

# Back to School!

FALL EDITION



Enroll Now!

Classes will help your canine buddy to make a seamless transition from your summer schedule to your fall schedule.



## The art of relationship training by Donna Rogers, CPDT-KA

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2014 was the year I had set out to complete my required CEU's to maintain my professional certificate at CCPDT. CCPDT is an independent organization that holds dog trainers and behaviorist to a higher standard by requiring them to uphold integrity, learning theories and training hours. Along the way many amazing things have happened. I advanced into service-dog training, added to my already interest in canine scent work, trained with the famed veterinarian and behaviorist Dr. Ian Dunbar. In August I will add an additional growly dog workshop.

The Clicker Expo in Norfolk, VA in March inspired me to continue my work in positive-reinforcement training. One of the speakers, Ken Ramirez executive vice president of animal collections and training Chicago's world-famous Shedd Aquarium, explained how he trained dogs in 3 weeks to save the sea turtle egg population after the last oil spill disaster on a US coastline.

In April, I took a shelter dog, Pongo to participate in the Human Remains Detection course in Washington, NC and came back adopted Pongo and joined a local Search and Rescue(SAR) group. In this SAR group is a bloodhound and It is really amazing to see a bloodhound completely off leash, tracking and looking for a lost person and never running off from the handler. I asked the owner about how she trained such a reliable dog and her answer was she and her husband allow the dog to sleep with them and they have kept her well socialized and

keep training with positive methods. In fact, the best trained dogs in the world are guide dogs and search dogs. It was exciting to see no electronic collars or devices as they are not allowed. All that is used in training is a dogs' natural drives, positive reinforcement and relationships. It is amazing... It is also worth noting that the ASPCA, [AVSAB](#), [RSPCA](#), [Kennel Club](#), and [Blue Cross](#), are all against the use of shock/E- collars for dogs.

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Our Vision at K-9 Capers  
Dog Training Academy



- ☀ Training and Support for Service Dogs, Therapy and Companion Dogs
- ☀ Provide Healing and Hope for Shelter and Rescued Dogs
- ☀ Inspire Future Generations toward Empathy through Animal-Assisted Therapy Programs
- ☀ Only Use Positive Training Methodologies

learn more about relationship training:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVIEgYP5Pws>



## Classes, Tests, Workshops and Socialization Events



Puppy Preschool  
up to 5 months

STAR Puppy

Canine Good Citizen  
& CGC Advanced

Canine Detective (Scent  
Work Classes)

Private Lessons by  
appointment

Drop-off for Day Training

Backpacking with your  
Dog! & Whistle Recalls

American Red Cross  
Pet First Aid Course

Therapy Dog International  
testing November 1st  
9-12

Canine Good Citizen,  
STAR Puppy and  
C.L.A.S.S. testing  
\* Aug 2nd 9-10  
\* Nov 1st 9-12

Monthly workshop  
for newly adopted pets  
1st Saturday of the month  
3pm rescued pets free!

[Ask for a complete list of  
classes](#)

## Prepare your dog for back to school

### Is your dog ready for alone time?

This is the time of year when many families are preparing to send their children back to school. While many of us are thinking about buying books, pencils, clothes and planning schedules for our children, we should take some time to think about how our dogs will handle having the kids back at school.



Consider how your dog's life will change when the family is on a school schedule. She will probably be spending more time alone during the day. Not all dogs adjust to suddenly being left alone for long periods. You can prepare your pup for being left alone by practicing brief absences from home. Start with short absences, just a few minutes at a time, and gradually make them longer and more unpredictable in length. You want your dog to be comfortable with being left alone. If your dog is distressed with the absences, go back to shorter absences for a while. Don't leave her alone suddenly for long periods of time and expect her to be comfortable with it.

If your dog is going to be spending more time inside the house, prepare by "puppy proofing" the areas where she will be left and giving her things to keep her busy like chew toys, balls or food-stuffed bones. Be sure to give her a bath before she starts spending more time inside. It will be more pleasant for everyone. A self-service dog wash can make bathing your dog quick and easy. If your dog will be left outside more often, prepare by making sure the fence is secure and that she has adequate water and shelter. Pick up things you don't want destroyed or that could harm her and leave her with things to keep her busy.

Try to meet your dog's social needs while you are gone. Consider giving your dog

some social time with a neighbor or friend's dog when the family is gone. Your friend's dog could come to your house to play on some days, and your dog could go to your friend's house on other days. Other alternatives are to take your dog to a doggie daycare facility or hire a person to come in and walk your dog when everyone is gone.

When your family is home, be sure to give your dog adequate time to socialize and play. Try to do things your dog enjoys such as playing fetch or going on walks. Give her adequate time to be with everyone so that both family and dog can enjoy each other.

It's important to remember that changes in our lives affect our pets. Don't take it for granted that they will cope with these changes - plan to meet their needs and help them to adjust.

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### Spots! Come!

Need help getting your dog to come when called? Just practice a few things below to improve your recall.

- \* Make coming to you pleasant with treats—not a toenail trim or leaving the park.

- \* Use everyday situations such as going for a walk, getting petted or dinner as a reward for coming when called.

- \* At first, use the cue "come" only when you are sure your dog sees you and will respond.

- \* Practice indoors until reliable, then once outdoors, practice on a 20-30ft line to ensure your dog will not run away. Add a release word such as "go play!" then call your dog to you, reward, release (repeat!)

- \* You will no longer need food as the release word is the reward! Use toys, food or praise as rewards also. Slowly add distractions and distance.

## NEW Classes!

### Master the Growlies...

Weekend workshops coming soon!

### SPORTS SAMPLER



Come learn and sample the different dog sports such as Rally, Scent Work, Agility and Fly ball to name a few! Starts September 8th- 4

weeks \$25 per class 7pm



### Therapy Dog Test Prep

Start with our Canine Good Citizen class then advance to the Therapy Dog Test Prep class. Testing is done throughout the year. Next test Nov. 1st Classes starts Sept 11th at 7:45- 6 classes \$90



### BACKPACKING WITH YOUR DOG!

\* SEMINAR OCT 4TH AT 1PM

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