

Happy Dogs Training Center

Group Competition Obedience Classes



OUR TEAM OF INSTRUCTORS

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CLASS FEES

Obedience Classes: \$160
Junior Handlers: \$80

Register online at:

<https://forms.gle/7CpsUVirwclDWrKv7>

OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP

Donna Brocht will return in early 2023 for a repeat of her workshop:

“Take A Look” –

Teaching a Motivational Mark.

If you interested in this workshop, please let us know so we can notify you once dates have been selected.

OBEDIENCE RUN-THRUS

“Train Like You Trial” Run-Thrus provide an opportunity to find out if your dog is ready to compete by giving them an opportunity to perform in a “trial like” setting complete with all the distractions. It is an effective way to solve those errors that only happen in the ring. Use a “fix n’ go” without having to leave the ring!

Winter/Spring Schedule: (Begins at 9:00 a.m.)

February 11th	May 13th
March 18th	July 22nd
April 13th	

Register online at: www.DogMatchShows.com

You do not need to be a Happy Dogs member or student to participate in the Run-Thrus.

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24 Carver Street – Wellford, South Carolina 19385
Contact: INFO@HappyDogsTC.com
Website: www.HappyDogsTC.com

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class Term: 6 weeks

Wednesdays: January 11th – February 15th

11:00 a.m. Novice Foundation Skills
12:00 p.m. Novice Competition Skills
1:00 p.m. Open Skills & Proofing
2:00 p.m. Utility Skills & Proofing

Thursdays: January 12th – February 16th

6:00 p.m. Novice Foundation Skills
7:00 p.m. Novice Competition Skills
8:00 p.m. Open Foundation Skills

- ✓ Have a question about which class to register your dog in? Let us know, we would be happy to help you select the best class for your dog.
- ✓ Are you interested in solving a problem, teaching a new skill, or preparing for a trial? Contact us to schedule a private lesson.
- ✓ Contact us at: INFO@HappyDogsTC.com.

Our Training Philosophy –

We believe in a rewards-based, balanced training approach. Our classes are designed to build a dog’s desire to work, make “Drive” a habit and strengthen the bond between dogs and their handlers.

Every class begins with the foundation skills dogs need to become confident dependable partners in the ring. We build the “want to” attitude into our foundation and balance it with the “have to” necessary to **achieve** the commitment dogs need for success in the ring.

Our training methods are designed to improve understanding, create clarity, and help handlers develop good problem-solving skills. Our curriculum involves breaking exercises into pieces, sequencing the pieces and adding concept proofing to build confidence.

Teaching dogs how to perform is only part of what we do. Our instructors will meet students “where they are” and help them develop clear and consistent cues, clean handling habits and successful trial strategies.

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COMPETITION OBEDIENCE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Happy Dogs classes have two rings with two instructors! There is no down time. We keep our students working during class time by splitting students into groups. This structure provides students with an opportunity to solve problems, learn advanced skills, and fill gaps in their foundation. We meet our new and repeat students “where they are” to help them develop the skills needed to achieve their goals. Our instructors have each earned one or more OTCHs and have many years combined training and teaching experience. Most importantly, each of them brings a unique set of skills to the curriculum.

Competition Puppy Skills

This class introduces puppies to foundation skills that prepare them for competing in dog sports. Students learn about shaping, using food and toys as distractions and rewards, attention, impulse control, and basic positions (tuck sit, kick back stand and fold back down). We also teach students how to integrate play in their training plan. Students will begin work on stays, stationary and moving attention, body awareness, play retrieves and jumping skills. *Building an operant, engaged, and motivated puppy is our goal!*

Prerequisites: None. Puppies should be at least 6 months old and socialized around other dogs.

Class Day/Time: *Not offered this term.*

Novice Foundation Skills

Foundation skills are the building blocks that support a performance dog’s career. This class focuses on stationary and moving attention, using opposition to create a committed stay or stop forward movement before it becomes a habit, changes of position, impulse control, games that teach body awareness, reliable recalls, fronts, finishes and motivational play! This class is for anyone interested in competing in Rally or Obedience and will help the experienced handler keep their dog’s skills sharp.

Prerequisites: This class is for dogs of all ages and skill levels.

Class Day/Time: Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.

Novice Competition Skills

This class introduces students to the Novice obedience exercises by 1) breaking each exercise into pieces; 2) sequencing the pieces to build the entire exercise; and 3) when the dog can perform the entire exercise consistently, adding concept proofing to build confidence and make the exercises stronger. To prepare students to compete, this class will include trial skills (e.g., warm-ups, ring entrances, set-ups, transitions, and handling skills).

Prerequisites: Basic manners required. Foundation Skills Class encouraged.

Class Day/Time: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. and Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

Open Foundation Skills

This class introduces students to the Open obedience exercises by 1) breaking each exercise into pieces; 2) sequencing the pieces to build the entire exercise; and 3) when the dog can perform the entire exercise consistently, adding concept proofing to build confidence and make the exercises stronger. To prepare students to compete, this class will include trial skills (e.g., set-ups, transitions, and handling skills).

Prerequisites: Novice Title or permission of an instructor. Foundation Skills Class encouraged.

Class Day/Time: Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Open Skills & Proofing

Students in this class will work on the Open obedience exercises. Concept proofing will be introduced to make the exercises stronger and build confident performing dogs. To prepare students to compete, this class will include trial skills (e.g., set-ups, transitions, and handling skills).

Prerequisites: Open Title or permission of an instructor. Dogs should be familiar with all Open exercises.
Class Day/Time: Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Utility Foundation Skills

This class introduces students to the Utility obedience exercises by 1) breaking each exercise into pieces; 2) sequencing the pieces to build the entire exercise; and 3) when the dog can perform the entire exercise consistently, adding concept proofing to build confidence and make the exercises stronger. To prepare students to compete, this class will include trial skills (e.g., set-ups, transitions, and handling skills).

Prerequisites: Open Title or permission of an instructor. Foundation Skills Class encouraged.
Class Day/Time: *Not offered this term.*

Utility Skills & Proofing

Students in this class will work on the Utility obedience exercises. Concept proofing will be introduced to make the exercises stronger and build confident performing dogs. To prepare students to compete, this class will include trial skills (e.g., transitions, and handling skills).

Prerequisites: Open Title or permission of an instructor. Dogs should be familiar with all Open & Utility exercises.
Class Day/Time: Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

