



Congratulations! on completing your Basic Manners training at **DTCCC**

We hope you enjoyed your training experience and are looking to continue with more advanced training classes with us.

DTCCC offers a wide variety of venues and activities designed to enable you and your canine companion to further your training whatever your goals or of course, just for fun!

As a recent graduate you are now eligible for our

STARTER MEMBERSHIP

Open only to handlers who have successfully completed either Basic Manners Level 1, Basic for Puppies Level 1, or both mini manners classes- Not Now Honey & Getting There and Back.

FAQ's

What is a Starter Membership?

Our Starter Membership is designed with the new trainer in mind!

Your membership includes enrollment into 10 different classes.

By investing in a **Starter Membership for \$175**, your cost for a six week session is only **\$30**.

How long is the Starter Membership?

Your Starter Membership is good for ONE YEAR from the date of application.

Which Classes are included in my Starter Membership?

Beyond Basics Level 2

Out & About

Advanced Manners

Dog Sports FUNdamentals

Your Training Toolbox

Canine Good Citizen

The Training Game

Loose Leash Walking & Reliable Recalls

On Target

Trick Dog Novice



Which class do I take first?

You will be required to complete a Beyond Basics Level 2 or an Out and About session.

Following completion of Level 2 - then it's on to one of our "Foundation Classes" which can be taken in any order or choose based on your interest or training goals-

Advanced Manners, Dog Sports FUNdamentals or Your Training Toolbox.

The remaining classes included in your membership may be taken in any order and you may repeat any course if you like.

NOTE!!! *Please be aware that not all classes are always on the current schedule.*

Are there any other requirements for a Starter Membership?

Yes, this membership category is open only to handlers with dogs who have successfully completed DTCCC's Level 1 Manners class or both mini manners classes- Not Now Honey & Getting There and Back - and have not previously been a member of DTCCC.

The applicant must exercise his or her option to become a starter member within 60 days, of completing Level 1.

Membership term is one year from the date of application. The membership covers only the applicant and one dog. Membership privileges cannot be shared and are not transferrable.

A Starter Membership is a non voting membership and participants are not eligible for discounts offered to regular training members. A starter membership may be converted to a regular membership at any time during or after the year.

Starter members are welcome to attend Club meetings and events.

Can I enroll in other classes not covered by my Starter Membership?

Yes, but at the non member fee and as long as class prerequisites are met.

Which are the Foundation Level classes?

Our Foundation level classes are Advanced Manners, Dog Sports FUNdamentals and Your Training Toolbox.

Start with **Advanced Manners** if you are interested in obedience training and overall better manners out and about, or if your goal is the Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog certifications.

Dog Sports FUNdamentals is the best choice for those interested in agility, flyball, rally obedience or any of the dog "sports".

Your Training Toolbox focus on the many positive training options available for you, your dog's teacher! Crucial for all venues.

Our instructing staff recommends attending all the foundation classes for the best well-rounded training education for you and your dog.

How do I get started?

Just print out and complete the application along with your payment and mail it to us at the address provided, you may or drop it off at the Training Center office. You may register for classes soon as you receive confirmation that your membership has been activated.

Starter Training Classes and Dog Sports at DTCCC

BEYOND BASICS LEVEL 2

Beyond Basics builds on the foundation exercises begun in Level 1. Learn how to improve your dog's responsiveness, reliability and duration among increasing distractions. More self control is emphasized along with building your dog's confidence.

Continue to improve:

- Sit, Down, wait until Released
- Walking on Leash
- Come when Called
- Stay
- Polite meeting/greeting people and greeting other dogs.

New skills and exercises for dog and handler include:

- How to use a Reward Marker
- Hand Signals
- Stand for examination or grooming
- Targeting

OUT and ABOUT - beyond the basics

Skills you will need out in the real world, calling off or past distractions, leaving items on the ground, polite greetings, passing other dog-handler teams.

Prerequisite: Teams must have completed Not Now Honey and Getting There and Back, Or - Basic Manners Level 1, or Basics for Puppies Level 1

ADVANCED MANNERS: If you are interested in obedience training and overall better manners out and about, and for those interested in pursuing the Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog certifications. This class focuses on building your dog's best manners and confidence and covers many of the exercises included in the CGC test. You will continue to improve your own training skills as you help your dog problem solve and learn new skills.

Fun and challenging!

Prerequisite: Beyond Basics Level 2

DOG SPORTS FUNDamentals: Attention and focus, self control, along with good handling skills are essential for any off leash dog sport (agility, flyball, obedience, rally) you plan to pursue. This class covers clicker skills, targeting to hand and disc, crate/mat games, solid verbal cues for sit, down, release. Left and right side walking/running, recall with distractions, stays, leave it.

Prerequisite: Beyond Basics Level 2

YOUR TRAINING TOLBOX - Shaping, Luring, Capturing and more!

This class will help you develop a wider range of training options for your canine partner. Build a better understanding of your training options (there are so many!) the timing and mechanics of those options, and when and where it might be beneficial to use a specific technique. We won't be concentrating on specifics of how to teach any one obedience behavior like sit or down, instead we'll be concentrating on the specifics of how to TEACH our learners! Join us and develop your training excellence for any sport!

Prerequisite: Beyond Basics Level 2

LEASH WALKING & RELIABLE RECALLS: Walking politely on leash and coming when called are two of the "Most Wanted" skills we want for our dogs. Improve attention, focus and reliability amidst distractions with this course.

Prerequisite: Advanced Manners, Dog Sports FUNDamentals or Your Training Toolbox

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN PREP: This class will review and practice the 10 exercises and procedures designed to prepare handlers and their dog to pass the CGC.

Prerequisite: Advanced Manners

TRICK DOG NOVICE: This classes introduce a variety of Novice tricks, improve fluency for previously learned tricks and sets the groundwork for more challenging Novice, Intermediate and Advanced tricks. All teams will work at their own pace. This class can and should be repeated as needed before moving to the next level.

Prerequisite: Dog Sports FUNDamentals or Your Training Toolbox

ON TARGET: Target training provides a way to shape behaviors, build speed and accuracy at any distance, and focus for good manners, therapy work, dog sports, or tricks. No matter what your level of expertise you will learn how to teach your dog many useful behaviors.

Prerequisite: Dog Sports FUNDamentals or Your Training Toolbox

THE TRAINING GAME: Did you ever wonder what your dog was thinking or feeling during your training sessions? If she is confused or frustrated? Or excited to be "getting it"? Well this is your chance to find out. This class will be your first "dog-training" class without a dog. You will develop/improve your timing, learn what you are looking for in each training adventure, learn how fast you can escalate your requirements and how to recognize when your "dog" really understands what you are asking. THIS WILL BE A CLASS WITHOUT DOGS! Just bring your clicker, if you have one.

Prerequisite: Beyond Basics Level 2

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