

Welcome to the Canine Academy

*Where pets learn to live well with you,
other people & other pets!*

Our behavior training program is unique, as it integrates a variety of training methods to help you and your pet better understand and communicate with each other at home, in public places, and in other social settings.

Geared for all breeds and stages of life, our canine program helps dogs thrive in our busy human world. Through a variety of learning options, including, small group classes, play-time, all-day training, and private sessions, dogs learn appropriate behavior and social skills, and build their self-confidence.

For cats, birds, and other small pets, private on-site and video behavior consultations are available weekly by appointment.

All instruction focuses on teaching positive communication and behavior skills, creating relationships of trust, and building shared companionship.

Training Highlights

- Learning How Your Pet Thinks
- Clear Instruction Pets Understand
- Helpful Communication Tools
- Positive Reinforcement & Praise
- Guidance For Real-Life Situations
- Practice, Games & Play
- Sport & Outdoor Activity
- A Focus on Relationship

Our Pet Behavior Specialist

Will Bruner

Will has been training animals professionally since 1992, focusing initially on exotic animals in zoos. In 1996, he started doing in-home dog training and pet behavior consultations. He found that many of the same techniques that he had used with dolphins, tigers and birds of prey in the zoo environment were also effective in training companion pets in the home. As a result of the success he had with this approach, he shifted his focus exclusively to training dogs, cats, birds, and other small household pets.

Will's training philosophy is based on three simple concepts: Be consistent, be honest, and reward the behavior you seek. He believes that training works best, not when trying to control your pet, but when you are communicating effectively *with* your pet. Pets, especially dogs, need structure and challenge – both physical and mental – but to be happy and content, pets also need praise! It is his goal to help pets and their owners achieve this balance in their relationships.

Will has been an AKC approved trainer and evaluator for the Canine Good Citizen program since 2010. He is also certified as a judge and trainer for the American Treibball Association. After participating in the first U.S. Treibball classes held in Colorado in 2010, Will went on to compete with his own dogs in the first sanctioned Treibball competition held in Arizona in 2014. He has since added Treibball and another popular sport class called "Scentwork" to his behavior training program.

Will is a professional member of the Animal Behavior Management Alliance (ABMA), and participates in several professional organizations related to zoo and companion animal training. Always happy to help with your pet training needs, he is available Tuesday through Saturday for consults, classes, and private sessions.

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Canine Academy of Behavior Training



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TRAINING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

Dogs	Rabies, Distemper, Bordetella, Leptospirosis <i>Canine Flu Recommended</i>
Puppies (age appropriate)	Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Distemper
Cats	Rabies, FVRCP

All vaccines must be given at least 7 days prior to participation in the Canine Academy program.

- We require a copy of your pet's current vaccination record from a licensed veterinarian, prior to scheduling a class, lesson or consultation.
- Fees must be paid prior to the first session.
 - No refunds after the first session.
- We reserve the right to turn away any pet that may be ill or contagious.
- Pets displaying aggression may require private sessions only.

DAY TRAINING

For Your Dog All Day

Is your pup interrupting your video meetings? Feeling too overwhelmed with work, school or the kids to train the dog? Our Day Training program can help. When your dog spends the day with us, it gets the attention, training, supervised playtime, and field trips it needs to be a happier companion. Our Behavior specialist will help your dog learn and master basic commands, plus, the behavior and listening skills it needs to succeed. Go-home information is provided at day's end when your pup goes home. Available Tuesdays through Fridays. An evaluation lesson is required for first time participants.

PRIVATE SESSIONS

For Your Dog & You

One-hour behavior sessions designed to address your dog's specific behavior problems and/or training needs. All sessions are in our training room and scheduled at a time convenient to you. Multiple session packages are available and recommended if more than one session is needed.

BEHAVIOR CONSULTATIONS

For Your Other Small Pets

For other small pets such as cats and birds having behavior problems that you're struggling with. Consultations focus on identifying the source of your pet's behavior or training issue and how to best resolve it. In person sessions are for one hour in our training room. Forty-five minute video sessions can also be scheduled, if preferred.

