Welcome to the Canine Academy

Where dogs learn how to share life with people and other dogs, and have fun doing it!

Our academy offers an integrated program, where all classes relate to and build upon each other, helping both you and your dog build 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, play sessions, one-on-one sessions, and boarding school — each geared toward the mastery of companion skills, commands and behaviors using:

- Clear Instruction
- Communication Dogs Understand
- A Focus on Relationship
- Real-Life Situations

Our Instructor

Eric Gillaspy, CPDT- KA

Eric loves dogs and they love him. As our resident obedience instructor, he is at our facility Tuesday through Saturday, ready to help you with your obedience training needs.

Eric is certified with the Council of Professional Dog Trainers — Knowledge Assessed, and has been training dogs professionally for well over twenty years.

At our facility since 2004, Eric specializes in identifying and solving behavioral problems, and implementing positive-reinforcement techniques that produce long-term results.

His techniques are both effective and humane, and have been featured in the American Animal Hospital Association Pets Matter publication and the Purina Petfinder.

From the classroom setting to private one-on-one lessons, Eric is dedicated to helping dogs and people have great relationships at all stages of life.

Always happy to discuss obedience problems and solutions, he will guide you into the training that best meets your needs and training goals.
GROUP CLASSES

Obedience Program Participant Requirements

Dogs
- Rabies, Distemper, Bordetella, Leptospirosis
- Canine Flu — Recommended

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 any class, lesson, school or play camp.
- 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, or dog and/or people aggressive.

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 25-minute lesson with Eric, working 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 that are scheduled on the days Eric is here. $30 per lesson

Boarding School
A one or two-week intensive training program where your dog stays with us Tuesday to Friday and trains daily with Eric. Your dog will go home with you for the weekend, allowing both you and your dog to practice the skills learned during the week in your home environment.

Additional recommendations will be provided, depending on your dog’s progress during the week’s training and the reinforcement required to maintain the newly learned skills.

This program includes 4 training days and 3 boarding nights each week. One week: $510 Two weeks: $865

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

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. It teaches basic commands and socialization skills, and addresses common puppy issues, including, biting, jumping, digging, barking, house-training, crate-training, nutrition and first aid. Class-time also involves group play. Also, 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. Meets twice weekly for 3 weeks. $135

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. Meets twice weekly for 3 weeks. $145

Companion Dog Essentials 2
For Companion Dog Essentials 1 graduates. Focuses on further mastery of dog companionship, with the addition of situational and environmental distractions. A perfect compliment to Essentials 1 and great preparation for Canine Good Citizen. Meets once weekly for 6 weeks. $145

AKC Canine Good Citizen
For Companion Dog Essentials graduates. Includes a thorough review of all obedience commands, then focuses on consistent performance of the commands with confidence and self-control. Your dog will be trained to act mannerly at home, in public, and when associating with other dogs by perfecting its behavior in the presence of distractions typical to public places. The nationally recognized AKC Canine Good Citizen Test administered during the 5th week of class, and a certificate awarded upon successful completion of the test. Meets once weekly for 5 weeks. $155

AKC Urban Good Citizen
The next step for Canine Good Citizen graduates. Establishes confidence in navigating the hustle and bustle of city life, such as stairs, doorways, crossing streets, public transportation, and groups of people. Utilizes CGC skills and adds several more!Strengthens your dog’s confidence and self-control when confronted with the noises, surroundings or city terrain typically encountered in an urban environment. Meets once weekly for 5 weeks. $155

Agility For Fun
For Companion Dog Essentials graduates. Combines obedience skills, challenge and fun, by training your dog to perform skills on command, along a set course. Provides an opportunity for your dog to broaden skills and confidence by learning to navigate the agility course with ease. Meets once weekly for 6 weeks. $150

Companion Protection Perception
For "Essentials" graduates. A class designed to teach your dog to look like a professional guard dog, without really being one. Involves teaching your dog basic commands that create the perception that your dog is guarding you, while just sitting or standing at your side. This is a fun, recreational class only, and not for the purpose of training a dog to physically take action in a threatening situation. $150

Barkour
For the high energy, active dog. Combines obedience skills, challenge and fun by training your dog to perform learned skills on an outdoor course of obstacles. Builds on confidence and perseverance. Offered in warmer months only. Meets once weekly for 6 weeks. $150

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Play Camp
An ideal way to enhance socialization skills at all stages of learning, Play Camp provides the physical activity and group play that dogs love. Offered each week, this fun, supervised play time gives dogs the opportunity to make new canine friends and learn how to play and interact with them appropriately.

Conducted in the safety of Eric’s training room and under his supervision, dogs can play with each other and with toys to their heart’s content.

Available to obedience students, Lodge boarders, daycare boarders, and other pre-approved dogs. Dogs may attend any number of time periods during a scheduled Play Camp or stay the entire time. Dates and times may vary.

For friendly dogs only—dog-aggressive and/or people-aggressive dogs are not allowed.

Participation of un-neutered males allowed on a case by case basis and at Eric’s discretion. Not available for un-spayed females older than 6 months.

$10 for each 30-minute time period
(one-hour minimum for non-boarding, drop-in campers)

Private Lessons

In-Home Lesson
A one-hour lesson with Eric, conducted in your home, that focuses on correcting specific problems that occur in your home environment. Home lessons limited to a ten mile radius of our facility. $140

One-on-One
A one-hour lesson with Eric 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