

## Welcome to the Canine Academy

*Where pets learn how to live well  
with you, other people & other pets  
for an enjoyable life of companionship!*

Our training academy offers a unique program where training opportunities integrate with each other, helping both you and your pet learn to understand, relate, and respect each other for a special life-long relationship.

Our canine training program is geared for dogs of all breeds and stages of life — puppies to seniors — to help your dog better understand its human world by building confidence and the skills needed to properly interact with you, other people and other pets.

No matter what your pet needs, we provide a broad range of learning opportunities, including, small group classes, group playtime classes, fun specialty classes, private lessons and consultations — each geared toward the mastery of companion skills, commands, and behaviors that can help your pet and you via learning:

- Knowledge on How Pets Think
  - Positive Communication
- Clear Instruction Pets Understand
- Positive Reinforcement & Praise
- Training For Real-Life Situations
  - Practice, Games & Play
  - Sport & Outdoor Activity
  - A Focus on Relationship

For more information, visit  
our **Canine Academy** page at:

**LoneTreeVet.com**

## Our Pet Behavior Specialist

### Will Bruner

Will has worked professionally as an animal trainer since 1992, focusing initially on exotic animals in zoos. In 1996, in addition to his zoo training work, he began providing in-home dog training and animal behavior consultation. He found that the same training techniques he had used with dolphins, tigers and birds of prey in the zoo environment transferred easily to the behavior problems of companion pets in the home. As a result, he expanded his behavior training expertise to companion dogs, cats, birds, and other small pets.

Will's training philosophy is based on three primary principles: Consistency, honesty and rewards. He believes that training works best, not when trying to control your pet, but when communicating *with* your pet. Our pets need structure and challenge — both physical and mental — but to be happy and content, they also need praise! It is Will's goal to help both pets and their owners achieve this balance in their relationship as life-long companions.

Passionate about improving the lives of companion pets, Will continues to perfect his practice of behavior training, his time-proven techniques and the use of positive communication to this day.

Will believes strongly in the Canine Good Citizen program and has been an AKC Approved Evaluator since 2010. He has also competed in obedience and agility with his own dogs, and has added popular sporting classes to his training programs, including, Scentwork and Treibball. After participating in the first US Treibball classes conducted in Colorado in 2010, Will went on to compete in the first sanctioned Treibball competition in Arizona in 2014. He is also certified as a judge and trainer for the American Treibball Association.

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

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## Canine Academy of Behavior Training



**The  
science  
of caring**

## TRAINING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Rabies, Distemper, Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Canine Flu — <i>Recommended</i></b>
<b>Puppies</b> (under 6 months)	<b>Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Distemper</b>

**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 school.
- 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.
- Dogs displaying people or dog aggression may be re-evaluated for participation in a group class setting.

## PRIVATE TRAINING

### Board & Train Lesson

One-on-one training for pets staying in our Boarding Lodge and a great way to keep any pet active and challenged during its stay.

Consists of a private 30-minute lesson on skills, commands, and behaviors. Special problems will be addressed at your request. Can schedule one lesson per day for boarding stays on the days our instructor is available.

### One-on-One Lessons & Consultations

One hour of private training tailored to your pet's specific needs and scheduled for your convenience. Available for dogs, cats, birds and other small pets.

Ideal for addressing specific behaviors related to fear, anxiety, reactivity to people and other pets, aggression, biting, destructive chewing and scratching, urinating and defecating indoors, feather picking and screeching for birds, and other behavior concerns.

Training sessions are provided in person at our facility. If needed, video consultation by appointment is also available.

*Any additional services must be scheduled separately.*



## GROUP CLASSES

### Perfect Puppy

For puppies 8 weeks to 5 months old. A wonderful introduction to the world of humans and other dogs, with a focus on building the bond between you and your puppy. Class teaches basic commands and socialization skills, addresses common puppy issues, including, biting, jumping, digging, barking, house-training, crate-training, nutrition and first aid. Class-time also involves group play. For a separate Puppy Play Class, check with our Behavior Specialist for availability.

### Companion Dog Essentials 1

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

### Play & Train

A fun social class for both dogs and owners where dogs make new canine friends while learning to play appropriately with each other! Pairs well with other more structured classes. To attend, dogs must respond well to their owner's 'recall' command. Prerequisite: *Companion Dog Essentials 1* or equivalent. Exceptions allowed for puppies that have completed a puppy-level class and have mastered their 'recall' skill, or if class is scheduled specifically for puppies.

### Companion Dog Essentials 2

For *Companion Dog Essentials 1* graduates. Focuses on further mastery of training skills, with the addition of situational and environmental distractions. A perfect compliment to *Dog Essentials 1* and for advanced learning or preparation for *Canine Good Citizen Certification*.

### AKC Canine Good Citizen

For *Companion Dog Essentials* graduates. Includes a thorough review of required obedience commands with a focus on consistent performance of commands with confidence and self-control. Dogs will be prepared to behave well at home, in public, and when associating with others in the presence of distractions typical of public places. The nationally recognized *AKC Canine Good Citizen Test* administered during the 6th week of class, and a certificate awarded upon successful completion of the test.

### Healthy Helper

Does your pet dread coming in to see the vet? You can minimize the anxiety your pet feels when coming to visit us and help it be a more willing participant in its own healthcare. We focus on desensitizing the experience of the exam room and 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 traumatic experiences when coming to see us! Prerequisite: *Perfect Puppy, Companion Dog Essentials 1* or equivalent.

### 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.

### CLASSES MEET ONCE WEEKLY FOR 6 WEEKS.

Dogs can be registered for 2 classes during the same 6 weeks when space is available. Classes must be used in their 6 week time frame. Class sizes are limited and may vary seasonally.

Check with us for availability and pricing.

## SPORT CLASSES

### 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 find and identify several odors and then, tell you where they are. 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 1* or equivalent.

## OUTDOOR CLASSES

### Hiking Hounds

If you think your dog is (or can be) a great trail buddy, this class is for you! Conducted at nearby dog-friendly hiking trails, this class will help you and your dog refine your 'trail etiquette' skills. Dogs will learn to safely navigate new environments with ease and owners will learn to appropriately handle their dogs in unpredictable circumstances. Appropriate trail gear and first aid items will also be discussed. Class size is limited to 6 dogs. Proper attire and footwear is required. Prerequisite: *Companion Dog Essentials 1* or equivalent.



**Registration is required prior to start date for all class and lessons.**

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