



Our Training Programs

Group Training Classes

Carolina Ranch offers a variety of different classes ranging from Puppy to Senior dogs and from Novice to Advanced. Keep reading for a comprehensive list of the classes. Sessions range in price from \$100 to \$175 depending on the topic and length.

*Dogs must be comfortable in a group setting and not reactive with dogs or people.

Private Training Consultation

Our training consultations allow us to assess your dog while discussing your needs and goals. After discussing our philosophy and programs, we can then put a plan together that will best serve your goals and budget.

30 Minute Consultations - \$39

Private Training Lessons

Spend 30 minutes with one of our trainers focusing on your specific needs. Train the behaviors that are important to you and work at a pace suited to your dog. Common topics include basic manners, behavior challenges, competition, and conditioning. Let us know your goals and together we will create a personalized lesson plan.

30-Minute Lesson: \$60 per Lesson or a 3-pack for \$165

1 Hour Lesson: \$90 per Lesson or a 3-pack for \$255

Day Training & Stay and Learn

Day Training and Stay & Learn are available at the Ranch following trainer recommendation or consultation.

A private lesson is included in the price and allows our trainers to teach you all you need to know to continue the training at home when your dog's stay is complete.

Day Training: Drop your dog off in the morning between 7am and 9am, Tuesday through Friday, and pick up between 4pm and 6pm.

4 Days of Day Training with Private Lesson: \$513

Stay & Learn: Drop your dog off for boarding and our trainer will work with your dog on your pre-determined goals.

4 Days of Stay and Learn with Private Lesson: \$585 with Standard Boarding Accommodations



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AKC STAR Puppy

These classes are for puppies 7 to 18 weeks of age that desire socialization and an introduction to obedience. The focus of the class is to help your puppy acclimate & feel safe in the world under a variety of circumstances, feel confident, love the veterinarian, and begin some basic obedience skills. At the successful completion of the class, your puppy will be eligible for the AKC STAR certification. Topics covered:

- Confidence Building & Socialization with Other Puppies and People
- Positive Veterinary Visits
- Basic Manners:
 - Sit
 - Down
 - Wait/Stay on Mat
 - Come When Called
 - Loose Leash Walking
 - Leave It
 - Problem Solving (jumping up, etc)
 - Training FAQ's
 - Handling Techniques

Diamonds in the Woof – New, I, II, III

These classes are for graduates of the STAR class, or for dogs over 5 months of age that desire group training. The series is a great lead into the Canine Good Citizen class/AKC CGC certification. Diamonds is a bridge to keep your dog learning & growing as they get ready for life's challenges. It is also a terrific skill building class for all dogs over 20 weeks of age who need obedience basics. Learn and build on life skills including:

- Sit
- Down
- Stay
- Come When Called
- Handler Focus
- Loose Leash Walking
- Problem Solving
- Leave It
- Paws on the Floor
- Handling Techniques
- Positive Veterinary Visits
- Wait at the Door
- Pre-CGC test items

CGC – Canine Good Citizen

Best for pups 12 months and older. This 7-week class is designed to prepare your dog for life's challenges including proper greetings, petting, and waiting quietly with a stranger, sit, down, stay, come when called, loose leash walking, walking past other dogs nicely, and handler focus. Dogs that are ready at the end of the class are eligible to take the CGC Test offered at no additional cost.

Therapy Dog

This class is for graduates from the AKC Canine Good Citizen Class whose guardians desire to volunteer with their dog and visit schools, assisted living facilities, hospitals, and other venues to help our community and its citizens. A therapy dog is not a service dog (performs tasks defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act); however, all service dogs benefit from Therapy Dog training. This course is designed to help your dog prepare for the Therapy Dog test which will be offered at the end of the class period (and other scheduled times).

Tricks I

Does your dog like to show off? Do you like to show off? Do you want to build an amazing relationship with your dog? Then this Trick Dog class is for you! You and your dog will learn how to high five, kiss, crawl, bow, and many more. On the last night of class, you can take the AKC Novice Trick Dog test and really show off your skills.

Tricks II

Did you take Tricks I class or have your Novice Trick Dog title? Would you like to entertain people with amazing tricks and wow everyone with a show? You and your dog can be the star of the party! Tricks II is for you! Retrieve the mail, close a drawer, open up the refrigerator, carry mom's purse, or balance a cookie on the nose are just some of the showstoppers you can master in this class. Take the AKC Intermediate Trick Dog certification test at the end of the course, if desired.

