

Basic Obedience II

CGCA Testing Available

Class Description

\$120 / 6 Weeks / 1 Hour

CGCA 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 II?

This class is great for dogs of any age and breed. Dogs will learn more advanced life skills geared for both in the home and in public. Just imagine how nice it will be to attend events with your dog and not have them pull you the whole time or be able to walk nicely through a door rather than being dragged through.

In Basic Obedience II, the behaviors learned in Basic Obedience I will be brought to a whole new level. Your dog will develop a full understanding of each behavior as we do what is called proofing. Proofing simply means to test a dog's comprehension through means like using distractions, adding distance and increasing duration. The dogs will be tested in ways that are fun and engaging. 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 CGCA?

CGCA is the advanced title and is also called the Advanced Community Canine. Skills learned in this class will help prepare your dog for the optional CGCA test held on week 6 of the course. Upon passing the 10 step test you will receive a form, which you then mail to. This test is only available to students who have already obtained a CGC title on their dog. If you do not yet have a CGC title you're welcome to take it instead of the CGCA. To learn more about the CGCA test please visit the AKC website at akc.org.

Is Basic Obedience I a prerequisite for this class?

Though it is strongly advised the answer is No. You are not required to take Basic Obedience I. However, It's to your benefit that when choosing to enroll in this class, that your dog already know the basic behaviors such as sit, down, stay, come and loose leash walking. Otherwise you may struggle with the advanced curriculum.

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 or CGCA 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 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.
- 6 ft. leash and a martingale, harness, regular buckle or belt collar (*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*).