

# Tricks

## Class Description

**\$80 / 4 weeks / 1 Hour**

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

**Drop-In:** YES

**Revolving Enrollment:** NO

### **What is a Tricks class?**

Do you love to play with your dog? Do you want to learn how to teach your dog to do all those amazing tricks you see on T.V. or online? Then this is the class for you! This fun and upbeat class will prepare you to show off to the masses or small social gatherings, whichever is more your scene. The class curriculum is designed to be enjoyed again and again. There's always something new to try and many titling levels to work towards. Below is a breakdown of each session.

**Physical** – This week we will learn all about the fundamentals of luring, shaping and perfecting your clicker skills. Find out how you can manipulate your dog's body and behavior in a force-free way. Some of the many behaviors we will work on are tricks like crawl, bow, pray, sit pretty, spin and place their paw over their muzzle to express a shameful appearance.

**Props** – This class always brings out smiles and laughter. Using the many props available to you in class, you'll have a chance to teach your dog to do several behaviors including but not limited to, circling a cone, jumping through a hoop or arms, opening and closing a crate door, ringing a bell, pushing a button, roll a ball, putting toys away or play piano.

**Handler's choice** – Today it's all about you and your dog. If we don't have the prop you need be sure to bring it with you to class. We can help you find a way to teach your unique trick of choice.

**Targeting** – Targeting is a useful skill for trick training. You can use it in many ways, including but not limited to, touching an object, distance work, sending to an object, maintaining proper placement for taking photos and teaching the dogs head to go up and down or side to side as if to say Yes or No. You will have an opportunity to have your dog's picture taken alongside a beautiful backdrop. AKC Trick Dog testing is also available for individuals seeking the Trick Dog Titles.

### **What is the AKC Trick Dog test?**

AKC offers 4 Trick Dog titles to talented dogs that fulfill certain requirements. A list of tricks can be found at [akc.org](http://akc.org). Listed below are the AKC Trick Dog titles and requirements.

- Novice Trick Dog (TKN) - Your dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title.
- AKC Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI) – Your dog must have the Novice title, plus perform 10 Intermediate tricks.
- AKC Advanced Trick Dog (TKA) – Your dog must have the Intermediate title, plus perform 5 tricks from the Advanced list.
- AKC Trick Dog Performer (TKP) – For this title, handlers perform a short routine with at least 10 tricks previously learned.

### **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 style collars ONLY (*retractable leashes, prong collars, head halters and choke chains are not permitted*).
- Travel size bed, rug or mat.
- Water bowl for keeping your dog hydrated and comfortable.
- Close toed shoes for safety (*Not optional*).
- A clicker
- A non-squeaky toy to play with your dog (*Not optional*).