

Day Training at our Day Training Academy offers pet parents an alternative to traditional coaching sessions. In day training, dogs learn by working one on one with a trainer, in short sessions throughout the day, with breaks for play and rest. Studies have shown that dogs learn best when taught in shorter sessions, followed by down time. Day Training allows us to do the hard work of teaching and proofing behaviors, while owners learn to reinforce and retain the skills at home. Some additional benefits of Day Training include:

Better Retention of Skills Provides Mental and Physical Exercise Improves Social Skills

Owners will also benefit from the structured learning and exercise as dogs who attend sessions at the Day Training Academy come home tired!

Dogs attending day training also receive the benefit of working in small groups and participating in small group social activities (when appropriate.) Progress reports of training sessions will be provided, and videos of training will also be available.

The length of attendance is goal based. We offer the following educational opportunities:

Prep School - 5 days (Monday through Friday) \$500.00

Prep school is an early learning level where dogs learn to offer behaviors that are used as foundation skills for more complex tasks. Prep school is:

- Designed to create focus and improve communication/cooperation
- Establishing behaviors that should be reinforced daily at home
- Excellent for new dogs or adolescent dogs

Some examples of the skills taught are:

- Focus Foundations (eye contact)
- Follow the leader
- Sit with Release
- Down with Release
- Intro to Place Training
- Crate Games

A Prep School Report Card Packet (handouts for behaviors learned) is provided at the end of the week.

Middle School – 10 days (Monday through Friday over two consecutive weeks) \$1000.00* Middle school students learn to improve focus, are taught manners, and begin to learn basic skills that are essential for good behavior. Middle School is:

- Where basic skills are taught
- Learning permission through eye contact
- Introduction of manners at home
- An excellent refresher for adult dogs

Some examples of the skills taught are:

- Loose Leash Walking Skills
- Recall Skills
- Duration in Place/Stay
- Doorway Manners
- 🛯 Wait
- Leave It
- 🖉 🛛 Drop it

Purchase of Middle School package includes 1 session of Parent/Teacher conference class sessions, in addition to the Prep School Report Card Packet.

High School – 15 days (Monday through Friday over three consecutive weeks) \$1500.00* High school students learn to work around mild distractions, maintain focus, and make good choices. High School is:

- Intermediate Learning
- Working around distractions such as food, people, and other dogs
- Maintaining duration of relaxation behaviors
- Learning to offer default behaviors such as sit or down

Some examples of the skills taught are:

- Polite greetings
- Leave It in the home
- Duration in Place/Stay for doorways
- Recalls in the yard
- Heeling

Purchase of High School package includes (1) half hour private session (at day training academy) with an instructor, in addition to 1 session of Parent/Teacher conference class sessions, and the Prep School Report Card Packet.

Finishing School – 20 days (Monday through Friday over four consecutive weeks) \$2000.00*

Finishing school students learn to work in the real world with more complex distractions. Finishing School is:

- Advanced Learning
- Learning to generalize behaviors in new situations/locations
- Establish proficiency of behaviors

Some examples of the skills taught are:

- Canine Good Citizen skills
- Duration of Place/Stay in new situations/locations
- Recalls in the park
- Polite walks in public

Purchase of Finishing School package includes (1) Field Trip training session with an instructor (without owner) and (1) 30 minute private session with an instructor at home or in public, in addition to (1) 30 minute private session (at day training academy) with an instructor, 1 session of Parent/Teacher conference class sessions, and the Prep School Report Card Packet.

*Package must be purchased at the time of enrollment. Sorry, no package additions/extensions will be honored.

A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is required to enroll in Day Training.

Packages must be paid for by the beginning of the first day training session. Sorry, no exceptions.

Please take a moment to read our Day Training Academy Policies for Cancellation policy and more.