Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.
Beginner's Class Information

Thank you for your interest in taking Fox Valley Dog Training Club's Beginner's class!

Our club's obedience classes are intended to provide instruction and assistance to dog owners whether they have ever trained a dog before or not. The primary goal of our program is to assist the owner in the development of effective training skills and to use those skills in establishing basic good habits with their dog. The instruction in the class is oriented toward the handler who is expected to conscientiously practice with the dog during the week between classes. Through the development of effective training skills on the part of the handler, the development of good behavior on the part of the dog is greatly enhanced.

The next several pages include all the information you need to enroll and to prepare for class. You will find:

1. **The Class Enrollment form.**
    a. Please complete the form and send it in, along with your fee, quickly to guarantee your place in class.
    b. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Once a class is full, there will be no exceptions. This allows the instructors to provide each person with some individualized attention.
    c. **The fee for the 8-week session is $145.00 for a non-member and $40.00 for a member and must be paid in full before the session begins, to guarantee your place in class.**
2. **Health Certificate**.
    a. Health certificates must be completed by your veterinarian and brought to the first night of class.
    b. We suggest you do the stool check as soon as possible in the event that your dog needs treatment for parasites.
3. **Course Outline** – please read through the outline prior to class.

Visitors are always welcome.

If you decide that you do not wish to continue in your class, you MUST notify the Class Registrar listed below, or the Primary Instructor (if you know that information), before the beginning of the second class, in order to receive a full refund. Refunds will not be given once the second class has begun.

Class Registrar:
FVDTC
Sally Boeke
37 Sherwick Road
Oswego IL 60543
registration@fvdtc.org

Thank You,

From everyone at FVDTC, we want to make training a pleasant experience for you and your dog.

Beginner Class Course Outline

Recall (Come)	**Accept Grooming**	**Accepting Strangers**
Heeling	**Sit For Exam**	**Sit Stay/Down Stay**
Accepting Another Dog	**Reaction to Distraction**	**Dog Left Alone**

Recall (Come)

Objective: To train the dog to return, off leash, to the handler from approximately 30 feet away.

Application: To maintain control of your dog even when he is some distance away from you.

Accepting Grooming

Objective: To train the dog to accept a stranger grooming them.

Application: The dog will allow a stranger, such as a groomer, or veterinarian, to touch the dog.

Accepting Strangers

Objective: To train the dog to accept a stranger approaching the handler and dog.

Application: In a normal, everyday situation, the dog will allow a stranger to approach without jumping on, or behaving in a threatening manner to a stranger.

Sit for Exam

Objective: The dog sits next to the handler while a stranger comes and greets the dog and pets him on the head and body.

Application: Strangers in an everyday situation will want to say hello to your dog. They do not want to be jumped on, nor should the dog show any shyness, or resentment.

Heeling

Objective: To train the dog to walk alongside the handler. The dog should not drag the handler, nor crowd the handler.

Application: The dog should be able to be taken for a walk without being a problem. The dog should keep pace with the handler, and not drag the handler down the street. The dog should be able to walk through a crowd of people, yet should stay with the dog's handler.

Down

Objective: The dog will lie down when commanded by the handler.

Application: In many cases the handler wants to settle the dog. In some instances, the handler simply needs to have the dog lay down.

Sit or Down and Stay

Objective: The dog will sit, or down on command from the handler. The handler will then go approximately 20 feet from the dog. The dog will stay in the position that the handler has left him. The handler will then return to the dog.

Application: There are many everyday situations where you need your dog out of the way. Being able to get your dog to sit, down, and stay where you leave the dog is an essential skill.

Accepting Another Dog

Objective: Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from about thirty feet away. When they meet, the handlers shake hands and exchange greetings.

Application: In the course of a walk through your neighborhood you may encounter a friend with their dog. You should be able to greet this friend and yet have the two dogs remain well behaved.

Reaction to Distraction

Objective: To have a dog that is calm during a moment of uncertainty.

Application: In everyday situations you will come across situations where the dog will be distracted. Joggers, someone in a wheelchair, someone on a bicycle, are all situations that the dog should be calm. Your dog should be calm, and may exhibit some curiosity, but should not panic or be aggressive.

We encourage all students to ask questions about problems or concerns they are encountering with their dog.

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Beginner's Class Application for 2026

..Please Select Your Preferred Class Date/Time:

JANUARY 8	☐ 6:00 PM	☐ 7:00 PM	**AUGUST 27**	☐ 6:00 PM	☐ 7:00 PM
APRIL 23	☐ 6:00 PM	☐ 7:00 PM	**OCTOBER 29**	☐ 6:00 PM	☐ 7:00 PM
JUNE 25	☐ 6:00 PM	☐ 7:00 PM			

Owner's Information:

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____
(Please print clearly)

Dog Handler's Name: _____
(if different from owner's name)

Dog's Information:

Name: _____ **Birthday Or Age:** _____

Breed: _____

Where did you hear about us? Facebook ☐ Friend ☐ FVDTC Website ☐ Instagram ☐ Vet ☐ Other ☐

Were you in our Puppy Class? Yes / No If yes, what month and time did it start? _____

Are you a current FVDTC member? _____

-or-

Have you recently mailed your new membership application upon completing the Puppy Class? _____**(date)**

(**Class Fee**: $145.00 non-member $40.00 member)

Tell us about your concerns, problems, or goals: _____

Hold Harmless Clause – Please Read:

I hereby agree to hold harmless Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc., its officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all claims, causes of action, and suits occurring and resulting from any damages, injury or loss to any person or persons including all persons to whom trainers or members may be liable under any worker's compensation law or other law and from any loss, damage, cause of action, claim or suits from damage, including by not limited to loss of property, or dogs, caused by arising out of, or in any way connected with the exercise by the trainer or members of the club or the privileges herein granted. I also understand and agree that while on the training premises: I am responsible at all times for the behavior of my dog. Children under the age of 16 MUST be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times. The Director of Training, his/her designated representative has the right to remove any dog or handler from the training premises at any time.

Signature: _____ _____

(Applicant) **(Parent or Guardian if under 18)**

Return this completed application and a check payable to FVDTC ($145.00 non-member, $40.00 member) to:

FVDTC
c/o Sally Boeke
37 Sherwick Road
Oswego IL 60543

Class scheduling is done on a First Come - First Served basis. Please return application as soon as possible. Bring completed health forms to the first night of class.

Fox Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.
Health Certificate

Please bring this completed Health Certificate with you on the first night of class.

Owner's Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Dog's Breed: _____

Dog's Birthday or Age: _____

Please have the following section completed by your Veterinarian.

Veterinarian's Signature: _____

Veterinarian Clinic Name: _____

Clinic Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

Please list the dates for the following vaccines:

Bordetella _____ **Distemper (or Titer)** _____

Heartworm _____ **Parvovirus (or Titer)** _____

Rabies _____

Fox Valley Dog Training Club requires that your dog has a stool sample tested within the 30-day period PRIOR to your class starting.

Fecal Examination Results: _____

Fecal Examination Date: _____