

ABC SKILLS

Class Description

\$120 / 6 weeks / 1 hour

Eligibility: All ages and all breeds welcome

Drop-In: YES

Revolving Enrollment: No

What Is ABC Skills ?

ABC Skills class is designed to cover the most common sought after training lessons. This class is similar to that of our Topics class but is a 6 week course taught exclusively by Suzette Wood. Each class offers interesting activities enjoyable for both dog and owner. Basic Obedience and Real World Etiquette graduates will have another opportunity to further develop their dog's skills. Below is a brief overview of some of the areas we cover in this course.

Attention and Focus - Attention strengthening exercises are designed to build your dog's desire to stay focused on the task at hand. Unique training tools help your dog achieve success through errorless learning. These exercises also improve your dog's ability to accomplish skills required in all dog sports.

Loose Leash Walking - You will learn creative training techniques geared towards helping your dog maintain polite leash manners while walking and when stationary. These techniques will promote good manners during meet and greets with other dogs or people out in the community.

Reliable Recall - Using the Food Bowling games, your dog will associate coming when called as an opportunity for a game of fun and enjoyment. Dogs hesitant to respond when called will put a new, fun meaning to recall.

Impulse Control - Dogs by nature are impulsive creatures with a continuing desire to investigate everything they see. You'll learn how to teach your dog the simple behavior of asking permission. Setting up desirable distractions helps your dog enjoy the benefit of asking permission, even when some things will be identified as unavailable.

Skills In All Locations - Your dog will learn to transfer his skills to all locations. Proper testing of your dog's understanding of the behavior desired in a situation will identify his ability to progress through each level of training. Giving your dog the knowledge to be prepared for all types of settings will promote his success in activities with you.

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 ONLY (*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*)
- 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*).

*This class is exclusively taught by Trainer, Suzette Wood.