

## **CNCC 2017 Fall Class Schedule:**

**Head Start Puppy Training** class provides the foundation for accelerated learning throughout your dog's life. This Head Start Puppy class will help you and your family to communicate, manage and enrich your relationship with your chosen companion dog. It's also the perfect time to help shy dogs become more confident and help bold or bossy puppies begin to develop impulse control in a structured and safe environment. Head Start puppies grow up to be treasured family members.

Each family will learn to manage puppy chewing, direct potty training to the appropriate place, keep puppy safe and build strong communication skills and a consistent routine. Well mannered children are welcome in our classes. Structured time with kids and teaching kids appropriate play with puppies is a hallmark of a good puppy training class. Puppies are required to have a clean bill of health from their Veterinarian and at least two sets of initial vaccinations.

Families who attend all six classes will have an opportunity to test for the American Kennel Club Puppy S.T.A.R. award. (Socialization - Training - Activity and Responsibility.) Your instructor's will administer the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test at the end of the course. Upon passing the test, you'll get an application to send to AKC® for enrollment in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program. All dogs up to one year of age are welcome to participate in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program including purebreds and mixed breeds. **Head Start Puppy Training class begins on August 29<sup>th</sup> and runs through October 10<sup>th</sup>. Class time is from 6 pm to 7:30 pm (If we have enough interest in a daytime puppy class 2 pm to 3:30 we will start that class on August 28<sup>th</sup>).**

**Family Dog Training** class is for dogs of all ages. This six-week program will address common training and behavior challenges. Current vaccinations records are required.

The skills taught in Family Dog class will cover every day manners such as "sit" and "settle down" as well as loose leash walking and coming when called and the appropriate way to greet humans; four feet on the floor. An introduction to teaching tricks and navigating an obstacle course will add to the fun of family dog class.

*Dogs with serious reactivity issues will not be allowed in family dog class. These dogs need special screening and training prior to attending a group class. Please call one of the instructors if you have questions or concerns.*

**Family Dog Class begins on October 17<sup>th</sup> through November 28<sup>th</sup>. Tuesdays 6 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Canine Life and Social Skills (C.L.A.S.S.)** is an advanced self study and testing program developed by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT). This three-level program requires students to enroll online, download the student manual and take a Training/Behavior test (online) prior to testing. The introductory level is called the BA, followed by the MA and the PhD. These tests provide additional training skills for both dog and handler. The Canine Life and Social Skills program was developed to provide better skills for interactions between dogs and humans in social settings.

**C.L.A.S.S. schedule TBD**

**Beginning/Continuing Nose Work** – this class is for the student who has participated in an Introduction to Nose Work seminar. The 4 elements of Canine Scent work searches are Container, Interiors, Exteriors and Vehicles. The Beginning Nose work class will learn the basics of scent detection teamwork and prepare for level 2 class – Introduction to Odor. This class will move teams to the specific odors used in Odor Recognition Testing (ORT) which is a pre-requisite to teams entering nose work trials. The beginning nose work class will be the framework for a lifetime of playing nose work games at home or entering the competition scene. **Beginning Nose Work class starts September 16 through December 16<sup>th</sup>. Saturdays 11 am to 2 pm. Every other Saturday.**

**Advanced Nose Work** – this is a continuing class focusing on advanced skills and observational learning. Students are screened to evaluate skill level and commitment to participate in this advanced skill building class. **Advanced Nose Work class begins September 28<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>. Every other Thursday.**

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