

About the training

The Friends advocate gentle training techniques that utilize positive behavioral encouragement. We see more effective and lasting results with this approach.

When an "orientation" is indicated in a class description, please note that only humans attend orientation, not pets.

Membership levels are offered for Beginner Basics that afford flexibility for you to take classes on your timeline.

Membership Levels

2 months - \$125

You should get to Beginner Basics Level 2

4 months - \$190

You should get to level 3 or 4 depending on how much you practice

6 months - \$250

Recommended if you are interested in the CGC

(20 % discount for volunteers or pets adopted from the Dearborn Animal Shelter)



These classes are offered in partnership with Pet Supplies Plus, Dearborn location.

Requirements

All pets must be up-to-date on required Vaccines and in good health:

Dogs –

- DHPP
- Rabies if 4 months or older
- Bordatella

Have negative fecal and heartworm tests, and be free of fleas and ticks.

Kittens-

- Examined by a Veterinarian for ringworm and upper respiratory within 10 days of class.
- Started on FVRCP
- Negative for FeLV/FIV

Have negative fecal and free of fleas and ticks.

Registration

By phone: 313-943-2697

At the shelter:

2661 Greenfield Rd.
Dearborn, MI 48120

Online:

www.DearbornAnimals.Org

Location

All classes take place at the **Friends Pet Training Center** located next to Dearborn Pet Supplies Plus store.

Friends Pet Training Center
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Dog & Cat Training For Your Pet

Positive Obedience and Socialization Classes

Offered by
Friends For The
Dearborn Animal Shelter's
Staff trainer,
Linda Thomas LVT, CPDT



The Friends Pet Training Center would like to introduce a **NEW** concept in dog training.

Levels Training

The idea is that you progress through the training program at your own pace - unique to both you and your dog 5 months or older. In the Levels Training Program, each level focuses on a core set of behaviors and each level builds upon the previous level. Once you have demonstrated you have mastered the behaviors in your level, you advance to the next level. The program is designed so that everyone begins in level 1, even if you have had previous training. This includes puppies and adult dogs.

What are the advantages of Levels Training?

Start classes on your schedule! No need to wait until the next round of classes are scheduled. You can begin class as soon as you have attended orientation, which take place every other week. In addition, you register for a membership, rather than a series of classes. You may select a 2 month, 4 month, or 6 month membership and can attend class as often as you like for the level you are currently enrolled. For example, both our Level 1 and Level 2 classes are taught three times per week. If you can't make it one night, you can come the other night - or all three! You get to come as often as you wish, unlike traditional 6 week classes where if you miss a class you fall behind. This flexibility is the key difference between traditional classes and levels.

How many levels are there and what do you learn in each level?

There are 4 levels. Each level focuses on a specific set of behaviors and each level becomes increasingly more difficult, providing you more practice to build and strengthen behaviors that were taught in previous levels. Each class is 50 minutes in length.

- **Level 1** teaches you the basics of reward based training. The primary reward is food and it is used to establish a positive relationship between you and your dog.
- **Level 2** focuses on dog manners and is similar to a conventional Basic Obedience training class. We work on strengthening attention behaviors through more challenging exercises.
- **Level 3** introduces a higher level of complexity through the use of distance and distractions and we introduce stay and fun tricks.
- **Level 4** is for the student that has an interest in taking the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test. In this level we place more emphasis on real life rewards such as praise and play.



Other Classes:



Puppy 101

For puppies 8 weeks to 5 months old. Learn basic commands such as sit and down. Plus discussions on housetraining, crate training, biting/mouthing, chewing, and socialization.

Agility For Fun

For dogs 5 1/2 months and older. Have fun teaching your dog how to go through the tunnel, weave poles, go over jumps and use other obstacles. Come learn how fun agility is! Requires completion of a beginner class. **Bring your dog the first night of class.**

Personalized Training

For those that prefer the one-on-one approach of individual training. Contact the shelter to schedule a session. \$50 per 1 hour session

Kitten 101

For Kittens 8 weeks to 16 weeks old. Kitty will learn to socialize with feline and human friends, along with tricks (sit, come, shake hands). You will learn tips on kitty care. **Bring kitten to the first class.**