

# **Basic Obedience I**

## **CGC Testing Available**

Class Description

**\$120 / 6 Weeks / 1 Hour**

**CGC Fee:** Testing is free for students enrolled in the full course / \$20 testing fee for non-students

**Eligibility:** All ages and all breeds welcome.

**Drop-In:** YES

**Revolving Enrollment:** NO

### **What is Basic Obedience I?**

The first of two levels of the Basic Obedience classes offered here at Bayside Pet Resort. This class is a great foundation for dogs of any age and breed. Dogs will learn basic life skills to help them become canine good citizens both in the home and in public. Learn how to effectively communicate with your dog to achieve just about anything. Our Trainers teach using primarily positive reinforcement and motivational methods. The power-of-play, combined with food rewards is key to successful training.

The goal is to make sure you and your dog are both having fun every step of the way. Behaviors covered are focus, sit, down, stay, come, place, leave it, leash manners, self-control, acceptance for examination and grooming, working with minor distractions and teaching a polite greeting with both human and other dogs. If you put in the work you're sure to see improvement in both focus and self-control from your dog, making coexistence with them all the more enriching.

### **What is CGC?**

CGC stands for Canine Good Citizenship. Skills learned in this class will help prepare your dog for the optional CGC test held on week 6 of the course. Upon passing the 10 step test you will receive a form, which you then mail to AKC in order to obtain an official Certificate and title. To learn more about the CGC test please visit the AKC website at [akc.org](http://akc.org).

### **Additional information**

If your instructor is a registered AKC Evaluator and your dog is enrolled in the full course they are eligible to take the CGC test on the last night of class. However, if your instructor is not registered as an official AKC evaluator, you're welcome to make an appointment with one who is at no extra charge. If you have plans to take the CGC test, please make sure you have an AKC, PAL or Canine Partners registration number. You will need this number in order to make the title official. All breeds including mixed breeds are eligible to take the test and can obtain a registration number from AKC. Testing is completely optional and whether for fun or for the official title, all are welcome to participate in the testing.

### **What to bring to class?**

- 2 different types of food rewards. Be sure they're soft, pea sized treats. Avoid dry crumbly treats.
- Something to carry treats in such as a treat bag, waist apron or be sure to wear clothing with pockets (*its best to find something that clips to your waist for easy access*).
- 6 ft. leash and a martingale, regular buckle collar or harness (*retractable leashes and choke chains are not permitted*).
- If already using a training aid please feel free to bring that as well (*e.g. no pull harness, head halter or properly fitted prong collar*).
- Travel size bed, rug or mat.
- Water bowl for keeping your dog hydrated and comfortable.
- Close toed shoes for safety (*Not optional*).
- A clicker (*optional*).
- A non-squeaky toy if your dog enjoys playing (*Optional*).