

### **About ACE Training Programs**

At A Canine Experience Inc., our primary focus is the well-being of each dog and we are dedicated to designing a program best suited to your goals and your dog's needs. We offer a variety of flexible programs developed to achieve the highest possible success considering all factors. Not every program is a good fit for all dogs. Our evaluation process is designed to develop a path to successfully modify behaviors to reach the owners goals, while being realistic and transparent about expectations. For this reason, a Behavioral Evaluation and prior approval from a trainer is needed to participate in any training program.

Your training program will focus on the goals set out in the Behavioral Evaluation. A solid foundation of basic obedience, proper manners, appropriate mental stimulation, physical conditioning and a clear manner of communication are beneficial in all cases.

A day in training will include a variety of exercises, clear and consistent rules and boundaries, structured play, mentally challenging games, habituation to various stimulus, field trips to new environments, physical exercise, learning to properly interact with dogs and people, self-control exercises, developing positive behavior patterns, conditioning exercises, thinking games, obstacles etc.

Below are examples of exercises used to develop communication between you and your dog. This is not a complete list and not all dogs will learn all of these skills.

**Foundational Skills** will assist you in living together more cohesively and developing a basic level of communication: sit, wait at doors, loose leash walking, down, stand, short down stay, short sit stay, come on short lead, leave it, place (or go to bed/wait), off, engagement exercises, box game, eye contact, proper toy play, calming handling exercise, self-control with low distraction, appropriate dog interactions, sit to greet, entering/exiting car, CGC, Novice Tricks Dog.

**Intermediate Skills** will continue to develop self-control, engagement and body awareness: heel, auto sit, fast downs, stand stay, obstacle awareness, exercise equipment awareness, moving away to place, duration work, long stays, coming from distance, cone game, retrieving a toy or object, give or drop toy, CGCA, Intermediate Tricks Dog, front & hind end awareness, tricks, handling for grooming, self-control in moderately stimulating environment, appropriate interactions with people and dogs, leave it with various animals and moving objects.

**Advanced Skills** work towards building reliability, confidence and distance: off leash heeling, distance work, down from distance, directional send outs, extended durations, out of sight stays, comfortable with exercise equipment, comfortable on obstacles, coming from distraction, coming off lead, retrieving various objects, hold and give objects, object recognition, CGCU, Advanced Tricks Dog, individual paw awareness, complex tricks, handling for medical exam, handling for stretches, handling for body work, self-control in highly stimulating environment, appropriate interactions with people and dogs.

**Specialty Skills** focus on becoming a cohesive, functionally working team in disciplines such as search work, agility, canine conditioning, remote collar, medical alerting, service dog tasks, public access skills/test, Performer Tricks Dog, therapy dog, Parkour etc.

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**Behavioral Evaluations (\$100/\$50 each additional dog)**- All training programs begin with an evaluation to assess your dog's need, familiarize ourselves with your training objectives and develop a strategy to achieve realistic goals. Evaluations take about an hour, include a copy of our book, "Lead or Be Led 2.0" and training tips to get you started.

Complete and return the Evaluation Questionnaire 48 hours prior to your scheduled appointment. A fillable form is available via the A Canine Experience phone app, as a PDF on our website [www.acanine.com](http://www.acanine.com), upon request via e-mail or at our office. Evaluations are offered in person or via Zoom.

**Boarding & Training Programs**- Three-weeks or more of Boarding & Training include: 2 private lessons, 1-month group class membership, the book "Lead or Be Led 2.0", a leash, a training collar and a choice between a Klimb or a Cot.

**3 Week Fundamentals (\$2,835)**- Most common program for dogs with minor behavior issues and needing a solid foundation of basic skills.

**4 Week Intensive (\$3,780)**- Appropriate for dogs with difficult behavior problems including aggression and extreme insecurity/fear. Minimum requirement for remote collar training. Includes 3 private lessons.

**Refresher Training (\$135/Night)**- Available for dogs who have attended 3 or more weeks of Board and Train within the past year or who regularly participate in day training.

**Diabetes Alert Dog/Service Dog Lodging with Education (Lw/E)**- a component of the DAD/SD Progression Training Program. **Puppies under 6 months \$175/Night; Dogs over 6 months \$150/Night.** Each two week plus block of Lodging with Education includes 1 Private Go-Home Lesson, 1 Private Follow-Up Lesson, and \*1 Month Group Class Membership. The book "Lead or Be Led 2.0" and a \*cot or \*Klimb come with the initial training block. (\*Must be 3+ weeks.)

**Day Training Programs**- Available Monday – Friday: Drop Off 9am-10am, Pick Up 4pm-6pm

**Day Training Start-Up Pack (\$980)**- Includes 12 days of training, 2 private lessons and "Lead or Be Led 2.0". Package is to be used within 30 days of the first training day. Must complete an evaluation prior to starting and be approved for the program.

**Day Training Continuing Education Pack (\$700)**- Is available upon completion of the Start-Up Pack, includes 8 days of training and 2 private lessons to be used within 30 days of the first day of training. Any extensions or exceptions must be prearranged.

