



What is Levels Training?



Field of Dreams Kennel offers the most flexible group training classes available known as “Levels Training”. Levels obedience training is a group program offering drop in classes on a punch card. With a levels punch card you can come to our drop-in classes as often as you would like for as long as you want or need based on your own expectations of your dog.

Check out our schedule to see when each level is offered, most are twice per week! Move through all four levels or choose to stay at a lower level the choice is yours!

ORIENTATION: REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS PRIOR TO ENTERING ANY LEVELS CLASS

This class is just for the humans – no dogs please. We will be providing basic information about the classes and training methods, provide you with handouts and give you some homework to start at home with your dog!

LEVEL 1: STARTING OUT. Level 1 will introduce the basic commands sit, down, stationary attention, and the name game. We will also work on some problem behaviors like jumping!

Requirements to move to Level 2: Dog can sit and down on command. Dog will respond readily to his name with mild distractions

LEVEL 2: MANNERS TRAINING. We will work on walking politely on a loose leash without pulling, paying attention to the owner while walking and ignoring other dogs. We will also begin working on come/here and stay. Level 2 includes problem-solving for behaviors such as barking, digging, chewing, etc.

Requirements to move to Level 3: Dog can walk nicely around the training area with attention on the owner (and no pulling) with other dogs 4-5 feet away. Dog will come when called on leash with mild distractions.

LEVEL 3: ADDING DISTRACTIONS. We will work on long-distance come command, stay with distractions, loose-leash walking past distractions, and distance commands.

Requirements to move to Level 4: dog will stay for 30 seconds with mild distractions and owner standing on the leash. Dog will heel past other dogs with leash over owner's shoulder. Dog will come from 20 feet away with moderate distractions.

LEVEL 4: ADVANCED TRAINING. We will work on polishing the come command and teaching an emergency come, strengthen the stay command by teaching the dog to stay for longer periods of time at a greater distance from the owner, work on turns and automatic sit in heeling.

Level 4 goals: Dog can heel off-leash past other dogs and distractions. Dog will stay 10 feet away from owner for 3 minutes with distractions. Dog will come off leash past distractions from 30 feet away