

K-9 Capers *New* 4-H Dog Training Club

NEW CLASSES AND PROGRAM



We have open enrollment for our new dog training program exclusively for 4-H members

The 4-H builds leadership, character and good citizenship in our youth through empathy, respect and responsibility towards people and animals. Join today and get started on your adventure!

Welcome friends...to our new 4-H Club.

We will have our monthly regular business meetings on the **first Saturday** of every month at the K-9 Capers Dog Training Academy, unless otherwise noted. These meetings will be without our dogs to work on our education and other projects.

So what is new? We plan on doing more this year with humane education, community outreach and of course training our own dogs to be examples in the community. **You do not need a dog to**

join! We will provide one for you. All dogs and youth will have to be approved each year for the program. To monitor progress on our dog training, we are



starting a new merit badge program called **Good Dogs of America (GDA)**, similar to the Dog Scouts of America, but the badges are only the price of a premium cup of coffee.

When do you bring a dog?

Training days for GDA will be by schedule on Saturdays with various adventures such as dog shows, backpacking and other events as voted on. Once you sign up as a 4-H member, sign all the release forms and take the required safety training classes, an appointment will be made to evaluate your dog for the program or you may borrow a dog for the program. Classes will be \$5 each taught by various instructors. There are 19 badges at \$2.00 each.

How do I join and what are the fees? You may attend one business

meeting to decide if you want to join our club then you are required to complete a 4-H membership form along with other releases and a dog application, if applicable. We do not receive any funding other than the money we can raise on our own therefore our sign-up fee for the year is \$25 which includes GDA bandana, workbook, clicker and T-Shirt.



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You're invited!

How do I find out more?

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What if I cannot make all the meetings? We understand that life gets in the way, we hope you can make all the meetings but you may skip meetings if necessary. We will keep your application active for 3 unexcused meetings and the 4-H year if you keep us posted.

What about the badges, what if my dog is already trained or my child does not want to participate.

The GDA badges are optional. You may take the training at \$5 per class. You may elect to just participate in all the other various activities we will have planned throughout the year. The GDA badges will be earned at high standards. For example, the recall will be at a distance and distraction and duration as required for all the other 18 badges.. We will work with your child to attain the badge if the badge is desired. Dog/handler teams will be able to reach the goals. The goals are attainable, but will not be given unless they are earned. Also there will be at home assignments as well. All badges

must be approved in writing by the instructor before you purchase them.

Volunteers & guest speakers needed!!! We will be inviting trainers and guest speakers for workshops and other demos towards earning the badges. If you would like to volunteer as a trainer, helper or leader please let us know. If you are 18 years and older you may volunteer by filling out an application at the link below*** . Guest speakers are exempt from the volunteer forms but may be required to sign a waiver.

Can I join anytime or is the enrollment just once a year?

You may join any time of the year as we have open enrollment. Our 4-H year coincides with the school year Sept 1-August 31

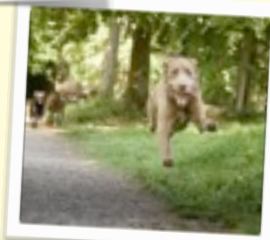
Can I drop my child off at the meetings? Parents should be present



*Our regular business meeting times for 2014 will be:
First saturday of each month
At 9:15
Next meeting is ...
March 1*

- *Good Dogs of America Badge
Training times are per
schedule posted*

How to join the 4-H



1.) Complete the forms: If your child is between the ages 5-18 you may sign up for the 4-H by completing the forms at: <http://www.cabarruscounty.us/government/departments/cooperative-extension/youth/4-H/Documents/enrollment.pdf>

(***Volunteer forms) :<http://www.cabarruscounty.us/government/departments/cooperative-extension/youth/4-H/Documents/4-H%20volunteer%20app.pdf>

2.) Bring or mail the forms: To our next or mail them PO BOX 1411 Harrisburg NC 28075.

3) Dogs in the program: All breeds and mixed breeds are welcomed into our program if they are good with other dogs and youth and have the CGC. We reserve the right to expel any dog with issues. We must keep everyone safe. We can provide a dog for you at no charge. All youth must have taken a pet safety course before petting a dog in the program or bringing an approved dog. Dogs must be current on vaccines or titers and must be flea free. A waiver must be signed. Once we have the forms and dog application, we will set an appointment with you and your dog. It will take about 15 min..