

"The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) supports the use of humane training methods that are built on current scientific knowledge of learning theory. Reward-based methods are highly-favoured. Methods causing fear, distress, pain or anxiety are unacceptable."

When you feel frustrated with your dog's behaviour, remember that we must teach our dog what we are asking of them. A dog that hasn't been given any instructions, training or boundaries can't possibly know what you expect of him. In group classes, dogs learn to listen and respond in the presence of other dogs, accept handling by your family as well as learn and generalize new cues. At the Calgary Humane Society our instructors are regularly updating their skills and expertise to train you with positive and humane methods. Enrolling your dog in a training class will help build strong, respectful relationships between your dog and your family. The whole family is welcome to attend class. We use positive reinforcement training methods and offer a fun setting for you and your dog to bond, learn and acclimate to the world that lies beyond your backyard.

Benefits of dog training classes:

Develop bonds that will form the basis of your entire relationship

Increase probability of your dog having in forever home

Socialization with people other dogs

Learn ways to mentally and physically stimulate your dog

Learn to communicate clearly with your dog

Resolve challenges

Learning will be more effective, faster and less stressful when you have an instructor to help you succeed with your dog

Learn to communicate humanely and effectively with your dog

Learn to communication using your body language and start to understand your dog's body language

CLASSES OFFERED AT THE CALGARY HUMANE SOCIETY

Puppy Club - for puppies 10-23 weeks old with their second vaccines. Puppies will enjoy play sessions with other puppy friends, which is essential at a young age to learn bite inhibition and appropriate dog-dog skills in a safe environment. Puppies will engage in enrichment activities that will encourage mental stimulation, confidence and development at the prime and most important stage of your puppy's life.

Smarty Pups - provides a solid foundation of skills based on positive humane training while building a strong, life-long relationship with your pup. Learn how to work with your puppy on skills such as gaining attention, recall, handling, walking politely, self control and as well as address challenging behaviours such as mouthing, jumping, and appropriate dog – dog skills with other pup

Polite Pooches - a great first step in developing a lifelong friendship with your four-legged best friend. Learn foundation obedience skills, self control and polite manners throughout class to incorporate in everyday life

Reactive Rover - for dogs with known reactivity (e.g., increased arousal, barking, lunging, or growling, etc.). Reactive Rover is designed primarily for dog-to-dog reactivity, but the same techniques can be used with other reactivity issues (i.e., reactivity to strangers, bikes, skateboards, etc.) The small class size (maximum of four dogs) provides encouragement and a positive learning environment.

Fearful Fido - for dogs that cower, choose flight and shows signs of fear with people, new environments, new things, and with other dogs, in this class handlers learn to build confidence in shy or fearful dogs using counter conditioning techniques and begin associating fearful environments and interactions with positive things.

Specialty one hour clinics focusing on skills such as agility, polite walking and recall