



The Greater Dog- Training Curriculum

Following is a list of all the skills we teach in our foundation classes. Please call or email if you have any questions!

OBEDIENCE SKILLS				
SKILL	PUPPY KINDERGARTEN 8-16 WEEKS	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 4 MONTHS +	MIDDLE SCHOOL POST ELEM. SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL POST MIDDLE SCHOOL
NAME - CLOSE	Your puppy will make eye contact with you when you say their name when they are near you.	Your dog will make eye contact with you when you say their name when they are near you.	Maintain	
NAME - FAR		Your dog will turn their head and look towards you when you say their name and they are either distracted or more than 10 feet away.	Maintain	
SIT	Your puppy will sit on cue.	Your dog will sit on the first cue, even with a mild distraction.	Maintain	Maintain
DOWN	Your puppy will down on cue.	Your dog will lie down on the first cue, even with a mild distraction.	Maintain	Maintain
STAND	Your puppy will stand on cue.	Your dog will move from a down or sit to a stand on the first cue, even with a mild distraction.	Maintain	Your dog will allow a stranger to brush them, and examine their ears and feet.
SIT FOR PETTING		Your dog will sit on the first cue, and allow a person to pet them while they remain sitting.	Maintain	Maintain
SIT STAY			Your dog will sit and stay for 1 minute at the end of a 6-foot leash.	Your dog will sit and stay for 1 minute off leash when you are at a 20-foot distance.
DOWN STAY			Your dog will sit and stay for 1 minute at the end of a 6-foot leash.	Your dog will lie down and stay for 1 minute off leash when you are at a 20-foot distance.
COME	Your puppy learns recall games.	Your dog will come 25 feet when called, sit when they get to you, and allow you to grab their collar.	Your dog will come 40 feet when called, sit when they get to you, and allow you to grab their collar.	Your dog will wait while you leave them, come 40 feet through distractions when called, sit when they get to you, and allow you to grab their collar.
LEASH WALKING		Your dog will walk in a straight line on a loose leash for 5-7 steps.	Your dog will walk politely at your side without distractions, will stay at your side for left turns, right turns, and changing your pace to slow and fast. Your dog will sit at your side when you stop.	Your dog will walk on a loose leash through distractions including toys, food, people, and other dogs.
HOUSEHOLD SKILLS				
RELATION TO OTHER DOGS	Your puppy plays with other puppies and learns how to calm down when excited.	Your dog can sniff and say hello politely to other dogs, but do not play together in class.	Your dog will ignore other dogs while they are working with you.	Your dog will ignore other dogs while they are working with you.
LEAVE IT	Your puppy will leave treats alone while lying on the floor.	Your dog will leave food-like and toy objects alone while lying on the floor.	Your dog will leave food-like and toy objects alone while lying on the floor.	Your dog will leave objects alone while still or while moving (heeling/recalls)
WAIT FOR DINNER		Your dog will sit politely while you put their dinner dish on the floor and will not eat until you release them to the food.		
WAIT AT DOORWAYS			Your dog will politely go through doorways with you.	
GO TO MAT			Your dog will go and lie down on a mat from 3 steps away.	
SIT IN CHAIR – AUTOMATIC DOWN ON LEASH			Your dog will automatically lie down at your feet when they are on a leash and you sit in a waiting room/folding/type chair or park bench.	
HUSBANDRY – VET CARE SKILLS				
FOOT HANDLING	Your puppy will allow you to clip one toe at a time.		Your dog will allow you to lift each foot, spread the toes and touch each toenail.	Your dog will allow a stranger to lift and handle their feet.
MOUTH HANDLING	Your puppy will allow you to brush their teeth.		Your dog will allow you to lift their lips and run your finger along the outside of the teeth.	
BODY HANDLING	Your puppy will allow you to touch their body all over.		Your dog will allow you to touch them all over.	Your dog will allow a stranger to brush them.
CHIN REST			Your dog will rest their muzzle on your palm and wait quietly.	
RESTING DOWN – LIE ON ONE HIP FOR 5 SECONDS			Your dog will lie down and roll on a hip and lay quietly for 5 seconds.	
RESTRAIN DOG WHILE DOG IS STANDING			Your dog will stand quietly while you “hug” them as if in preparation to be lifted.	
HEAD IN MUZZLE			Your dog will voluntarily put their nose into a muzzle.	
FAKE INJECTIONS			Your dog will allow you to pretend to give them a vaccination on the shoulder and hip, and will allow you to pretend to draw blood from the neck and front leg.	
GAZE INTO EACH EYE			Your dog will allow you to stare into their eyes and shine a penlight in them.	
EAR EXAMINATION			Your dog will allow you to lift and touch each ear and look inside for 3 seconds.	Your dog will allow a stranger to lift and touch each ear and look inside for 3 seconds.
TITLE AND CERTIFICATE OPPORTUNITIES				
FUN AND TRICKS	Your puppy will learn 10 tricks and will have the opportunity to earn the AKC Novice Trick Dog title.	Dogs under 12 months of age will have the opportunity to earn the AKC Star Puppy certificate.	Your dog will be ready to earn the FENZI Cooperative Care Level 1 certificate.	Your dog will have the opportunity to test for the AKC Caning Good Citizen title.