



HARBOR HUMANE SOCIETY SPECIALTY CANINE CLASSES



Why attend obedience class?

Whether it be a puppy or an adult dog, obedience class is a great way to build the bond between you and your dog and help you to have a happy and healthy relationship with your favorite furry friend! Learn different ways of training and what works best for you and your dog! Learning new skills and teaching new behaviors will build your confidence and make training more enjoyable for both you and your dog.

What to bring to class

- Leash: 4-6 foot leather, nylon, or cotton leash. Please no retractable leashes or chain or choke collars.
 - Collar: Martingale or nylon collars are acceptable.
- Treats: Small, tasty, and easy to eat! Cut up hot dogs, cheese, or lunch meat can be a great motivator!

Requirements

Owners are required to send proof of vaccinations for Distemper combo vaccine. Bordetella and Rabies vaccines are also required for appropriately aged dogs. Puppies MUST have at least 2 Distemper combo vaccines to attend class.

Places in class can only be held if both payment and proof of vaccinations is received.

Fees are non-refundable. Punch cards are valid for 12 weeks from the date of purchase.

Harbor Humane Society Canine Class Registration Form (Please print clearly) Class sizes are limited!

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Dog's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Name of Veterinarian or Clinic: _____

Have you and your dog attended obedience class before? _____ If so, where? _____

Are there any current challenges you are experiencing with your dog? If so, please explain: _____

Desired Class and Start Date:

1st Choice: _____ Start Date: _____

2nd Choice: _____ Start Date: _____

In consideration of my enrollment in Harbor Humane Society 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 as well as Harbor Humane Society and any assigned agents for any such occurrence and liability. I acknowledge that my dog is properly vaccinated. I understand that I should not bring my dog to class if he has been recently ill (coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.). I also understand that I should not bring a female dog who is in heat. I understand that in this case, I should leave the dog at home but can still attend the class to receive information. I understand that children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail your check made out to HHS with this form and vaccine information to:

Harbor Humane Society, 14345 Bagley St. West Olive, MI 49460 Attn: Behavior Department

See www.harborhumane.org/
programs for start dates and
updated information

Meet the Trainer



Paula Smith is a certified professional dog trainer through the Certified Council for Professional Dog Trainers and is the owner of Dog Blessed, LLC. Paula strives to enhance the lives of dogs and teach others about dog behavior and humane science based training techniques. Paula's goal with teaching obedience classes is to strengthen the relationship between humans and canines in the home by focusing on enhancing cross species communication. She uses scientific based training focused on positive reinforcement and classical conditioning. She uses Paula is a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers, Muskegon Lakeshore Obedience Training Club, and PAWS in Grand Rapids. In her spare time, she likes to spend time training her own dogs and trialing in Agility and Nosework. Her dogs hold titles in CPE agility, AKC agility, UKC, AKC, and NACSW Nosework, Therapy Work, Advance Canine Good

Introduction to Nosework Wednesday 5:00pm—5:45 pm November 6—December 18

Description: Nosework is one of fastest growing dog sports and utilizes the dogs' instinctive ability to smell things. Learn how this sport got started, what the differences are in the different venues that offer trials, and how you can play the game with your dogs and enjoy watching them use their number one sense. This is a great sport for dogs and people of all levels, age, and physical ability. It is fun to play in the house, at a park, or go to a trial with friends

Ages: 6 months and up

Cost: \$125 (\$5 discount for HHS alumni)

Shy Dog Class Wednesday 6:00pm—6:45 pm November 6—December 18

Description: Shy Dog Class is designed for dogs that are fearful of other people, noises, etc. We will teach you how to use desensitization and counter conditioning to things they fear. We will also use positive reinforcement techniques to increase their confidence and teach you how to communicate better with them.

Ages: 6 months and up

Cost: \$125 (\$5 discount for HHS alumni)

Reactive Dog Class Session A: Wednesday 7:00 pm—7:45 pm Session B: Wednesday 8:00 pm—8:45 pm November 6—December 18

Description: Are you embarrassed to bring your dog in public? Does your dog lunge and bark at people? Does your dog go nuts on a leash when he sees another dog? Then this class is for you! We know that this can be a frustrating problem and difficult for the person at the other end of the leash. You may not understand why your dog does this or why you can't get them to stop it. Through the class, we teach handlers why this happens and how best to deal with it. We then work to teach dogs alternative behaviors to being reactive. This is the perfect class to help you make those summer walks enjoyable and not stressful!

Ages: 6 months and up

Cost: \$125 (\$5 discount for HHS alumni)

***** Please note that there will be no class held November 20th *****