

# Obedience Classes

## with All Creatures Great and Small



### **Puppy Obedience :: Pups 10 – 18 weeks of age**

Get your new pup started off in the right direction with our 7 week Puppy Obedience class. This class will teach you how to motivate your puppy to perform the behaviours you would like to see and provides a great opportunity to socialize your pup in a supervised setting. For pups between the ages of 10 and 18 weeks, this class includes sit, down, stand, coming when called, walking politely on leash, and holding position on a mat/bed. We also do different exercises for focus and impulse control, handling your puppy, and building your pup's confidence and coordination. Suggestions for how to deal with common puppy challenges such as nipping, chewing, jumping-up and housetraining will be included in this course. All training techniques are positive, building in play and motivation, to create a fun learning environment for the whole family!

### **Beginner Obedience :: Dogs / pups 18 weeks and up**

Teach your dog to become a welcome family member! In our 7 week Beginner Obedience class, you will learn training techniques to motivate your dog to perform basic essential behaviours and good manners. This course includes sit, down, stand, staying in position, walking politely on leash, coming when called, and going to a mat/bed. Our beginner class also provides a variety of exercises for focus and impulse control. In addition, this class includes exercises and information about greeting people for both exuberant dogs who have a tendency to jump up and shy dogs. Training techniques used in this class are designed to help you be successful in building the behaviours you want while keeping it fun for both you and your dog!

### **Intermediate Obedience**

Our 7 week Intermediate Obedience class is recommended for dogs that have completed either puppy obedience or beginner obedience. The class incorporates lots of exercises to build on the beginning behaviours as well as teaching new behaviours! Building stronger reliability and consistency to cue words and/or signals in different contexts, working around distractions, and starting to work at a distance are all incorporated into Intermediate Obedience. Wondering if your dog is "ready" for this class? Don't worry, many dogs learn at different rates and all exercises in this course can be tailored to you and your dog's current working level.

### **Advanced Obedience**

Our 7 week Advanced Obedience class is recommended for dogs that have graduated from Intermediate Obedience. This course will add complexity and challenges so your dog can learn to respond to your cues no matter the situation! Exercises in this course are geared towards testing and continuing to build your dog's responses in a variety of contexts, increasing distractions, and working towards off-leash control. With a focus on handling skills, this class will help you continue to develop consistency to cues, reducing reliance on treats while still maintaining great behaviours from your dog. Watch your communication and relationship with your dog grow!

### **Yoga for Dogs aka Tricks Class**

Did you know that many tricks provide great physical benefits for dogs, such as body awareness, strengthening, stretching, and balance? Trick training also provides mental stimulation and is a great way to help your dog exercise both his/her body and mind! Teaching tricks is a lot of fun for both you and your dog, helps to build your relationship together, can help with confidence building, and tricks are fun to show off to friends and family members! In addition, our tricks course will teach you about different training methods for teaching your dog new behaviours, so that you can teach any trick you want! It is never too early or too late to start teaching tricks to your dog! Tricks class is open for registration to puppies or dogs of any age. Please be sure to bring lots of tasty treats and 1 or 2 of your dog's favourite toys.

### **Upcoming Classes**

New sessions begin regularly! Please call All Creatures Great and Small at 905.377.8619 for upcoming classes, dates & times.