

NOVICE SKILLS CLASS

Instructor to provide individual attention.
Limited to 10 dog/handler teams.

Successive lessons build on the previous week's class, so choose a time when you can commit to regular attendance.

REQUIREMENTS: One handler per dog. Handlers should be at least 15 years old. All vaccinations must be up to date. See the club website for details of vaccination requirements for the Dog Retreat and Spa at 219 Bear Hill Road, Waltham, our training location.

Please note the following CRDTC policies:

- Handlers should check in before each class.
- NO REFUNDS after classes start. In extremely unusual circumstances, please speak to the club president.
- Inclement weather: Messages about weather-related cancellations are posted on the Charles River Dog Training Club Facebook page, and/or the club will contact you by email.

Training Guidelines:

- Age requirements: Handlers should be at least 15 years old. Dogs should have basic manners, a CGC, or the equivalent skills. Any exceptions should be arranged before the start of the class, with the consent of the instructor. No dogs should be under 6 months of age.
- Guests and visitors: Friends and family—including children—are most welcome to watch the activities, so long as they're seated quietly and don't disturb the dogs and handlers. Please remember that not all dogs are comfortable around children or strangers.
- Before approaching or petting a strange dog, ask for the owner's permission.
- Control: Keep your dog on leash except for specifically off-leash exercises. You must control your dog (on leash and off leash) for the safety and protection of other dogs and people. Also, please try to prevent excessive barking. Dogs that are overly aggressive or creating a nuisance will be excused at the judgment of the instructor.
- Female dogs in season are not allowed unless the trainer permits it. Please check in advance.
- Please respect the equipment and facilities.
- Courtesy: Handlers should not train in such a way as to distract or interfere with other dogs and handlers. Please yield the "right of way." For example, if a training area is being used for individual instruction, don't enter or leave your dog in that area. Please let other dogs and handlers have their turns using jumps and other equipment or training areas.
Experienced handlers are reminded that they're models for beginners —please make sure your actions, such as in correcting your dog, are what you want beginners to imitate and what you want the general public to think of obedience training.
- Abuse: No abuse of dogs will be permitted or tolerated.
- Clean up: You're responsible for what your dog deposits, both inside and outside the facility. Please "exercise" your dog before class and make sure he doesn't foul the grounds or the surrounding neighborhood. (There are pick-up bags, waste buckets, and other cleaning supplies inside and outside, near the entrance to the building.)
- Infractions: Instructors or the club president shall give one verbal warning for any infraction of the club rules. Further infractions will result in the handler's suspension.
- These guidelines may not cover all situations and problems that could arise. Please use good judgment and courtesy so that everyone can enjoy the club.

THANK YOU!