

## **Obedience Class Descriptions and Prerequisites**

### **LEVEL ONE OBEDIENCE PUPPY**

**Entry Requirements:** less than 6 months at the time of registration, 2nd set of shots complete.

**Exit Criteria:** confident around people and dogs, follows basic commands of sit, down and come, stay in place for 30 sec with handler, walk showing leash respect

**DESCRIPTION:** Puppies will be introduced to many socialization experiences with people and other puppies and will learn basic obedience commands that will allow the handlers to manage their puppy or move into any dog sport. Puppies will work to develop good leash respect while out walking.

### **LEVEL ONE HOUSEHOLD OBEDIENCE**

**Entry Requirements:** Any dog or puppy older than 6 months

**Exit Criteria:** The handler will learn techniques to teach their dogs the basic obedience commands, making them a better companion dog or having the basic skills to go on into agility or formal obedience.

**DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to teaching handlers how to train their dog to walk politely on lead, to sit on command, to down on command, to stay in position for a minimum of 30 seconds, and to come when called. Included are activities that are fun for both the dog and the handler

### **LEVEL TWO OBEDIENCE**

**Entry Requirements:** Successful completion of Level 1 Puppy Obedience or Level One Household Obedience

**Exit Criteria:** Dogs will demonstrate basic obedience skills reliably with distractions.

**DESCRIPTION:** This course will teach the handler the skills to train their dogs to be reliable in distracting situations. By building increased confidence, the dog will become more reliable and accept increased time and distance from the handler. Introduction to jumping, retrieving and off-leash control are introduced at this level. This course provides the basic skills to move into obedience or rally competitive classes.

### **LEVEL 3 OBEDIENCE – ATTENTIVE HEELING.**

**Entry Requirements: Minimum completion of Level One Puppy Obedience or Level One Household Obedience class**

**Exit Criteria: Dogs will walk politely at your side, turn without getting in your way, sit at your side when you stop walking**

**DESCRIPTION:** Designed for both formal obedience training or for training the family pet. Attentive heeling uses fun and interactive methods to teach your dog to choose to walk at your side. Positive reinforcement methods assist your dog to walk with you and attend to body cues so your dog can anticipate your movements.

### **LEVEL 4 OBEDIENCE**

**Entry Requirements:** Dogs have completed Level 2 Obedience and Attentive Heeling.

**Exit Criteria:** Dogs will demonstrate the basic skills for competitive obedience at the Novice level and will be introduced to skills for open and utility.

**DESCRIPTION:** This course will expand competency in basic obedience skills