



Berlin Parks and Recreation Department

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES - FALL 2016

Classes held at the former Pistol Creek Golf Course, 600 Spruce Brook Road, Berlin, CT. 06037

Dog handlers should be at least 16 years old.

Register at the Berlin Parks and Recreation Office, 230 Kensington Road, Berlin CT 06037

Instructor ó Wendy McGurgan, Professional Dog Trainer (860) 828- 8206

Assistant Trainer ó Shirley Coulombe

Registration Starts: Residents August 8th Non-residents August 15th

KINDERGARTEN PUPPY TRAINING (1ST class is without the dogs!)

Sept. 8th – Oct. 20th Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. 7 weeks Program #365001B

Max of 12 students per class. Class Fee: Residents \$75.00 Non-residents \$85.00

The class is for puppies aged two and a half months to six months old. We will work on leash walking and the come, sit and down commands. Your puppy will also develop social skills and confidence. Learn how to praise and correct your puppy appropriately. Start a great relationship with your pup! We will address problems like chewing, housebreaking and crate training. The first class is mandatory unless you are excused by the instructor. You will need a 6 ft. leash and we will discuss leashes and collars in the first class. Please bring a copy of your puppy's current vaccinations to the first class.

BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE (1ST class is without the dogs!)

Session 1: Sept. 6th – Oct 18th Program #365001A Max 12 students per class

Session 2: Nov. 1st – Dec. 13th Program #365001A2 Max 10 students per class

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. 7 weeks Program #365001A

Class Fee: Residents \$75.00 Non-residents \$85.00

The class will cover basic commands for the family dog. Commands include sit, down, stay, heel, come and stand. You will learn to correct bad habits such as jumping up and pulling on the leash. Learn how to praise, correct and discipline your dog appropriately. Dogs should be at least 6 months old. The first class is mandatory unless you are excused by the instructor. You will need a 6 ft leash and we will discuss leashes and collars in the first class. A copy of your dog's current vaccinations, including Bordetella, should be given to the instructor at the first class.

BETTER BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE

Sept. 14th – Oct. 19th Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. 6 weeks Program # 365001D

Max of 12 students per class. Class Fee: Residents \$65.00 Non-residents \$75.00

The class is for dogs and handlers that have completed basic class. Emphasis will be on improving the skills learned in basic class. We will concentrate on the stay, heel, come and recall exercises and work with a greater level of distraction. This class will give you a better insight into your dog's behavior. You will need a 6ft leash. Dogs will be rewarded with verbal and physical, praise not food. Please bring a copy of your dog's vaccinations if not already on file.

INTERMEDIATE DOG OBEDIENCE

Nov. 2nd – Dec. 7th Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. 5 weeks Program # 365001C

Max of 10 students per class. Class Fee: Residents \$65.00 Non-residents \$75.00

The class is for dogs and handlers that have completed basic class and better basic class. Dogs and handlers should have a solid working knowledge of the sit, down, stay, heel, come and stand commands. You and your dog will learn to work as a team. Some new skills learned will be down in motion, drop on recall and out of sight stays. We will reward our dogs with verbal and physical praise not food.

Now you can register on-line through our WebTrac program. Contact the office for a user name and password 860-828-7009. On-line registration is only available up to the last business day before the program starts. Registration materials are on the town's website. www.town.berlin.ct.us to mail in or to register in person.