

# Tri Cities Dog Training Club

## RECOMMENDED PROGRESSION OF CLASSES

### PUPPY

**Prerequisite: NONE**

For puppies 8 weeks to 5 months. This class encourages social skills with other puppies and people, and teaches basic manners and commands

### BASIC OBEDIENCE

**Basic****Prerequisite: NONE**

For dogs at least 5 months and up, with little or no prior training. Class is designed for owners who want a well-mannered pet. Commands will be taught from the start and handlers will learn how to train and use food rewards appropriately

### Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

**Prerequisite: Basic**

Builds on skills learned in Basic, plus dog/handler learn and practice the skills needed for the AKC CGC Certificate. This is a two-week/two-hour class, with the test given on the second week

### ADVANCED BASIC OBEDIENCE

**Advanced Basic****Prerequisite: Basic or permission of instructor**

Focus is with emphasis on improving response to commands and reliability. There will be a lot of proofing with distractions to improve performance

**Beginner Novice****Prerequisite: Advanced Basic or permission of instructor**

This is the first step towards competing in obedience or Rally. The team will focus on the exercises for the AKC optional title class including heeling, turns, recalls, stays and figure 8

### CONFORMATION

**Walk in Conformation****Prerequisite: NONE**

This class focuses on getting your dog and you ready for the breed ring or refreshing your champion

### AGILITY

**Intro to Agility****Prerequisite: Two TCDTC obedience classes or permission of instructor.**

Dogs are introduced to the agility equipment at low height, learn basic jumping skills and get acquainted with obstacle sequence work

### RALLY OBEDIENCE

**Rally****Prerequisite: Basic or permission of instructor**

Rally courses are set up each week with instruction on how to work each station. Rally rules are discussed so the handlers are prepared to enter Rally competition

### COMPETITION OBEDIENCE

**Novice****Prerequisite: Beginner Novice or permission of instructor**

This class focuses on the dog/handler for the novice obedience ring. Emphasis on precision heeling, footwork and handling skills

**Graduate Novice****Prerequisite: Novice or permission of instructor**

This class will focus on getting the dog/handler ready for the open ring, and to get you ready for the optional AKC title class

**Open****Prerequisite: Graduate Novice or permission of instructor**

This class focuses on the open ring exercises while proofing and polishing for the ring

**Graduate Open****Prerequisite: Open or permission of instructor**

This class focuses on getting the dog/handler ready for the utility ring, and to get you ready for the optional AKC title class

**Utility****Prerequisite: Graduate Open or permission of instructor**

This class will focus on the utility ring exercises while proofing and polishing for the ring

**Versatility****Prerequisite: Utility or permission of instructor**

This class focuses on the entire novice through utility exercises while proofing and polishing for the ring, and to get you ready for the optional AKC title class

