

PLEASE NOTE THESE CRDTC GUIDELINES:

- ◆ **Equipment:** Handlers should use a standard training collar (slip collar) or buckle collar, and a 6-foot leather or fabric leash. (You can purchase equipment at the club at nominal cost.) Other equipment must be approved by the instructor.
- ◆ **Requirements:** Handlers should be at least 15 years old. Except for puppy class, dogs must be at least 6 months old with all vaccinations up to date. Female dogs in heat may not attend class.
- ◆ **Check-in:** Handlers should check in at the front desk before each class. Family and friends are welcome to observe as long as they remain seated quietly. Children must be supervised.
- ◆ **Control:** It is your responsibility to have your dog under positive control at all times. Any dog that attacks another dog or person is subject to immediate removal from class. The club assumes no liability for the actions of any dog, owner, or handler.
- ◆ **No abuse of dogs will be permitted or tolerated.**
- ◆ **Clean-up:** “Exercise” your dog before coming to class. You must clean up after your dog both inside or outside the building. CRDTC provides the necessary supplies.
- ◆ **Holidays:** No classes on Labor Day or between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Training will be held on the Wednesday immediately following Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Patriots Day, and Memorial Day.
- ◆ **Inclement weather:** A notice on the status of classes will be posted on the club Web site at www.geocities.com/crdtc. If the roads and parking lot are plowed, there's a good chance classes will be held as usual.
- ◆ **Refund policy:** NO REFUNDS after classes start. In extremely unusual circumstances, please speak to the CRDTC president.

We welcome your comments — speak to any Board member at the check-in desk.

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CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING

CLUB, Inc.

Established 1941



OBEDIENCE & PUPPY CLASSES

Spring 2009

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday evenings

Waltham MA

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WELCOME TO THE CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB!

The Charles River Dog Training Club (CRDTC) is the second-oldest dog training club in Massachusetts. CRDTC is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to training dogs of all breeds as companions and for obedience trial competition.

Each year CRDTC runs two AKC-licensed obedience trials (March & November) and a Rally trial in March. The club also sponsors an obedience/rally match, several AKC Canine Good Citizen tests, an annual awards dinner with guest speaker, and other special events.

We encourage you to visit at any time, and hope you will join our classes and activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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LOCATION / DIRECTIONS

Most classes are held indoors at the *UMass Field Station, 240 Beaver Street, Waltham MA.*

From Route 128: Take Exit 28A Trapelo Rd east toward Belmont. After 3 to 4 miles, turn right onto Route 60. Take Route 60 West to Beaver St (traffic light with Shell gas station on the corner). Turn right onto Beaver St. The UMass Field Station is a brick building, about 100 yards up on the left. Enter the driveway just past the building.

From Route 20: From the east, turn right at Lyman St (landmark: Kentucky Fried Chicken on the corner); From the west, turn left at Lyman St. Proceed to the DeVincent Circle rotary. Go through the rotary to Beaver St. Continue straight past Bentley College to 240 Beaver St. The UMass Field Station is on the right.

Beginner Obedience Clicker Course

This basic obedience course meets once per week on Mondays, 6:00-6:45pm. Fee: \$125. No classes on Monday holidays—training will be held on the following Wednesday.

- This course will teach YOU how to train your dog using a clicker. Coursework is based on the Canine Good Citizen exercises. Includes: walking on a loose lead, sit, down, stay, come when called, walking on lead with distractions, meeting new people and dogs, supervised separation.
- No dogs at the first class, which meets 6:00-7:30pm. Operant conditioning using a clicker as the conditioned reinforcer will be explained. Different style collars will be demonstrated and discussed. Shaping will be described and class members will participate in exercises to learn and improve timing. There will be weekly assignments for home practice.

REQUIREMENTS: For one handler per dog. Handlers should be at least 15 years old. Dogs must be at least 6 months old with all vaccinations up to date. Female dogs in heat may not attend class.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE. *Class size is limited and this course often fills.* To reserve a place in the course, call Margaret at 781 894-4315.

Starting dates:

Session III	Monday, Jan 5, 2009
Session IV	Monday, Feb 23, 2009
Session V	Monday, Apr 6, 2009
Session VI	Monday, May 18, 2009

Puppy Classes

▶ Puppy Kindergarten

Meets Fridays, 6:30-7:20pm for 6 weeks. For puppies 8–16 weeks of age at start of class.

▶ Advanced Puppy Course

Meets Fridays 7:30-8:20pm for 6 weeks. For puppies at least 16 weeks of age at the start of class.

REQUIREMENTS: Puppies must be on a schedule of routine vaccinations. It is recommended the pup have had a series of two vaccinations.

Class size is limited and registration is required. Fee \$125. To reserve a place in the course, contact Dianne Campos at 781 273-4012. Starting dates:

Session III	Jan 9, 2009
Session IV:	Mar 6, 2009
Session V:	Apr 24, 2009

ON-GOING CLASSES

There are no classes on Monday holidays—training will be held on the Wednesday immediately following the holiday. Check the club Web site for the Wednesday schedule: Drop-in fees: \$10 (members), \$15 (non-members); members may purchase a 6-night discount card for \$50.

▶ Advanced Beginner Class

- For those who have completed a Beginner Course.
- Drop-in classes provide review and further work in basic obedience and the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) exercises with an introduction to Rally Obedience.

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN PROGRAM

CGC Tests: Jan 5, Apr 6, Jun 29, 2009

CGC Test fee \$15

▶ Obedience Competition Classes

- Drop-in classes based on the AKC obedience exercises.
- Novice with an introduction to Open
- Open / Utility, alternate weeks
- Individual Obedience Run-Throughs

Special Classes & Activities:

- **LIFE AFTER BEGINNER**
- **RALLY-OBEDIENCE WORKSHOPS / RUN-THROUGHS**
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- **ATTENTION COURSE**
- **OBEDIENCE RUN-THROUGH NIGHT:** Feb. 18, 2009
- **INTRO TO TRACKING:** June 2009

Details posted on the CRDTC Web site

MEMBERSHIP

Once you have completed a course or trained at the club on four different dates, you are eligible to apply for membership. The membership year starts on October 1st.

The success of club activities depends on member participation, plus it's fun and a great way to get to know people. Members receive: discounted training fees, the newsletter with a calendar of canine events, invitations to special events, use of the practice ring, use of the club library, access to the club's e-mail discussion list, and e-mail announcements of upcoming canine events.