

## ***What Class Should I Take?***

The motto of the FVDTC is "A well-trained dog is a happy dog". To support this motto the club offers multiple ways for owners and dogs to learn and grow. Whether you are interested in a better trained dog or in showing there is a class for you. For over 60 years we have taught both the general public and our members how to train their dogs to be welcome canine citizens.

As a starting point we offer both a puppy and a beginning obedience class. Each class is eight weeks in length and there is a charge for each session. The goal of these two classes is to build basic skills and good manners. Classes are limited in size and give personalized attention to each student. Students who have completed the Beginner class are invited to join the club and continue their dog's education.

We also offer Advanced Level Obedience, Rally and Conformation classes every Thursday night for both members and the general public. Each of these classes and practice sessions are on-going (no start or ending date) and for members there is no charge outside of the yearly membership fee, for the general public there is a small fee per class. As these classes are considered 'drop-in' there is no sign up to attend, just join in.

After gaining a foundation in beginner courses the possibilities are endless. Members can move on to learn Rally, Conformation, or all levels of Obedience. It all just depends on their interest. We have members who have earned all level of AKC titles and others who just wish to enjoy working with their dog, but never expect to show. Whatever your intent, if you love dogs, you will find people and classes with similar interests at FVDTC.

Explore the various classes and if you have questions do not hesitate to drop a line to our training coordinator.

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### **Classes Offered**

**Puppy:** <session classes> Puppy classes are for dogs aged 8 weeks to 5 months. Learn about your puppy's behavior and begin teaching your dog some "household manners", such as walking on a loose leash, not jumping up on people and to come when called.

**Beginner:** <session classes> This class will give you the tools needed to form a solid foundation of the basics including trust, sit, down, come, recall, leave it, watch and more...

#### ***What do you do after Beginners class?***

**Advanced Beginner:** <drop in> This class enhances skills learned in previous classes and incorporates some more advanced skills and exercises. From this point, advancement to a higher level class is at each handler/dog team's own rate. The more you train, the faster you improve, the sooner you advance.

**Rally Run-Thru:** <drop in> Practice a full course as it might be in a Rally Trial. Students sign up each week for individual run-thru's on a course using exercises from all levels). Explanations of signs and suggestions are given when needed.

**Novice Ring Ready:** <drop in> Perfect the skills necessary for the handler/dog team to compete at an obedience trial. This class offers critiquing/suggestions, as well as the opportunity to practice those skills in a group environment and individually with "run-throughs". Rally exercises are introduced also.

**Open:** <drop in> Learn the skills necessary for the handler/dog team to enter an Open class at an obedience trial.

**Utility:** <drop in> Learn the skills necessary for the handler/dog team to enter a Utility class at an obedience trial.

**Conformation:** <drop in> Conformation classes teach correct handling, grooming and baiting techniques. This class offers critiquing/suggestions, as well as the opportunity to practice those skills in an environment such as you would find at a Breed Show.