**Day Training Pay per Day (\$70/Day)**- Is available upon completion of the start-up pack for those who would like to continue the program with maximum flexibility. A minimum of one monthly private lesson must be completed to continue with day training program.

**Overnight Stays can be added to any Day Training Program \$40/Night**- The most flexible option when the hours just aren't working, we need to adjust to the needs of the dog, build up to a longer stay or you would like your pup home for the weekend.

**On-Line Courses**- Check [www.acanineonline.com](http://www.acanineonline.com) for available courses.

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**1-Hour Private Lessons:** Individual lessons with you, your family, your dog(s) and a trainer.

At ACE facility or via Zoom      \$125      Off-Site      \$150+

### Group Class Memberships

ACE offers a unique group class membership, beginning with private training to build a basic foundation and focus on you and your dog's individual needs. Once you're prepared for a group class setting, you will be invited to participate in Group Trainings. The group classes are held three times per week and focus on fun, practical exercises and games to improve you and your dog's skills, help cope with distractions, improve focus and make training enjoyable.

All group class participants must complete an evaluation and minimum of 2 Private Lessons or our Boarding and Training Program prior to attending group classes. Private Lessons are flexible and will be scheduled individually. Appointments are available days and evenings Mondays-Saturdays beginning immediately. An Evaluation Questionnaire needs to be completed and returned to A Canine Experience prior to the Behavioral Evaluation.

Members can begin at any time, no waiting for the next series of classes to come around. No need to worry about making up a missed class, there are plenty of opportunities to come practice. You are welcome to come to all the available classes during your membership.

**\*\*You and your trainer will decide together when your team is ready for a group setting. Attendance to group classes or outings are not allowed prior to approval.**

**Premiere Membership-** Includes 2 Private Lessons, "Lead or Be Led 2.0" book and 6 Month Group Class Membership      \$650      Additional Months      \$100/month

**Foundational Membership-** Includes 2 Private Lessons, "Lead or Be Led 2.0" book and 3 Month Group Class Membership      \$500      Additional Months      \$125/month

**Monthly Membership-** Includes 2 Private Lessons, "Lead or Be Led 2.0" book and 1 Month Group Class Membership      \$300      Additional Months      \$150/month

### Specialty Training and Events

To stay up to date on upcoming events and classes, join the [A Canine Experience Events and Chat](#) group on Facebook. We also post to A Canine Experience Facebook page; on the events calendar of our website [www.acanine.com](http://www.acanine.com).

**AKC Family Dog Program-** We encourage our members to work towards passing CGC, CGCA and CGCU tests and obtaining AKC Tricks Dog titles to focus on your commitment to responsible dog ownership. We offer private lessons to prepare for the tests and frequently practice in group classes. We have three AKC Evaluators available for testing. Testing fees are \$25/test. AKC fee of \$20 to receive a certificate and add the title to their registration. Dogs will need to be AKC registered, have a PAL or Canine Partners number, which is easily obtained through AKC for any purebred or mixed breed.

**AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)-** A ten step test promoting responsible pet ownership and basic good manners for dogs. Open to all dogs old enough to have completed necessary vaccinations

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**AKC Community Canine (CGCA)**- A ten step test to evaluate the dogs skills in a natural setting. Must have a CGC title on record.

**Urban CGC (CGCU)**- A ten step public access test to demonstrate well-mannered, well-trained skills in an urban setting. Must have a CGC title on record.

**AKC Tricks Titles**- Fun way to show off your dog's talents and add titles to their resume. We offer testing for Novice Trick Dog (TKN), Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI), Advanced Trick Dog (TKA) and Performer Trick Dog (TKP) titles.

**ACE Outings**- Once a reliable level of foundational obedience has been demonstrated, we will invite you to join ACE's Elite Club. ACE hosted, dog friendly outings are designed to create positive experiences while practicing your skills in public. This could include urban trail walks, dog friendly hikes, brewery nights, exploring a beach, BBQ in a park or dinner on a balcony. We welcome your ideas for outings.

**Remote Collar Training**- We can add remote collar conditioning to Boarding and Training or Day Training programs. For more details about this option, speak with a trainer.

**Workshops and Seminars**- We offer a variety of seminars and workshops. Common themes include Search Games, Agility, Building a Working Relationship, Successful Fostering, Medical Alert Co-Training, Urban Agility, Fitness, Conditioning with FitPAW equipment, GRC Dogsports and more. Please ask if you have a particular interest.

**Agility**- Group classes, workshops and private lessons available to build obstacle awareness, develop dog/handler communication and run exercise drills to improve fluidity.

**GRC Dogsports Club**- A club for those looking for a healthy place for dogs to satiate their natural drive. GRC Dogsports include Social Responsibility, Spring Pole, Wall Climb, Slat Mill Races and Weight Pull.

**Other Specialty Training**- We can help with a variety of projects including service dog tasks, public access, medical alerting, confirmation handling, rally obedience, competitive obedience and more. Ask about your special needs.

**Annual Customer Appreciation Night Out at the Races**- ACE likes to thank our supporters by hosting an annual night out at Evergreen Speedways in Monroe. We provide tickets, refreshments and door prizes.