



ITHACA DOG TRAINING CLUB OBEDIENCE CLASSES Beginners and Puppy Beginners

The Ithaca Dog Training Club offers obedience training at all levels, from the Beginners class, which teaches basic skills that any well-behaved dog should know, through advanced courses aimed at competition in formal obedience trials. Any dog 6 months of age or older can enter the Beginners class and profit from it. For puppies under 6 months, there is the Puppy Beginners class (also called KPT, for Kindergarten Puppy Training), which uses methods specifically geared to the young dog to begin both everyday and more formal obedience training. Note: there is a minimum age of 12 years for people training dogs in IDTC classes.

Classes meet for one evening hour a week, generally on Wednesdays, at the Cornell Livestock Pavilion on Judd Falls Rd. There are 6 classes in a session, plus a graduation meeting.

The fee of \$85, which must be paid in advance, covers the 7-week course as well as a training collar. To apply for a spot in the next session, which begins _____, fill out the application below, as well as the survey on the next page, and mail them along with the fee and a copy of your dog's vaccination records, to:

Ms. Marian Szebenyi, Registrar
176 Jackson Hollow Rd.
Newfield, NY 14867

Make checks payable to the Ithaca Dog Training Club. Enrollment is limited, and classes usually fill up about 2 weeks before the start date. Apply early to be sure of getting a place!

If the classes are filled when your application is received, your money will be refunded immediately. If space is available, no immediate acknowledgment will be made, but you may expect to receive your class assignment about one week before classes start. For more information on the classes, contact Marian Szebenyi at (607) 564-7230 (evenings) or by e-mail at dms35@cornell.edu.

A training collar is included with the course and will be fitted at the first class. You will also need a 6-foot leather or fabric web leash (not a chain leash). Leather leashes will be on sale at the first class. Other training tools will be discussed on the first night.

Important note: All dogs at the classes must have current vaccinations (**DA2PP**), and those over 4 months old must have been vaccinated for rabies. **Submit a copy of your dog's immunization records with this application.** For puppies under 5 months, **bring the most recent immunization records to the first class.** Dogs that are not immunized may not participate in class.

BEGINNERS/PUPPY CLASS APPLICATION

Name _____ Dog's name _____ Sex ____
Address _____ Birthdate _____ Neutered/spayed? ____

Breed _____
Telephone _____ Height at shoulder _____ Weight _____
E-mail _____ Any special problems? _____
(Give details on back)
Class (check one): Beginners ____ Puppy ____

Please be sure to fill out the Pre-Course Survey and return it with the application.

ITHACA DOG TRAINING CLUB
BEGINNERS Pre-Course Participant Survey

HANDLER-TRAINER INFORMATION

Your name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Have you had prior dog training experience? Yes No

If Yes, describe: _____

What are your training goals for this dog?

What might prevent you from training or exercising your dog?
vigorously/regularly?

Any specific behavioral problems you want to correct?

Any other reasons you have enrolled in this class?

Do you own a dog crate? Yes No

My dog's primary caretaker is: Me Other

If Other, who? _____

DOG INFORMATION

Dog's name: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____

How long have you owned this dog? _____

Age when acquired? _____

How acquired? _____

Is dog spayed/neutered? Yes No

Has dog had prior training? Yes No

If Yes, where, when, what kind:

Has your dog ever bitten anyone? Yes No

If Yes, circumstances:

My dog is (check all that apply):

Shy Sensitive Low-energy

Hard-headed High-energy

Aggressive towards people

Aggressive towards animals

Other _____

My dog:

Is exposed to young children Yes No

Behaves well with children Yes No

Behaves well with strangers Yes No

Behaves well with other dogs Yes No

Behaves well with cats Yes No

Spends _____% of time with me/family, _____% of time alone.

Spends _____% of time indoors, _____% of time outdoors.

When not in company of me/family, my dog is:

Loose in home Crated/gated in home In cellar/garage

Penned/fenced in yard Tethered outside Free to roam

Other _____

My dog's exercise regimen is:

Duration _____ hrs. per _____

Nature _____