DOG BEHAVIOR CLASSES

Puppies

Our puppy program is designed to get your puppy off to a great start by building confidence, social skills, basic commands, and a love of learning. *For puppies 8 weeks to 5 mos.*

Puppy Pre-School - Basic commands and concepts are introduced as well as confidence boosting games and exercises. Common puppy problems are also addressed, including, housebreaking, mouthing, and chewing.

Puppy Primary - Advanced commands and concepts, including, greeting people, loose leash walking, listening with distractions. Also focuses on impulse control and developing calm puppy behaviors.

Puppy Playtime - One-hour play sessions with other puppies in a safe environment to build confidence and social skills. Included with enrollment in Pre-School and Primary classes.

Adult Dogs

Companion Dog/Young Dog Essentials

The next step toward reinforcement of the skills and commands learned in our puppy program. Covers basic commands and additional commands necessary for appropriate interaction with you in real-life situations. Behavioral issues addressed as needed. Includes first aid component. *For dogs 6 months & older.*

Companion Dog Advanced/CGC

Focuses on further mastery of behavior skills, with the addition of situational and environmental distractions. Emphasizes confident and consistent performance of basic and advanced commands, and the demonstration of self-control. Distractions include those typically in the home, when associating with others, and in public places. The nationally recognized *AKC Canine Good Citizen Test* administered during the 6th week of class, with certificate at completion.

Healthy Helper

Is your pet fearful of going to see the veterinarian? This class helps minimize your pet's anxiety so it can be a more willing participant in its own healthcare. We focus on desensitizing the experience of the exam room, full body exams, nail trims, ear cleanings, being held and handled, and the use of calm restraint. Our goal is to help pets learn that visiting us is *no big deal*. These are valuable life-long skills important for pets of all ages that can put an end to anxiety and stress when coming to see us! .

Trick Dog!

Want to make your dog a star, impress your friends at dinner parties, or just have some fun with your dog? If so, this class is for you! Learn the same techniques the professionals use and teach your dog a variety of fun tricks such as WAVE, BOW, and SPIN, then add more tricks that you create yourself! Keep working at it and your dog can become certified as an AKC Trick Dog. Prior behavior training and/or an evaluation is required for dog participants.

CLASSES MEET ONCE WEEKLY FOR 6 WEEKS.

Dogs can be registered for more than one class during the same 6 weeks when space is available. Classes must be used in their 6 week time frame. Class sizes are limited and vary by season.

Contact us for availability and pricing.

Registration is required prior to start date for classes and other training sessions.

DOG SPORT CLASSES

Agility For Fun

For the high energy, active dog. Combines obedience skills, activity, and fun by teaching dogs to navigate a varied course of challenges, to follow it accurately and with increasing speed. Provides the opportunity for any dog to broaden its basic obedience skills and build confidence by learning to successfully navigate an agility course with ease. Prerequisite: *Companion Dog Essentials 1* or equivalent.

Scentwork

The nose knows! If your dog can follow its nose (which is just about every dog!), your dog is a great candidate for Scentwork. This popular dog sport uses your dog's best sense, the sense of smell, to identify several odors and then search to find them. Scentwork is challenging and fun for dogs of all sizes, ages and capabilities and helps them hone a very basic and natural skill. It is also a great activity for visually impaired dogs. Prerequisite: *Companion Dog Essentials 1* or equivalent.

Treibball

An exciting form of 'urban herding', this unique dog sport challenges your dog's brain and body at the same time. Using positive reinforcement, dogs are trained to 'herd' a large ball or gather a group of balls and push them to you (or a handler) waiting at a designated goal. A wonderful class for boosting confidence in shy dogs, it also helps build strong communication bonds between your dog and you. Provides the opportunity for dogs to learn skills geared for Treibball competition. Prerequisite: *Companion Dog Essentials* or equivalent.

DOG OUTDOOR CLASSES

Hiking Hounds

If you'd like your dog to be a great outdoor buddy, this class is for you! Held at nearby dog-friendly walking trails and other public places, this class will help you and your dog refine your outdoor excursion skills. Dogs will learn to safely navigate new environments with ease and owners will learn to appropriately handle their dogs in unpredictable circumstances. Appropriate gear and first aid items will also be discussed. Class size is limited to 6 dogs. Proper attire and footwear is required. Prior behavior training and/or an evaluation is required for dog participants.



"We believe that all pets deserve to have a good life."