

	Summer 2026 Dog Training Class Schedule and Descriptions (Classes begin on June 27 thru August 22) <i>Celebrating our 38th year of excellence in dog training.</i>		
Classes	Instructors		Day / Time
Puppy Class	Barb Blace Ann Gilbertson	Assistant? /Shadow	Sat 10:00-11:00 AM June 27-Aug 22
Adolescent	Barb Blace Ann Gilbertson	Assistant?/Shadow	Sat 11:30AM-12:30 PM June 27-Aug 22
Skills for Hiking With Your Dog	Deb Pica		Mon 5:30-6:30 PM June 29-Aug 17
Field Dog Skills	Deb Pica		Mon 6:45-7:45 PM June 29-Aug 17
Companion Dog 1	Cindy Baerman	Denise Erenstone Sally Bogdanovitch	Fri 10-11 AM July 3-Aug 21
Companion Dog 1	Ann Gilbertson Dianne Eves	Vikki Michalios Assistant/Shadow	Thurs 6:00-7:00 PM July 2-Aug 20
Tricks	Cindy Baerman	Natasha Birmingham	Wednesday 6-7 PM July 1-Aug 19

All classes will be held at the Adirondack High Peaks Dog Training Club located at 676 Kiwassa Lake Road, Saranac Lake.

At the first class, owners are asked to **bring proof of vaccinations**. DHLPP vaccinations are required as well as a RABIES vaccination for dogs over 6 months old. You will need to bring proof of vaccinations at the start of each class your dog is enrolled in. Alternately, you can email your current shot records to Ann Gilbertson.
ahpdogclasses@gmail.com

The Companion Dog1 AM Class will begin on Friday, July 3rd, the Puppy and Adolescent Classes will begin on Saturday, June 27, The Skills for Hiking and Field Dog Skills will begin on Monday, June 29th, the Companion Dog 1 PM class will begin on Thursday, July 2nd and Tricks Class will begin on Wednesday, July 1

For additional information and a class registration application form -

- www.ahpdtc.org or www.facebook.com/AdirondackHighPeaksDogTrainingClub
- Email: ahpdogclasses@gmail.com or info@ahpdtc.org
- Training Committee Member:: Sharon Bishop 518-891-1792

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Puppy: An 8-week course open to puppies 8 weeks through 4 months who have had their first set of shots. Classes will focus on socialization with other puppies and people as well as an introduction to basic commands. Some of the skills taught are loose lead walking, come when called, sit and down stays, and more. We stress owner education and building a relationship with your puppy. **Puppies DO come the first week of class.** Limit is 6 dogs.

Adolescent Dog: This is an 8-week course open to older puppies 5 months through 10 months of age. It is for owners of older puppies who want to teach their dog good manners and learn more about canine behavior. This is also the next step for owners whose dogs have graduated from puppy class and want to reinforce the skills they learned. In this class we review basic commands and add new ones such as waiting at the door. We incorporate some of the elements of the AKC Canine Good Citizen program. **Dogs DO come the first week of class.** Limit is 6 dogs.

Canine Good Citizen Module: This **4-session module** is designed to prepare the handler and dog to take the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen test (CGC). The CGC program stresses responsible pet ownership and basic good

manners for dogs. Dogs that pass the CGC test are considered reliable family and community members. Dogs must have previously taken the Companion Dog 2 (or an equivalent) class. The module will consist of 3 working sessions plus a fourth session when the test will be administered. Limit is 6 dogs.

Canine Community Adventures: **This is a 4 week module** that will take place in the community. This class is available for dogs who have successfully completed at least Companion Dog 1 level and/or who have been **pre-approved for the class by the instructors**. We will visit a variety of community settings including local businesses, parks, and trails. Handlers should be comfortable navigating a variety of terrains. Dogs will have lots of opportunities to practice skills in the real world. Limit is 4 dogs.

Companion Dog 1: An 8-week class open to all dogs 11 months and older. The class offers basic obedience skills, house manners and learn more about canine behavior. Skills taught: Walk on loose lead, come when called, sit/stay, down/stay, stand, attention, as well as basic dog and people interaction. Positive training is geared to teaching the owner to teach his/her dog in a rewarding, positive, fun manner. No dog is too old for this class. **Dogs DO NOT come to the first week of class.** Limit is 6 dogs.

