

# DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES



**Why Obedience Class?** *Training provides a means to communicate, better understand and build a relationship with our dogs! **We are asking the dog to live with us in our environment and according to our rules. It is only fair for us to teach our dog companions these rules.** A well trained, socialized dog is a joy to live with and training is a crucial step toward insuring your dog becomes a well-behaved and enjoyable family pet. Our classes will help you train, socialize and communicate with your dog.*

*The training method is based on kindness and respect. We use positive reinforcement such as praise, toys, playtime, or treats to motivate and reward correct behaviors. We welcome dogs **5 months or older** that are current on vaccines.*

**The Humane Society Offers Assistance with:**

- Socializing
- House training
- Chewing
- Barking
- Biting
- Additional areas of concern

**Classed Offered:**

- **Beginner Dog Obedience (two locations)**
- **Intermediate/CGC® Dog Obedience**
- **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Class**
- **The Bully & The Beautiful - Control the Inner Bully**

**COST:**

\$75/dog  
 \$65/dog (if adopted from HSKC)  
 \$35/person for audit option

**ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

Owners are required to send proof of vaccinations for **Distemper, Bordetella & Rabies**. Fees are non-refundable one week prior to the first date of class.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

One week prior to the first date of class.

*Please see [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) for dates and times.  
See back for class descriptions.*

HUMANE SOCIETY OF KENT COUNTY - **Dog Obedience Class Registration Form**

*Class sizes are limited - reserve your space today!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Audit option? Yes No

Name of Veterinarian or Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the class? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been through an obedience class before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you experiencing any specific behavior problem(s) you would like to address with us? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle class choice (option #) & write in desired start date:

1st Choice: Option #1 Option #2 Option #3 Option #4 Option #5 Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: Option #1 Option #2 Option #3 Option #4 Option #5 Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### OPTION #1: Beginner Dog Obedience • HSKC Training Center • Mondays • 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Designed for dogs **5 months and older** that have never had a previous training class and for those who will benefit by taking the class again. The focus of the class is on good doggy manners and the basic commands of sit, stay, down, come, “leave it,” and walking on a loose leash. No previous training required. Problem behaviors are also addressed depending on each dog’s owner’s specific needs. You can also audit the Beginner classes by attending without your dogs for a lower cost (space limited). See [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) for start dates and class schedule.

### OPTION #2: Intermediate Dog Obedience • HSKC Training Center • Mondays • 7:30 -8:30 pm

Designed for dogs that have completed any Beginner class or are responsive to basic commands. Included in the class are new exercises, increased levels of distractions and closer work with other dogs to help each owner become more creative and capable of handling training issues on their own. This class will also focus on the AKC CGC® Program and each participant is given the opportunity to take the CGC® evaluation upon completion of the course. The class has fewer students to allow for more one on one time with each owner. See [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) for start dates and class schedule.

### OPTION #3: AKC S.T.A.R Puppy Class • HSKC Training Center • Tuesdays • 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Get your pup off to a good start with this new program designed by the American Kennel Club. You’ll learn how to effectively communicate with your dog and your pup will be able to socialize with other dogs. Upon completion of the course your puppy will receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Medal along with various recognition through the American Kennel Club. **Designed for puppies up to one year of age.** See [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) for start dates and class schedule.

### OPTION #4: The Bully and The Beautiful • HSKC Training Center • Tuesdays • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

*The Bully and the Beautiful - Control your Inner Bully* is a new and unique class designed to help you and your “bully” breed better understand each other. This class focuses on basic manners, commands and specific issues pertaining to these “bully” breeds. See [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) for start dates and class schedule.

### OPTION #5: Beginner Dog Obedience • The Barkery in Sparta • Wednesdays • 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Designed for dogs **5 months and older** that have never had a previous training class and for those who will benefit by taking the class again. The focus of the class is on good doggy manners and the basic commands of sit, stay, down, come, “leave it,” and walking on a loose leash. No previous training required. Problem behaviors are also addressed depending on each dog’s owner’s specific needs. You can also audit the Beginner classes by attending without your dogs for a lower cost (space limited). See [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) for start dates and class schedule.

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE CLASSES:

- **Leash:** 4 to 6 ft. leather, nylon or cotton leash. Do **NOT** use chain as it is too hard on your hands during training and is harder to give clear signals to your dog. Also please NO retractable leashes.
- **Collar:** Your choice, options will be discussed in class.
- **Treats:** Small treats that are well liked by your dog and easy to eat.

*For more information please see [www.hskc.org](http://www.hskc.org) or contact our Behavior Specialist @ (616) 791-8227 or [namiko@hskc.org](mailto:namiko@hskc.org)*

**Please Note:** Owners are required to send proof of vaccinations for **DHLPP, Bordatella & Rabies** with their registration form. A current Titer test is also acceptable. **Places in class can only be held if both payment and proof of vaccinations are received.**

**Important:** For the protection of your pet and others do not bring your dog to class if he has recently been sick (coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, mange, etc.). This is also true for female dogs in heat. Please leave the dogs at home, but you are encouraged to attend class so you can have the information to practice during the week. Children and young adults are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

**Please mail your check, payable to “Humane Society of Kent County,” with this signed form to:  
Humane Society of Kent County, 3077 Wilson NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534, Attn: Namiko**

*In consideration of my enrollment in Humane Society of Kent County classes, I hereby agree to assume any and all liability for any real or personal loss or injury, property damage, or injury or damage to any dog, person, or property, which may be caused by the dog I bring to class. I further agree to assume any and all liability and hold harmless the instructors of the program and its landlords or sponsors from any such occurrence or liability. I further state that my dog is properly vaccinated.*

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_