

Welcome to the Canine Academy

*Where dogs learn how to live well
with you, other people & other dogs
for a great life together!*

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

Geared for dogs of all breeds and stages of life — puppies to seniors — our program will help your dog better understand our human world and build confidence, while learning how to properly interact with you, other people and other dogs.

Our instructor offers a broad range of learning opportunities, including, small group classes, private lessons, in-class play, one-on-one sessions, and boarding school — each geared toward the mastery of companion skills, commands and behaviors using:

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

Program & class schedule available on 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 their zoo environment transferred easily to helping people with their pets in the home. As a result, he expanded his animal training to include companion pets. With a focus on training dogs, he also works with cats, birds, and other small animals.

For over 20 years, Will has perfected his practice of training dogs and continued fulfilling his passion for improving their lives with his time-proven techniques and use of positive communication.

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 dog, but when you are communicating *with* your dog. Dogs need structure and challenges — both physical and mental — but to be happy and content, they also need praise! It is his goal to help both dogs and their owners achieve this balance in their relationship as life-long companions.

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 training needs, he is available Tuesday through Saturday for consults, classes, and private lessons.

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DOG TRAINING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

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

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

- We require a copy of the dog's current vaccination record from a licensed veterinarian, prior to scheduling a class, lesson or school.
- Fees must be paid prior to the first class.
 - No refunds after the first day of class.
- We reserve the right to turn away any dog that may be ill or contagious.
- Dogs displaying dog or people aggression may be re-evaluated for participation in a group class setting.

PRIVATE SCHOOL

Board & Train Lesson

One-on-one training for the canine guest staying in our Boarding Lodge, and a great way to keep any dog active and challenged.

Consists of a private 30-minute lesson on skills, commands, and behaviors. Special problems will be addressed at your request. You can schedule up to two lessons a day for boarding stays scheduled on days our instructor is here.

Boarding School

A one or two-week intensive training program where your dog stays with us Tuesday to Friday and trains daily with our instructor.

Dogs go home for the weekend, allowing you and your dog to practice the skills learned in your home environment.

Additional recommendations will be provided, depending on your dog's progress during the week and the practice needed to maintain the newly learned skills.

This program includes 4 training days and 3 boarding nights for each week attended.

Fee *does not* include medical, grooming or weekend boarding services. Additional services must be scheduled *separately*.



GROUP CLASSES

Perfect Puppy / AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Certification

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. Prepares your puppy for AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy certification and the certification test, and awards the *AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Certificate* upon graduation.

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 *Essentials 1* and great for advanced learning or preparation for *Canine Good Citizen*.

AKC Canine Good Citizen

For *Companion Dog Essentials 1* 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.

Tricks & Giggles

Are you and your dog ready to have some fun? This class will encourage your dog to learn new things by playing tricks and games. You will learn the special techniques used for teaching tricks, so you can teach your dog classic tricks yourself! You will also learn how to create your own tricks and games that your dog will enjoy playing with you! This is a great communication and bonding class for both dogs and their owners. Prerequisite: *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 website for availability and pricing.

Registration is required prior to class start date.

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*.



PRIVATE LESSONS

One-on-One

A one-hour lesson designed to address your specific training needs and customized for your dog. All lessons are at our facility and scheduled as needed at a time convenient to you. \$90

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