



Good Dog Obedience Class

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*This must be completed and turned in at least **1** **WEEK** prior to the first day of class.

Good Dog 101

with Dixie Rhodes and Jordan Morales

We would like to start by saying welcome and congratulations on taking this positive step toward improving your relationship with your dog.

We are offering an 8 week basic manners and socialization class for your pets. This will be a group class limited in size to 6 handlers and dogs. This class is to be held every Sunday from 2:00-3:00pm. The first day of class everyone will meet at the front entrance to the Gateway Recreation Center at 1:45pm.

In the eight week course we will cover basic obedience commands. This is ideal for puppies and even adult dogs that could use a refresher. The commands “come, sit, down, stay and heel” are things every dog should know. During class we will also be going over many other useful pieces of information such as:

- How to maintain your dog’s focus on you
- What to expect at the Veterinarian’s office and the appropriate manners your dog should have during the visit
- How to reduce your dog’s insecurity and deal with anxiety issues in public places
- Right and wrong methods of crate training
- How to recognize attitude changes in your pet – “are they ill or just uncooperative?”

The cost of the class is \$100.00 (non-refundable) and must be paid before the first class begins. The classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. We will provide training leashes and treats.

In order for you and your dog to get the most benefit from the class, we have a few rules and guidelines that we would like to share with you.

Before class:

- Walk your dog prior to class. We recommend at least a 30 minute walk or play session prior to training. This gives your dog the opportunity to release some pent up energy and relieve themselves so that they can better focus on the training session.
- Don’t feed your dog for at least two hours before class. Many dogs are motivated to learn by food rewards and feeding them just before training makes them less likely to pay attention to what you want during class.

During class:

- Handlers are responsible for controlling their pets at all times! Dogs must be on leash before, during and after class.
- Two things we love are your attention and your questions! If there is anything that we are doing that isn’t making sense to you or if you would like clarification of something you are probably not the only one. So make sure to ask questions if you need to.
- Handlers are responsible for picking up after their own pets (we will have supplies available for this).
- Excessively disruptive pets or handlers may be asked to leave the class.

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A little information about your instructors!

Dixie Rhodes:

I have been working in veterinary medicine for 15 years. As a result of this, I have seen and worked with many dogs that have issues; from aggression to fear and anxiety. Over the years, I have learned quite a few techniques to help owners deal with and correct these issues. I am the proud owner of four canine companions, one of whom was a rescue at four weeks of age. My dogs (as for a lot of people) are my kids, and I want to see them be healthy, happy and well-adjusted just as anyone would want for their kids.

My goal is to educate people toward creating a better human-animal bond, and to give dog owner's the tools they need to have a truly rewarding relationship with their chosen companions.

Jordan Morales:

I have been working with animals for 3 years, and am currently studying to be a Certified Dog Trainer. I have been an animal lover my entire life and enjoy spending time with my 3 dogs and 2 cats at home. I have learned a lot about animals over the years from studying as well as from experience and hope to be able to help you and your dog learn something new. With a bit of luck and a little work I hope to have you working as a team! Thank you and hope to see you in class.

So, welcome to class and let's enjoy the next eight weeks that we get to spend with our best friends. With a little luck, everybody will learn a little bit, and the dogs and handler's lives will be better than it was before!

Sincerely,
Dixie and Jordan

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Pet name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

We require proof of vaccination and deworming status in order to join this class.

The vaccinations that must be current and are required for this class are:

- Rabies (If age appropriate, per your Veterinarian.)
- Canine Multi-Vaccine (i.e. DHP-P, DA2PP, etc.)
- Bordetella

Your pet must also be up to date on its dewormer, for purposes of this class we require a deworming within 2 weeks of the start of class.

By signing this registration form you are granting permission for the trainer's to access your pet's veterinary records at Island to Island Veterinary Clinic or Stonetree Veterinary Clinic to verify your pet's vaccine and deworming status.

If any deficiencies are noted, we will notify you prior to the beginning of class. These deficiencies must be taken care of before class begins.

The fee for the eight week course is \$100.00. This fee is non-refundable and is to be paid in full to Ketchikan Gateway Borough. Classes are filled on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions, you can contact us via e-mail:

Dixie Rhodes - ldydusty@aol.com

Jordan Morales - xlifey@gmail.com

Please leave your name, phone number, a good time to contact you, or we can respond by email. You can also contact Eryn Brooks, 228-6657 at Ketchikan Parks and Recreation.

Please double check all the information on this registration form to insure it is correct and make any necessary changes. **Please return this form by email to Jordan Morales or Dixie Rhodes at least seven days prior to the first class. Along with a copy of the most recent vaccination and deworming records. If you do not have access to email then you can call Dixie Rhodes at 907-617-5369. Or you can drop it off at the front desk of the Gateway Recreation Center.**

We look forward to learning with you and your pet! See you in class!

-Dixie and Jordan