the basic rally signs and skills.

Prerequisite: Puppy, Adolescent or Basic class.

Class size is limited to 7

Instructor(s): Kate Eldredge

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/C4xZR9KtL7PSECqi1>

Open Floor Time for Competition Obedience

Wednesdays, beginning April 18th, from 8:40 to 9:15, 8 Sessions

Do you need to work on your competition skills (heeling, stays, long sits and downs, rally exercises, retrieving, etc.)? If so, you may want to attend this period of time for working with the distractions of other dog/handler teams.

This class is only to practice obedience skills; there will be no instructor(s) although there will be handlers knowledgeable in the higher levels skills that will not mind giving advice and/or answer questions.

Instructor(s): Self Led

Link to Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/o2G2k5KDgK65sSiy1>

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Clinton County Canine Club General Training Rules

1. Dogs will be kept on leash at all times, unless otherwise told by your instructor.
2. Each handler is responsible for his dog's conduct in class. For safe training conditions please maintain a 4-6' distance between dogs. Your instructor will provide guidance for maintaining appropriate and safe behavior during class.
3. Only equipment acceptable to the instructor will be used in class.
4. Have your dog relieve himself away from the building. Bring a plastic bag to clean up any droppings. You will have to take it home with you, as there are no dumpsters on the grounds. If your dog relieves himself during training, someone will hold your dog while you clean up.
5. Classes start promptly. Please be on time. If you are early, wait outside until the previous class has left the building. Leave promptly when your class is over to avoid congestion at the door. If you wish to talk to your instructor or a friend, be considerate of the class that is in session.
6. If you need to miss a class please notify your instructor.
7. Bitches in season will not be allowed to attend classes without the permission of the instructor. The handler should attend and practice at home.
8. Do not train a sick dog. Leave him at home but come yourself.
9. Handlers are expected to pay attention to class work even if they are not actively involved so they will know what to do when it is their turn. If you do not understand something, please ask questions. We do not want you to practice an exercise wrong for a whole week.
10. Members of your family or friends are welcome to observe class. Children must be supervised.
11. The student, family members or dog's caregiver must handle the dog in all classes. All handlers should practice at home. In fairness to the dog, and the other participants, the primary handler should make an effort to attend most classes whether handling the dog or observing.
12. Practice 20-30 minutes daily at home. This can be broken into two or three sessions. Incorporate the exercises into your daily life.
13. The instructor reserves the right to dismiss any dog or handler from class for any legitimate reason.
14. Wear comfortable clothing. Rubber soled, flat shoes are recommended.
15. There is no smoking in the building.