

# 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. 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.

### Puppy #21001301

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

**BRC TH 3/24-5/12 6-7pm Reg by 3/21 \$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.

**BRC TH 3/24-5/12 7-8pm Reg by 3/21 \$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 - \$10 per dog).

**BRC TH 3/24-5/12 8-9pm Reg by 3/21 \$69/\$79 -1A**

### **NEW! 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 dachshunds 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 four inches in diameter. Sign up for this one night experimental class to see if you and your favorite furry friend like Barn Hunt and may wish to take classes in the future. 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. Pre-registration is required by March 22. To learn more about Barn Hunt, please go to [barnhunt.com](http://barnhunt.com).

**BRC MO 3/28 6:30-7:30pm Reg by 3/22 \$9/\$11 -1A**



## 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, but must fall within one of the following categories - Dog, Cat or Other. Each animal may only be submitted for one category. Pictures will be judged on the following criteria in each category by a select panel of judges.

- Most Adorable
- Most Picturesque
- Ugliest (Yes, we love them too!)

First, second and third place winners will be chosen. All pictures must be submitted by March 11 to the Belvidere Recreation Center, emailed to [jdumas@waukeganparks.org](mailto:jdumas@waukeganparks.org) (please mention Pet Photo Contest and category in the subject line) or <https://www.facebook.com/waukeganparksphotos>. You must include the following information: Pet's name, your name, a contact phone number, and state which one 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.)





## 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.*

## RALLY OBEDIENCE

Rally combines characteristics of agility and traditional obedience for dogs and owners into a new fun and challenging sport. Rally Obedience is timed and includes 1-34 performance stations depending on the level of participation. It is critiqued by the instructor who watches for a smooth performance as well as skill in following the directions at each station. A sign at each station gives instructions to the dog-handler team, and each team must execute the station's particular task within two-to-four feet of the sign. Rally is an opportunity for veteran dogs to remain active and a chance for shy or antisocial dogs to get experience. Many dogs enjoy this change from the usual silent heeling of traditional obedience classes as their handlers can clap hands, talk, or whistle to them throughout the entire course in a dance like flow. This class is not AKC certified. Participating dogs must have already completed an Advanced Dog Obedience training class. Now your dog has more options for fun and a purpose to utilize that sniffer of his. Our instructor Karin will teach you and your K9 how to have fun exercising his natural scenting abilities by hunting either food or toys. The class is great for all types and sizes of dogs, and great for a dog that is bored and wants to play.

## Novice #21003301

This is the beginner level of Rally Obedience. All exercises are performed with the dog on leash and demonstrate the dog's understanding of basic commands such as sit, stay, down, and come and heel position.

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## Intermediate #21003302

This is the second level, which includes more difficult exercise throughout the course. All exercises are performed with the dog off leash. Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position. Participating dogs must have completed the novice class.

**BRC TU 3/22-5/10 7-8pm Reg. By 3/18 \$69/\$79**



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## FITNESS WITH FIDO

Be sure to check out the summer brochure for when you will be able to sign up for this incredible program where your dog is your best workout partner, and motivator. We combine cardio, strength, balance, and stretching, while incorporating basic commands into one hour of non-stop fun for you and your dog. Program will take place at Bowen Park.