

Pet Programs



OBEDIENCE TRAINING

We are here to help you teach your dog to become a well-behaved family pet, one that is a joy to own and a pleasure to take anywhere! All teaching and training methods from instructor Karin Nikopoulos are based on reward, motivation, and positive reinforcement, as well as dog and handler training needs. By using these effective methods, training becomes fun for both dog and owner! There are also plenty of opportunities for your dog to practice staying calm while socializing with other people and dogs. On the first night of class, please bring your dog's vaccination/health records. Owners of aggressive dogs must be in control of their pets at all times to remain in class. One owner per dog is required. Only registered dogs and owners may attend class. Dog and owner should attend all classes. Please do not use retractable leashes. Please register with your name, not the dog's name.

Puppy #21001301

It's always best to teach good habits before bad ones are learned. Let your puppy have fun socializing and learn what's good from bad. Puppies eight weeks to four months old can learn walking to heel, sit, stay, and down commands. Next session begins 5/18.

BRC TH 3/16-5/4 6-7pm Reg by 3/13 \$69/\$79 -1A

Basic #21001302

This class is for dogs ages five months and older. Here you can begin or continue learning how to train your dog to walk properly on a leash and obey sit, stay, and come commands. Next session begins 5/18.

BRC TH 3/16-5/4 7-8pm Reg by 3/13 \$69/\$79 -1A

Advanced #21001303

This is for dogs that have been through the Basic Dog Obedience class and are ready for more advanced training techniques. At the end of the class you will have the option to take the good Canine Good Citizenship© test (Fee - \$10p/dog). Next session begins 5/18.

BRC TH 3/16-5/4 8-9pm Reg by 3/13 \$69/\$79 -1A

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy® Program

The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy is an exciting new program designed to get dog owners and their puppies off to a good start. The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program is an incentive program for loving dog owners who have taken the time to take their puppies through a basic training class. How It Works: When you complete our basic training class (taught by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator) with your puppy (up to six months old) your puppy is eligible to be enrolled in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program. You'll attend any puppy or basic training class at least six weeks. Your instructor will administer the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test during and at the end of the course. We want you and your puppy to continue learning beyond puppy classes

AKC's Canine Good Citizen®

This is the next step to take after you and your dog complete the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program. The AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that emphasizes responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the ten-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. This test is administered on-site after completion of the Advanced Dog Obedience program. There is a \$10 fee for AKC or Canine Good Citizen registration.

All K9 Programs are instructed by a certified AKC Approved S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen® Evaluator.

DOG AGILITY

In this class the handler directs the leashed dog through an obstacle course set by instructor Karin Nikopoulos. Owners may cheer, clap, and call the dogs through each obstacle as it best serves them. There are jumps of various makes, climbing obstacles, weave poles, tunnels, and a pause table. This class is always entertaining whether the dog does as you ask or not. It's fun for everyone! Please bring your dog's vaccination/health records to the first class. Owners of aggressive dogs must be in control of their pets at all times to remain in class. Dog and owner need to have completed an Advanced Obedience Training class prior to registering. Please register with your name, not the dog's name.

Basic Agility #21002301

Never taken an agility class before? Then this class is where you and your dog six months or older need to start. This class will focus on the basics to get you and your dog familiar with agility training. Your dog will get exercise and you, a good laugh!

BRC TU 3/14-5/2 6-7pm Reg by 3/11 \$73/\$83 -1A

Advanced Agility #21002302

This is a more intensive agility class designed for dogs 9 months or older that have already completed a basic agility class and are ready to be challenged a little more or just need to maintain skills already learned. We had a hunch your dog would want to come back for more exercise and fun!

BRC TU 3/14-5/2 7-8pm Reg by 3/11 \$73/\$83 -1A

Ready, Set, Hunt! Trail Class #21001304

Sign up for this one night trial class to see if you and your favorite furry friend like Barn Hunt and may wish to take classes in the future.

BRC MO 5/8 6-7pm Reg. By 5/4 \$9/\$11 -2A



Ready, Set, Hunt! #21001304

Barn Hunt is the fastest growing dog sport in the U.S. The popularity of the sport has exploded because the dogs and the people have so much fun. Modern Barn Hunts are not just for dauchunds and terriers anymore. Any breed, including mixed breeds, may participate. The hunts still involve dogs seeking out rats, but the rats are encased in protective PVC tubes which are 4" in diameter. Barn Hunt is a great sport for all ages and abilities of dogs. That goes for people too. Pre-requisite: A Basic Dog Obedience class must be successfully completed. To learn more about Barn Hunt please go to barnhunt.com.

BRC MO 5/15-6/12* 6-7pm Reg. By 5/11 \$35/\$42 -1A
*No class 5/29



New! Tail Waggin' Tutors—Children Reading to Dogs #21006201 Ages 5-12

We are happy to introduce Therapy Dogs International (TDI) Children Reading To Dogs Program - The main objective of this program is to provide a relaxed and "dog-friendly" atmosphere, which allows a child to practice the skill of reading. By sitting next to and reading to the dog, all threats of being judged are put aside. The child relaxes, pats the attentive dog, and focuses on the reading. Reading improves because the child is practicing the skill of reading, building self-esteem, and associating reading with something pleasant. Therapy dogs and handler have passed TDI's temperament evaluation and are registered with TDI International. Please bring your own reading materials or borrow ours. Reading blocks are 15 minutes each, maximum 3 readers will be permitted in each block.

BRC FR	4/21	5:30pm	Reg by 4/18	FREE	-1A
BRC FR	4/21	5:50pm	Reg by 4/18	FREE	-1B
BRC FR	4/21	6:10pm	Reg by 4/18	FREE	-1C
BRC FR	4/21	6:30pm	Reg by 4/18	FREE	-1D
BRC FR	4/21	6:50pm	Reg by 4/18	FREE	-1E

PET SUPERSTAR

PHOTO CONTEST

We all love our pets and now it is time to show them off!
Take part in our FREE pet photo contest.
Winners will star in the summer brochure!

Photo Contest Rules:

All pet pictures are welcome. Each animal picture can only be submitted one time for only one category. A select panel of judges will choose a first, second and third place winner for each category. Only first place winners will have their picture placed in the summer brochure.

Categories

- Most Adorable
- Best Pet/Owner Lookalike.
- Action Shot
- Ugliest (Yes they are out there and we love them!)

All pictures must be submitted by March 10 to the Belvidere Recreation Center or to jdumas@waukeganparks.org. You must include the following information: Pet's name, Your name, a contact phone number, and state which 1 category your picture should be judge in. All entries will be displayed at the Belvidere Recreation Center. Winner will be notified the week of March 13. (By entering the contest you give permission for the Waukegan Park District use your photo for promotional purposes.)

