

# Dog Obedience

participants to recognize and respond quickly and effectively to emergencies and prevent drownings and injuries in shallow water.

## Prerequisites:

- Minimum age of 15.
- Swim 50 yards continuously.
- Starting in the water, swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, submerge to a depth of 4 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface, walk 20 yards back to the starting point with the object and exit the water without using a ladder or steps, within 50 seconds.
- Understand the value of behaving in a professional manner.
- Learn how to identify behaviors of a swimmer, distressed swimmer and an active or passive drowning victim.
- Understand the components of an emergency action plan and how to activate it.
- Understand the general procedures for an emergency occurring in the water up to 4 feet deep or on land.
- Demonstrate how to perform equipment-based rescues.
- Learn how to provide first aid and how to care for breathing and cardiac emergencies.
- Learn how to recognize and care for possible head, neck or back injuries.

## Certification Requirements:

- Attend all class sessions.
- Demonstrate competency in all required skills and activities.
- Demonstrate competency in the three final skill scenarios.
- Correctly answer at least 80 percent of the questions in the three sections of the final written exam.

**Age:** 15 years and older

**Dates:** March 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20 and 22

**Time:** 7-9 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

**Location:** East Leyden High School

**Fee:** \$75 In District, \$80 Out of District

## AKC Puppy S.T.A.R.

Join our fall AKC Puppy S.T.A.R. program and make your pup a star!! S.T.A.R. stands for Socialization, Training, Activity and Responsible owner — all of the things a puppy needs to have a good life. The program is a precursor to the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test. Classes include valuable training tips for puppy owners, such as how to house train; and lessons on practical skills for puppies, such as coming when called.

The program is open to all dogs. Puppies can begin training as soon as they have the necessary vaccines and they can enroll in AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy at any point up until their first birthday. At the end of the training course, the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test is administered. Upon passing, owners and their puppies are enrolled in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program and receive an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy package from the American Kennel Club which includes:

- A frameable certificate
- AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy medal
- AKC Puppy Handbook
- Discount enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery
- Subscription to monthly e-mail newsletter that includes training tips

**Day:** Saturday

**Date:** Spring 1: #122223 A March 10-April 14 (6 weeks)

Spring 2: #122223 A1 April 28–June 2 (6 weeks)

**Time:** 9-10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Bulger Park

**Fee:** \$50

**Instructor:** Dawn Vendegna

## Basic Obedience Agility and Intro to Rally O

This class presents obedience commands by utilizing basic agility and Rally O techniques. You and your canine partner will have fun while learning basic obedience. Basic commands will be used while working through a basic obedience course. Rally

O will be incorporated as you and your pet excel! If you are looking for something different and a workout for all participating, this is the class for you.

**Day:** Saturday

**Date:** Spring 1: #122223 B March 10-April 14 (6 weeks)

Spring 2: #122223 B1 April 28-June 2 (6 weeks)

**Time:** 11a.m.-noon

**Location:** Bulger Park

**Fee:** \$50

**Instructor:** Dawn Vendegna

## AKC Canine Good Citizen

The Canine Good Citizen Test is a certification program that tests dogs in simulated everyday situations in a relaxed atmosphere. It identifies and rewards dogs that have the training and demeanor to be reliable family members as well as good-standing community members. All dogs passing the Canine Good Citizen Test receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. The purpose of the Canine Good Citizen Test is to ensure that your dog can be a respected member of the community because it is trained and conditioned to act mannerly in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs. The program embraces both purebred and mixed-breed dogs. Children and family members are highly encouraged to participate. You can bring your dog on the first day of class and please also bring your up-to-date vaccination records.

**Day:** Saturday

**Date:** Spring 1: #122223C March 10-April 14 (6 weeks)

Spring 2: #122223C1 April 28-June 2 (6 weeks)

**Time:** Noon-1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Bulger Park

**Fee:** \$60

**Instructor:** Dawn Vendegna