



# 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. We are also able to cater to reactive dogs. If you have a reactive dog, please note that on your sign up sheet to ensure that we create a positive environment for you and your pooch!

## What to bring to class

- Leash: 4-6 foot leather, nylon, or cotton leash.
  - Collar: Martingale or nylon collars are acceptable. Body and head harnesses are also acceptable.
  - Treats: Small, tasty, and easy to eat! Cut up hot dogs, cheese, or lunch meat can be a great motivator!
  - It also isn't a bad idea to bring your pup's favorite toy, bone or Kong to provide a distraction when necessary!
- \*Please no retractable leashes or prong, choke, or e-collars.

## 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 two 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.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

## 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. 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 Citizenship, Tricks, Rally, and are always ready to learn new things!

### Option A

**Fear Free Vet Visit**  
**Wednesday's 6:00-6:45 pm**  
**March 25 — April 29**

Description: COMING SOON

Ages: 4 months and up

Cost: \$125 (\$10 discount for HHS alum)

### Option B

**Intro to Agility Class**  
**Wednesday's 7:00-7:45 pm**  
**March 25 — April 29**

Description: Agility is a fun sport that can help any dog build confidence. In this class, dogs will learn basic agility obstacles and body awareness exercises. Handlers will learn about leading dogs on a course. Dogs should have a strong recall for this class and be able to be crated when not working. This class is a must for anyone looking to explore the fun and exciting world of agility!

Ages: 6 months and up

Cost: \$125 (\$10 discount for HHS alum)

### Option C

**Reactive Dog Class**  
**Wednesday's 8:00-8:45 pm**  
**March 25 — April 29**

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 (\$10 discount for HHS alum)

\*\*Please call or email Sarah at 616-399-2119 x113 or [behavior@harborhumane.org](mailto:behavior@harborhumane.org) to ensure that your dog is a good fit for this class!