

The Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland
Presents Canine Education Classes



SOCIALIZATION * TRAINING * ACTIVITY * RESPONSIBILITY



An AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Program

Classes Offered (Pre-registration is required for all classes):

STAR Puppy Classes for puppies between 2 to 5 Months of Age:

Learn how to properly socialize your new pup while focusing on the prevention of common behavior problems and good manners training. Positive teaching methods are used to teach bite inhibition, socializing with people and dogs, and begin work on basic manners such as sit, down, come. Supervised, off leash play at various intervals during the class. All puppies will have the opportunity to earn their AKC STAR Puppy certificate on the last night of class. Make your puppy the "star" of the neighborhood by signing up today.

Manners Classes for Dogs Over 5 Months:

Classes are taught on leash at all times. When first learning a new behavior, a food lure is used along with positive reinforcement. Focus on basic manners while address common behavior problems such as chewing, polite on-leash greetings, and barking. Exercises covered include: Watch, Sit, Down, Stay, Walking on a loose leash and Heeling, and Come.

Advanced Manners:

A detail-oriented class that builds on the foundation skills of our Basic Manners class. The focus is on your dog's reliability in responding to your requests on the first try, as well as reliability and focus in the presence of distractions. Once your dog understands a command, the food lure will no longer be used. We will cover real-life manners training scenarios such as recalls away from food and other dogs, polite Loose leash walking, Heel, Leave it and Drop it. This class is loosely based on the ten stations of the Canine Good Citizen exam, which will be offered on the last day of class to interested individuals. If your dog is not quite ready for the test, don't despair, you are welcome to take the class again. After all, practice makes perfect. (Pre-requisite: completion of Basic Manners or one-on-one evaluation.)

Introduction to Agility:

This course introduces the dog to the agility equipment, with the object being to develop a strong foundation on which you and dog can build further skills. Focus is on training individual obstacles, creating motivated, enthusiastic dogs as their confidence level soars with the progression of each new obstacle. Since each class progresses upon the previous week's work, attendance for all five weeks is recommended. Prerequisites: firm in basic commands such as sit, stay and recall, and must have completed a basic manners training class.

The Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland Canine Education Classes - Schedule



Our trainer will teach you how successful and fun positive, reward-based training can be.

Where and When:

We have four locations for classes (directions on the next page):

Animal Refuge League, 449 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook

At Your Barkin Call, 238 Portland Road, Gray

The Barron Center, 1145 Brighton Avenue, Portland

Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, 810 Main Street, Westbrook

Animal Refuge League:

Introduction to Agility: New class TBA

At Your Barkin Call Classes:

Classes are held Wednesday evenings and run for six weeks.

Basic Manners: New class begins Sept 15 at 6:30pm

Barron Center Classes:

Classes are held Tuesday evenings and run for six weeks.

Basic Manners: August 3 at 7:15pm

September 21 at 6pm

Advanced Manners: To be announced

STAR Puppy Class: New class begins September 21 at 7:15pm

Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church Classes:

Classes are held Monday evenings and run for six weeks.

Advanced Manners: September 20 at 6pm

Basic Manners: October 4 at 6pm

Reactive Dog Class: New class TBA

Pre-registration is required for all classes – thank you.

Family members are welcome to come to class, but we ask that they be quiet observers on the side. Because of the high distraction level in class, we also ask that the primary handler be at least 13 years of age.

Costs:

General public = \$85.00

ARL alumni = \$45.00



Directions to Class Locations:

Barron Center, 1145 Brighton Ave., Portland:

From Brighton Avenue, turn onto Holm Avenue and then a quick left into the parking lot. Drive straight until you come to the Stop sign. Take a left, then a right into the parking area. Enter the building next to this parking area. Upon entering the lobby, the Bernstein Room is located on the right.

At Your Barkin Call:

From the Maine Turnpike (I-95), take Exit 63 toward ME-26/Gray-New Gloucester. Then take the ramp toward Gray-Yarmouth. Take slight right onto W. Gray Road/Route 202. Then a quick right onto Portland Road/Route 100 and drive for about 2 ½ miles. Enter door located on the lower level in front of building.

Westbrook-Warren Cong. Church, 810 Main St., Westbrook:

From the Maine Turnpike (I-95), get off the Turnpike at Exit 47 (formerly Exit 7B) - Rand Road. Turn left onto Rand Road and go straight through the next light onto the Westbrook Arterial (Route 25). Follow the Arterial until the next light and turn left onto William Clark Drive (also known as Wayside Drive) (Route 25). Go through 3 traffic lights. Turn right onto Church Street and then right again into the municipal parking lot next to the church. Enter door on the lower level, facing the parking area. Once inside the building the training room is located on the left.