

## The Four Pillars of Positive Training:

*adapted from Victoria Stilwell*

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1. The use of positive reinforcement (food, toys or praise)
2. Avoiding the use of intimidation, physical punishment or fear (no Shock collars!)

3. A comprehension of the often misunderstood concept of dominance

4. A commitment to understanding the canine experience from the dog's point of view

Together, these four elements comprise the

Positively concept of positive training. Without any one of them, the philosophy is not complete and is not as powerful and effective in building long-term relationships with your pets based on mutual trust and respect.

## NEW! Academy Day School (Play & Learn)

### What is Puppy and Dog Academy?



Our academy day training program is much like private school for children.

Your pup will become socialized while exercising their mind and learning new skills. The planned activities and playgroups are structured in accordance to Dr Karen Pryor, founder of innovative positive clicker training used at Sea World and other training facilities worldwide. These exercises and training games will help your dog with self-control, obedience, sharing toys, and becoming a better family member. A well-exercised and socialized dog is fun to

have in your home, and less likely to be destructive or disobedient. **See course outline for training paths.**

### What are the days and times offered?

Wednesdays and Fridays. Space is limited to 10 students at this time.

(We have a short day on Tuesdays by special arrangement from 9AM-3PM.)

For extended hours, we offer pick-up from Camp Happy Hound or Tuscarora.

### Day School hours:

8:00AM-4:30PM. full day  
9:30AM-1:30PM half day

### Age limits and requirements:

Your dog needs to be 4 months old and be 28 days past its last round of vaccinations (DHPP, Rabies, Bordetella, and a Fecal Test) to ensure that she has begun to build an immune system conducive to interacting in a social environment. Elderly dogs welcomed.

## 5 reasons to train your dog!

1. To Build a Positive Relationship
2. To Teach Life Skills
3. To Increase Sociability
4. To Avoid Problem Behaviors
5. For Loyalty and Companionship

### How do I start?

All students must meet with a trainer for a baseline



assessment and training session. The assessment is \$55 and is waived if you purchase a training package. You will get the starter commands

we use in day school the same day! Just call or email to set up your appointment! (704) 721-6757  
k9capers@gmail.com



### Benefits of walking your dog!

Walking has many benefits for both humans and dogs. Studies have shown that for overweight people/dogs, a 30 minute walk, three times per week can reduce blood pressure, increase energy, improve sense of well-being, and lower your weight by 5% and your dog's by 15%.

Here are 5 reasons you and your dog can benefit from daily walks.

- \*Strengthens Your Bond.
- \*Helps with Weight Control
- \*Improves Socialization.

Adventure to new places; take in the sights and smells around you.

\*Physical and Mental Health.

\*Overcomes loneliness

We will take your dog to the park and field trips!

# Course Outline:

Because training never stops we offer an array of services!

### 1. The American Kennel Club Path

By the time a dog passes the Canine Good Citizen they can do a long down stay from 20 ft away, walk past other dogs and people without pulling on the leash. Food rewards have been faded. [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

### 2. APDT C.L.A.S.S.

What is C.L.A.S.S.? Canine Life and Social Skills, is wonderful 3-tiered educational program for the life of the dog to promote training focused on the use of positive reinforcement and to strengthen relationships between humans and their canine companions. [www.mydoghasclass.com](http://www.mydoghasclass.com)

### 3. Therapy Dog

To belong to Therapy Dogs International (TDI®) all dogs must be tested and evaluated by a Certified TDI Evaluator. A dog must be a minimum of one (1) year of age and have a sound temperament. Each dog must pass a TDI temperament evaluation for suitability to become a Therapy Dog. The test will also include the evaluation of the dog's behavior around people with the use of some type of service equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.). [www.tdi.org](http://www.tdi.org)

### 4. Service Dog

Dogs are trained to assist in a variety of ways to help with daily tasks and to increase independence. Should pass the public access test. <http://www.assistedogsinternational.org>



We do not address aggression cases in our day school. Dogs must be dog and people friendly. We do offer private training lessons to address your needs.

## Pricing Structure Full- Day (chart shows discount on daily)

| No Contract | 10 day | STAR puppy/ Basics  | CGC / CLASS BA      | CGC-A / CLASS MA  | TDI / CLASS PHD      |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| \$45        | —      | 5% discount \$42.75 | 10% discount \$40.5 | 20% discount \$36 | 30% Discount \$31.50 |
| —           | \$40   | 5% discount \$38    | 10% discount \$36   | 20% discount \$32 | 30% Discount \$28    |

## Pricing Structure Half- Day (chart shows discount on daily)

| No Contract | 10 day | STAR puppy/ Basics  | CGC / CLASS BA       | CGC-A / CLASS MA  | TDI / CLASS PHD      |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| \$30        | —      | 5% discount \$28.5  | 10% discount \$27    | 20% discount \$24 | 30% Discount \$21    |
| —           | \$25   | 5% discount \$23.75 | 10% discount \$22.50 | 20% discount \$20 | 30% Discount \$17.50 |

## Play Dates/ Transportation Fees

Playdates are "just for fun" days however we still reinforce good behavior. These are at \$30 per day We offer limited transportation and is calculated by the mile.



Half-day is 4 hours or less. Full day is anything over 4 hrs. Multi- dog households are discounted

## Basic Dog Training Commands taught and used at day school:

Sit

Down

Heel

Heel Sit

Wait

Stay

Place(mat)

Front (Here)

Gotcha !(collar grab sit)

Back (back up!)

Quiet Please! (stop alert barking)



### Training Paths to select from:

[American Kennel Club: www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org)

S.T.A.R Puppy (Socialization, Training, Activity, Responsibility)

Canine Good Citizen(long down stay, nice walk by dogs/people)

Canine Good Citizen- Advance (tested in a public setting)

Urban CGC- tested on a busy urban sidewalk and noisy areas

Therapy Dog (Therapy Dog International testing)

Service Dog (ADA requirements)

Rapid Recall (out of sight recall from 50 yards)

Whistle Recall (recall on a whistle sound with distractions)

C.L.A.S.S. ( Canine Life Skills) BA, MA ,and PHD

Maintenance (using skills on a field trip and during play groups)

# K-9 Capers

DOG  
TRAINING  
ACADEMY

At K-9 Capers, we believe in discovering your dogs greatest potential by using training games such as nose work, agility, or fly ball to name a few. We focus on brain games that give a dog a chance to make the right choices to pave a way to better behavior.



## Day School News!!!

Dogs, like people go through different stages in their life. Training should be a lifetime commitment.

"Positive training helps people foster relationships with even problem dogs by understanding, and turning around the problem behavior without the use of force or fear. This changes behavior without damaging trust between dog and owner. Anyone can use rewards to teach dogs to learn but it takes advanced knowledge and skill to turn around negative behavior without the use of force.

People who make time to teach their dogs lead more fulfilling lives with their canine companions. A healthy balance of

learning manners, encouraging sociability and providing your dog with the right kind of outlets will ensure her success. People who fail to give their dogs the education they need are doing them a great disservice and will have problems in the future. The learning process does not have to be costly or intense, and the more enjoyable it is for the both of you, the better the results will be." These are words by Victoria Stilwell of the UK to live by.

Victoria also suggest 5 reasons to train your dog!

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Positive training involves food treats, toys, games, petting, attention, tone of voice, field trips and time together. Punishment involves pain and dogs can begin to avoid people and places. Positive reinforcement is endorsed by the is American Veterinarian Medical Association. <https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/150115h.aspx>



## Meet our veterinarian! Concord Parkway Animal Hospital



Stewart F Roberts, DVM

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