Skills Class for Hiking with Your Dog: The focus of the class is off lead control of your dog. Some skills covered are reliable recall, stop at a distance, direction. Leash walking skills are covered. The last class is the canine first aid class.

The first class is mandatory and without dogs. Instructor approval is required to take the course. This class is not appropriate for fearful or reactive dogs. All dogs will be on a flat buckle or

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martingale collar. A 6 foot and 25-30 footlong line is required. Limit is 6 dogs. **Dogs DO NOT come the first week of class.**

Field Dog Skills: Covered skills in this class are forward focus close (heel) [position, direction, send away, stop, honoring (stay while another dogs works) These skills are not just for gun dogs. They are beneficial to anyone wanting off lead control of their dog. **Dogs DO come the first week of class.** Limit 4 dogs. **Requires Instructor approval.** Contact debpica@verizon.net

Companion Dog 2: An 8-week class open to dogs who have completed the Companion Dog 1 class. Dogs will learn to respond to signals at a distance and during increasing distractions. Control exercises, loose lead walking and recalls will be further advanced thru games and tricks. **Dogs DO come the first week of class.** Limit is 6 dogs

Intro to Rally – Enhanced Skills: This is a “Get Ready to Rally “course which will Focus on the Skills to do Rally Signs. We will be helping you, the handler, and your dog to fine tune and sharpen the behaviors needed to do Novice Rally. We will be working on enhancing “Attention”, “Heel Position and Halts”, “Sit/Down/Stand with STAYS”, “Fronts”, “Finishes”, “Left & Right Turns” and “About Turns”, “Specific Heeling Segments”, “Pivots”, and more - all with the goal of linking a chain of Rally Signs/Stations (behaviors). This will be a fun and interactive class with your dog which builds on your basic skills, your relationship with your dog, and prepares you for further training in the sport of Rally. At a minimum, dogs must have completed “Adolescent Dog or Companion Dog 1. For more information go to www.akc.org **Dogs DO come to the first week of class.** Limit is 6 dogs.

Trick Class: Join us for our 8-week Tricks Class and you can look forward to strengthening your relationship with your dog, learning to communicate more clearly and have fun doing the training!! Once you understand how to train tricks, the possibilities are endless as to what you can teach your dog. Tricks are great for boosting a dog’s confidence and provides excellent exercise. Dogs should have completed a Companion Dog 1 class or **Instructor Approval.** **Dogs DO NOT come to first week of class.** Limit is 5 dogs.

Movement Puzzles: These are exercises designed to develop a dog's independent movement between cones, platforms, cavalettis, balance discs etc. The object is to build confidence, coordinated movement and enhance Handler/Dog working relationship. This is an off leash class. Dogs will work in designated ring gate areas. Class size is limited to 3-4. Completing a Cd 1 class is required as is Instructor review prior to class start. This is a club member only class. **Instructor Approval.** **Dogs do not come first week.**

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K9 Conditioning: Are you are looking for a class that is both relaxing and engaging for you and your dog? This 8-week class will also help improve your dog's balance and body awareness. Our primary goal is to reduce activity injury and increase confidence. Your dog will learn to engage using fitness equipment and handler assistance to develop balance and strengthen core muscles. The class is appropriate for all ages puppy through seniors. **Instructor Approval. Dogs remain in car for first 20 minutes of first night class.** Limit is 6 dogs.

Lost Item Recovery - Scent Class: An 8-week class. The goal of the class is to teach the dog to locate items scented with human odor. At the entry level the dog is searching for the handler's scented item. At the next level the dog locates a stranger's lost item. **Dogs DO come to first class.** The class requires **instructor approval**. Contact Deb Pica at debpica@verizon.net

Introduction to Scent Work: The focus is the AKC scent work program. The dogs are first taught to indicate and stay on odor before doing any searching. To be successful in the class requires significant training time outside of the class. All dogs will be on a flat collar or a non-restrictive harness and a 10' lead. Contact Deb at debpica@verizon.net with any questions. .6 dog limit. **Dogs DO come to first class**

Clicker Retrieve / AKC Fetch Program: Clicker retrieve method is used to teach retrieving. The class will cover the levels of the AKC Fetch program. Required equipment is a white or white and black bumper. Contact Deb Pica at debpica@verizon.net with questions. **Dogs DO come to first class.**