

CREATURE COMFORTS' SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER , 2010 CLASS SCHEDULE:

PUPPY AND BEGINNER CLASSES AT CREATURE COMFORTS

ORIENTATION FOR PUPPIES & BEGINNERS ONLY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30PM

(1ST CLASS WITHOUT DOGS)

Remaining classes for puppies and beginners will be held with dogs, beginning the week of September 20 at times shown below.

10:30AM MONDAYS – BEGINNER OBEDIENCE (LIMIT 6)

7:00PM ON MONDAYS – BEGINNER OBEDIENCE (LIMIT 6)

10:30AM ON TUESDAYS – BEGINNER OBEDIENCE (LIMIT 6)

7:00PM ON TUESDAYS – PUPPY OBEDIENCE (LIMIT 6)

CONTINUING CLASSES AT CREATURE COMFORTS

1ST NIGHT WITH DOGS BEGINNING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20

6:00PM ON MONDAYS – CONTINUING BEGINNER (LIMIT 10) – for returning puppy & beginner

6:00PM ON TUESDAYS – BEGINNER II / CGC (LIMIT 6) – for continuing students, with instructor permission

5:30PM WEDNESDAYS – CONTINUING FOUNDATIONS FOR AGILITY

(FOR FOUNDATIONS AGILITY STUDENTS WHO BEGAN IN JULY, 2010) (LIMIT 6)

6:30PM WEDNESDAYS – CONTINUING AGILITY (FOR STUDENTS WHO STARTED IN 2009 OR MAY, 2010) (LIMIT 10)

7:30PM WEDNESDAYS – ADVANCED/TRIAL READY AGILITY (LIMIT 8)

NOTES:

- ALL CONTINUING CLASSES ARE OFFERED AS 6-WEEK SESSIONS AT A COST OF \$75.

- PLEASE NOTE THAT WEDNESDAY CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD ON THE 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. CLASSES WILL BE EXTENDED AS NEEDED TO MAKE THE 6 WEEKS.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WHICH CLASS IS RIGHT FOR YOU? CALL SHERRY OR NANCY AT 452-0160 TO GET MORE INFO!

In case of inclement weather, class will be cancelled for that week and the classes will be extended until the sessions are completed. If there is no school in Haywood County due to weather, classes will be cancelled for that night. Contact Creature Comforts on Monday, & Wednesday afternoons from 3-5pm if you question the weather.

If our schedule does not fit your needs, please let us recommend other training opportunities with the following quality programs in the west Asheville area:

Companion Dog Training School: Agility, Rally, Obedience – 236-9100

A Good Dog's Life: Agility, Rally, Obedience – 277-7529

Asheville Obedience Training Club: Obedience – 252-1599

In the Sylva Area: Obedience Jane Finneran - 586-5462

Classes offered by Creature Comforts are intended to teach *you* to train *your* dog. We will present information on how a dog thinks and learns and how you can control and modify his behavior to develop a well-mannered and pleasant dog to own and love. The Beginner and Puppy courses will probably not produce a perfectly-mannered dog, and your dog may not have mastered all the skills listed on the reverse by the end of our eight weeks together, but our goal is to give you the basic information and knowledge you need to achieve those goals. We encourage anyone who wants, or who has a dog with special behavior "challenges," to repeat the Beginner class to benefit from additional training class time.

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT SHEET FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EACH CLASS.

PUPPY OBEDIENCE: These classes are offered for puppies who are under six months of age at the time classes begin. Puppy classes are structured for a puppy's shorter attention span and still-growing body and mind. Confidence building and socialization with other dogs, people, and new situations will be emphasized. The following skills and commands will be taught during the 8-week course:

Heel – Sit – Sit/Stay – Down – Down/Stay – Come – Sit for Exam

Other behaviors and common problems and their solutions will be covered as time and need permits, including:

Jumping up – Housebreaking – Chewing – Barking – Dominant Behaviors

Information on other canine topics such as grooming, health concerns, flea control, etc., will be addresses either in weekly reading materials or in class demonstrations. Questions during class are encouraged and welcomed, and we will do our best to help you with any problems you may be having.

After completing a Puppy class, your dog may benefit from further training in a Beginner class to get additional class training time and exposure to other dogs and people.

BEGINNER OBEDIENCE: Beginner classes are offered for dogs which are six months or older at the time classes begin. The following skills and commands will be taught during the 8-week course:

Heel – Sit – Sit/Stay – Down – Down/Stay – Come – Sit for Exam

Other behaviors and common problems and their solutions will be covered as time and need permits, including:

Jumping up – Housebreaking – Chewing – Barking – Dominant Behaviors

Information on other canine topics such as grooming, health concerns, flea control, etc., will be addresses either in weekly reading materials or in class demonstrations. Questions during class are encouraged and welcomed, and we will do our best to help you with any problems you may be having.

BEGINNER II/CGC: Open only to teams who have successfully completed a Puppy or Beginner Obedience class, Beginner II offers the opportunity to refine heeling and other Obedience skills in the context of the AKC Canine Good Citizens Program. For more information about the CGC, please visit the American Kennel Club website at www.akc.org . Click on Events, then Canine Good Citizens Test, to read an overview of this exciting and fun activity.

CONTINUING FOUNDATIONS FOR AGILITY: Open only to teams who began Foundations with Creature Comforts in July, 2010. Enroll with instructor permission.

CONTINUING AGILITY: Open only to teams which have completed a minimum of one previous agility class at Creature Comforts, continuing agility offers a chance to continue obstacle training while refining sequencing and handling skills. Enroll with instructor permission.

ADVANCED / TRIAL - READY AGILITY: Open only to teams which have completed a minimum of two previous agility classes at Creature Comforts, this class offers a chance to continue obstacle training while refining sequencing and handling skills. Basic handling skills as well as mastery of weave poles and contact behaviors are prerequisites for this class. This class is only open to teams who are now competing in trials. Enroll with instructor permission.