

Best Friends Class Schedule

Puppy Kindergarten

6 Weeks/\$100

For Puppies up to 6 months old and any age toy breed

****1st class is Orientation at 6:30 p.m. (without dogs - 2 hours)****

Next 5 Classes (with dogs - 1 hour – 6:15 p.m.)

Start Date	Day	Time*	Instructor / Assistant	End Date, Notes
February 13th	Tuesday	6:15 pm	Nina Feltmann Brittany Price	March 20th
March 1st	Thursday	6:15 pm	Nina Feltmann Michelle Schmid	April 5th
April 12th (no class April 26)	Thursday	6:15 pm	Nina Feltmann Michelle Schmid	May 24th
May 15th	Tuesday	6:15 pm	Nina Feltmann Brittany Price	June 19th

Mini Obedience Class

3 Weeks/\$50

Add duration to sit, down and wait Practice loose-leash walking (heeling) around distractions Work on recall (come), adding distractions Develop polite greetings with people Students may suggest other behaviors to practice. *Please read "Bring to Class" on main sched. page.

Start Date	Day	Time*	Instructor / Assistant	End Date, Notes
April 3rd	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Nina Feltmann Brittany Price	April 17th, 3 week class

Beginner Obedience

6 Weeks/\$100

For Dogs 6 months or older (or having completed Puppy K)

****1st class is Orientation at 6:30 p.m. (without dogs - 2 hours)****

Next 5 Classes (with dogs - 1 hour – 7:30 p.m.)

Start Date	Day	Time*	Instructor / Assistant	End Date, Notes
February 13th	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Nina Feltmann Brittany Price	March 20th
March 1st	Thursday	7:30 pm	Nina Feltmann Michelle Schmid	April 5th
April 12th (no class April 26)	Thursday	7:30 pm	Nina Feltmann Michelle Schmid	May 24th
May 15th	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Nina Feltmann Brittany Price	June 19th

Canine Good Citizen Class

This class will prepare you and your dog to take the Canine Good Citizen test. Test will be scheduled shortly after the last week of class.

4 Week Class.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor / Assistant	End Date
Stay Tuned!	Tuesdays	7:30 pm	Nina Feltmann Makayla Kachlein	Test will be scheduled shortly after the last week of class.



RELIABLE RECALL AND LOOSE LEASH WALKING

Practice these two important behaviors in a supportive teaching environment.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
March 19th	Monday	6:15	Deanna Lyons Teresa Hall	April 23rd 6 Wk Class

COMPANY'S COMING

Teach your dog what to do when company comes and polite greetings.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
KEEP WATCHING FOR NEW DATES				

Tricks

Have fun with your dog as you develop your training skills, increase your dog's confidence, build teamwork, help you dog become a "showoff" & find enjoyable new ways to use your dog's energy. This class provides an opportunity to earn an AKC Trick Dog Title.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
April 3rd <i>No Class April 24th</i>	Tuesdays	6:15 pm	Nina Feltmann Brittany Price	May 1st 4 Week Class
June 7th	Thursdays	6:15 pm	Nina Feltmann Michelle Schmid	June 28th 4 Week Class

Rally Obedience*

If your dog has some understanding of loose-leash walking at your left side (Heeling), and Sit and Down behaviors, you and your dog can have a lot of fun learning and practicing Rally Obedience. New AKC exercises for Novice and Advanced will be covered. Class will be tailored to students skill levels.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
March 19th	Monday	7:30 pm	Deanna Lyons Teresa Hall	April 23rd 6 Wk. Class * Minimum Enrollment of 4 or Class will be cancelled
April 6th	Friday	10:00 am	Deanna Lyons	May 11th 6 Wk. Class * Minimum Enrollment of 4 or Class will be cancelled

Sampler Class

“Each week we will explore a training topic: Rally, K9 Nosework, Tricks, Proofing and Distraction. A perfect chance to continue learning the practice of dog training while having fun with your pet. ”

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
January 9th	Tuesday	6:15 PM	Dana Stillinger Nina Feltmann Deanna Lyons	January 30th 4 Wks/ \$60

K9 Nose Work® Classes

The activity and sport of K9 Nose Work® is designed to develop your dog's natural scenting abilities by using their desire to hunt and their love of toys, food and exercise. All classes taught by Dana Stillinger, Certified Nose Work Instructor

Introduction to K9 Nose Work®

“ A great new way to interact with your pet, tire him out, and create a fun game you can share with your dog anywhere. Urban hunting is a skill all dogs have, you just need to teach him to tell you when he's found the target he's been 'scent' to find.”

