

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.)

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

The Barron Center, 1145 Brighton Avenue, Portland

Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, 810 Main Street, Westbrook

Barron Center Classes:

Advanced Manners: TBA

Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church Classes:

Classes are held Monday evenings and run for six weeks.

Basic Manners: TBA

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Advanced Manners: TBA

STAR Puppy Kindergarten: TBA

If you have an interest in an Advanced Manners Class or Puppy Kindergarten, please call for more information.

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 = \$100.00

ARL alumni = \$55.00



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.

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

From Maine Turnpike (I-95) Take Exit 47, turn left onto Rand Road and continue to end of road, then turn left onto Main Street. Continue down Main Street past Dunkin Donuts and The Big Apple, then turn left onto Church Street. The parking lot will be on your left. Enter the door on the lower level. Once in the building, the training room is located on the left.