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AKC's Community Canine - Life Skills

The goal of AKC Community Canine is to test the dog's skills in a natural setting. It extends the skills learned in the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) class out and into the community. The handler and dog's skills are tested in a natural public setting, not in a quiet cozy training studio. Those that pass are eligible for the CGCA title (Advanced-CGC).

Dogs learn to master life skills such as waiting patiently under control while the owner sits & has a snack/visits with someone, walks on a loose leash with turns, fast & slow pace, stop – without pulling, and through a crowd of people, walks by food and “leaves it,” comes when called past a distraction to the handler, enters/exits a doorway or narrow passage in a controlled manner, able to complete these activities with distractions – out in the community!

Pre-requisites: dog must currently have passed the CGC test or be ready to take & pass the CGC test. Dogs that bark or lunge at people or dogs, or are otherwise environmentally challenged, are best suited to attend a different class. **

Competition Obedience

This 6-week class is designed for dogs and handlers desiring to prepare for AKC competition obedience, those desiring to learn more about the sport, or have a specific problem to solve. Focus is on dog and handler foundations (especially focus & body dynamics), motivation, reinforcement strategies & ring preparation (preparing to show).

Intro to Agility

This outdoor class is designed for dogs and handlers who desire a primer in the sport of agility whether for fun or competition. Focus is on how to use basic agility equipment, dog & handler movements, reinforcement strategy, and having a great time!!

Agility I

Building upon the Introduction skills, your dog will practice all the obstacles at reduced heights. You will learn 5 ways to queue your dog on the field, and you both will start navigating sequences.

Rally

Dogs over 1 year of age with an attentive demeanor and temperament are encouraged to enroll. Younger pups are better served by first attending focused puppy classes or Diamonds classes, as this course is a more advanced curriculum. This class prepares you and your pup to follow signs for a myriad of cool behaviors! Whether you want to compete or are just looking for a challenge, this class is for you!

K9 Sports Sampler

Want to have fun with your dog, but feel that dog training is boring? Do you have a dog that has the basics of sit, down, stay – and wonder what's next?? Carolina Ranch has the answer: the K9 Sports Sampler!

This class will introduce you and your dog to some of the current dog sports as well as improve your existing teamwork, confidence, and communication. We will provide a taste of 5 different dog sports that will enable you to define what interests you and your dog most.

Agility

Obedience

Tricks

Rally

Scentswork

This is a group class, 8 weeks long, \$175 and vaccinations are required. Dogs need to be comfortable in a group class setting and not reactive with dogs & people. The desire to formally compete in trials/competitions is not required, but many people find it is so fun that they do so later.

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AKC Fit Dog

This 4-week class is designed for puppies, adult dogs, seniors, and special needs dogs who desire to be in better physical shape – or just desire to know how best to exercise your dog to be the best that they (and you) can be. Focus is on how to use equipment, reinforcement strategy, and planning for success.

AKC Scentwork – Joy of Sniffing

Let your dog use their amazing sense of smell to find specific odors similar to work done by professional detection dogs. Cotton swabs are scented with essential oils of Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress. They are hidden and then dog finds them and communicates to the handler. This sport is super fun for dog and handler.

Reactive Rover

This 4-week behavior modification class is designed to help your barky, lungy, over-the-top, excited dog learn self-control when around other dogs and people. A behavior consult with the course instructor (no additional charge) is required prior to orientation. The class focus is placed on safety of all participants and results vary upon the starting point of the team. Note: Some dogs may need private lessons prior to attending a group class. **

Class Pricing

Course Length & Pricing

The Agility, Rally, Diamonds I, II & III classes are 6 weeks for \$145.

Conditioning & Canine Confidence classes are 4 weeks for \$100.

Therapy, CGC, Competition Obedience, AKC Scentwork, New Diamonds & Puppy classes are 7 weeks for \$145.

Tricks I classes are 4 weeks for \$100; Tricks II classes are 6 weeks for \$145.

K9 Sports Sampler classes are 8 weeks for \$175.

The Reactive Rover class is 4 weeks for \$145 (consultation required prior to class start).

Testing and Certification

CGC Testing is held by appointment @ \$30. If you take the CGC class here at the Ranch, testing is included in your class fee. We offer **Therapy Dog certification** through **Pet Partners** and TDI (Therapy Dog International) periodically. The cost of testing varies depending on the certifying agency. Please be aware that Pet Partners requires you to pass their online Pet Partners Handler Course prior to in-person testing with your animal.

Classes are not held on major holidays. Please call to verify if your class is meeting near a holiday.

Agility classes are held outside. Please call if inclement weather is a concern.

**** All Ranch classes require up to date vaccinations. Please call 919-662-3200 for specific requirements.**