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
New class coming soon.			Dana Stillinger, *CNWI	Please call Best Friends to have your name and phone number added to the list. 6Wks, \$100 at Best Friends

*Certified Nose Work Instructor

Continuing K9 Nose Work

Building the teams knowledge of where odor travels and how to pin down source. Interior and Exterior hides with the emphasis being on teaching the handler to read when the dog is in odor and firming up the alert.

Always building towards more odor obedience.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
New class coming soon	Sundays	2:30 pm	Dana Stillinger, *CNWI	6Wks, \$100 at Best Friends

*Certified Nose Work Instructor

Agility Classes

Winter/Spring sessions are held at the Paulus Hay Barn south of Monmouth on Hwy 99W Call the school (541-754-6956) for additional information on location if needed.

All 6 week Agility classes are \$100.00

Introduction to Agility

This class is for people interested in learning the sport of agility. Basic skills such as running with your dog: turning, and stopping. Short, easy drills, many of which you can do at home. Gradual introduction of equipment and instruction on how to practice safe performance on the various elements. This class is directed towards teams that wish to eventually compete, but that is certainly not a requirement. Dogs must be good around other dogs that are running and playing, and will need a decent recall. (not play keep away)
Food and toy interest important.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
Sept. 21st	Thursday	7:00pm	Dana Stillinger	Oct. 26th Call the school or go in to register. You will be given the location at that time.

Beginners Agility

MONDAYS

Small sequences that will incorporate all the basic agility obstacles and the basic patterns seen on courses of all the venues. Weaves with aids, such as guides and targeting. Contact zone drills to teach the new dog how to perform the apparatus quickly and correctly. Emphasis on targeting to increase speed and reliability. Moderate distance work to allow the team to work independently when necessary. Teams at this level are not ready for competition yet, but are interested in working smoothly together.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
			Dana Stillinger	

Beginners Agility

WEDNESDAYS

This class focuses on beginning coursework for handler/dog teams that have or are developing substantial obstacle performance skills. Short courses will offer beginning handling challenges such as side changes, path management, and situations requiring collection and/or extension. While introducing dogs to new sequences we will also work on solidifying and maintaining obstacle performance objectives. A particular emphasis is on maintaining our positive training practices while in the very distracting agility coursework environment.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
Ongoing	Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Don Lyons	

Intro/Intermediate Distance

This class will work on building distance handling/dog performance skills including independent obstacle performance, obstacle discrimination and directional changes at moderate distance. Work will be primarily concerned with improving path work skills. The class will involve a combination of skill building exercises and full course performance. Mark training will be used to build distance. The obstacles used in this class will include the dogwalk, A-frame, tunnels, bar jumps, hoops, barrels and weaves. Necessary skills to be in this class: walk on loose lead, walk off lead, stay and recall along with being able to perform the obstacles listed (weaves negotiable).

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
October 3rd	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Arlene Courtney	November 7th

Advanced Distance Handling

This class will work on increasing distance handling skills to prepare teams for success in competition at the Open and Elite Chances level and for doing Elite Distance Challenge work as well as honing teamwork for other classes. We will also discuss course design philosophy and handling options. Necessary skills: independent obstacle performance, directional change and obstacle discrimination at moderate distance. Please email Best Friends at bestfriendsddc@peak.org if you are a first time participant in this class.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
October 3rd	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Arlene Courtney	November 7th

Ready To Run

MONDAYS

This class will focus mostly on USDAA and AKC style course work. Dogs should know all the equipment but handlers and dogs will learn handling techniques and training drills to increase their success at trials.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
Apr. 17th	Monday	9:00 am	Dana Stillinger	May 22nd Dogs are competing in NADAC, AKC, USDAA, CPE.

Ready To Run

WEDNESDAYS

This class focuses on coursework - each week two or more courses will be run. Courses will incorporate challenges from several venues, but primarily from NADAC and USDAA. Participants should be prepared to run complete courses with dogs able to perform all types of obstacles. Particular areas of emphasis will be on handling strategies, consistent cues, engagement with and rewarding of our dogs, and maintaining training criteria.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
Ongoing	Wednesday	6:15 p.m.	Don Lyons	Dogs are competing in NADAC, AKC, USDAA, CPE.

Ready To Run

THURSDAYS

This class is for students who are competing at the Elite or Excellent level. Polish up your handling skills while proofing your dog on his equipment performance. Drills and courses will test your teamwork, as well as explore alternative ways of handling. We do practice quite a bit of moderate distance work.

Start Date	Day	Time	Instructor	End Date, Notes
Ongoing	Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Debbie Pierce	Dogs are competing in NADAC, AKC, USDAA, CPE.
