

ALBERNI VALLEY KENNEL CLUB - BASIC OBEDIENCE CLASSES – 2024

Classes are on Mondays at Cherry Creek Community Centre – Gym, at 6:00 or 7:00 pm. Cost of 5 Lessons for \$105.00

These classes are for the dogs 3 months and older. The youngest/smallest dogs are in the 6:00 pm class and the older/larger dogs are in the 7:00 pm class.

BASIC SKILLS

Halt/Stop * Sit * Down * Heel * Come * Stay/Wait * Focus * Leave it * Don't Touch * Turn *
Faster/Slower * Follow thru doorway * Ignore distractions * Walk thru Crowd *

Basic Skills and commands are introduced and repeated in every class. We recommend that you practice at least 5 minutes and up to 3 times a day in order to get success.

SAFETY FIRST!

All dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.

Do not bring your dog to class if they are ill or injured.

Dogs are not permitted to interact with other dogs in class. If you want them to play, you can do so outside the gym, after class.

Keep the dogs attention on you, the handler and your attention on your dog.

There are dogs of all sizes in the same class. When moving around the training area, please give room to the dogs around you.

Potty accidents happen, especially with young pups. Feel free to take your dog outside anytime and be sure to pickup after your dog. If they have an accident on the gym floor, carry on and the instructor or helper will clean up. Do not reprimand your dog in any way!

COLLARS, EQUIPMENT & TREATS

Most common are flat collars or martingale collar with a 4-6 ft leash. You can use a collarless leash (aka kennel lead) or a suitable harness. For dogs that pull a lot we recommend a "walking harness" with the leash clipped on the chest area. The instructor will be happy to help you select a collar/leash for your dog.

We DO NOT allow choke chains, prong collars, or retractable leashes.

Keep the treats small and use something that attracts your dog's attention. (ie. Kibble, wiener, cheese, dehydrated meat, etc.) Treats are used to reward for correct behaviour. Once they are consistent you can wean them off the treats and use other forms of reward such as petting or a toy to play with.

THE CLASS

Classes are held inside the gym from September to June. When weather permits, (May to October) all or part of the class may be held outside in a nearby field. Please be sure to wear suitable footwear.

Classes are 45 – 55 minutes in duration. If you are hard of hearing please let us know. We will ensure that the instructor demonstrates the skills for everyone or an assistant is there to help you.

If you are unable to make it to a class, please advise us in advance when possible. If you want to make up for a class you have missed, there will be a charge of \$20.00 to reschedule.

There is no pass or fail in this class. The final lesson will be a review of everything covered in the class. Your dog will be issued a certificate of completion.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Registration Package will include a REGISTRATION FORM. Please complete and sign it.

You must provide us with the dog's PROOF OF VACCINATIONS. Scan or take a photo of the Veterinary Certificate for Distemper, Hepatitis & Parvo virus vaccines.

Send us PAYMENT IN FULL to complete your registration. Cash, cheque or e-transfer accepted.

Documents & payment can be sent by postal mail or deliver to mail slot in the front door of - Roxanne Leyland, 4610 Strathern St. Port Alberni, V9Y 3G1.

Or, email documents/photos and e-transfer payment to: avkc.webadmin@shaw.ca

Questions... Contact Roxanne, Ph 250-723-9939 / email: avkc.webadmin@shaw.ca

CONTACT INFORMATION AND MORE

Website: <http://albernivalleykennelclub.wordpress.com>

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Alberni Valley Kennel Club President: Lisa Tremblay, ph/text: 250-720-5585, email: ltremblay67@me.com

OTHER TRAINING:

Many dogs do well with the 5 lessons and practice at home. Some dogs may benefit by repeating the classes to gain confidence in their skills in a group environment. There are dogs that would benefit from advanced training to further their range of skills and behaviours. We will be happy to discuss any of your training needs at any time. Website: <http://albernivalleykennelclub.wordpress.com/classes/>

Refresh/Repeat Basic Obedience (RBO) – for dogs that have already taken “Basic Obedience Classes” but need to work on basic skills in a group setting.

Introduction to Advanced Obedience (IAO) – for dogs to develop confidence in their obedience skills (on & off Leash) and practice the skills required for performance sports (Rally Obedience, Agility, etc.) & competitions. Pre-requisite: dog must be able to stay in sit position for one minute, unassisted.

CKC – Canine Good Neighbour Program (CGN) – A list of 12 skills/behaviours are practiced to demonstrate good manners in public. You have the option to take a qualifying exam and earn a certificate from CKC. <http://www.ckc.ca/en/Files/Forms/Shows-Trials/Event-Rules-Regulations/Canine-Good-Neighbour-Program-Participant-Handbook>.