

DOG OWNERS TRAINING CLUB OF LYNCHBURG, INC.
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APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN BEGINNER OBEDIENCE

Training Sessions in 2025 meet on Jan 7-Feb 25, March 25-May 13, Aug 26-Oct 14
Class is on Tuesday nights at Boonsboro Ruritan Club, 1499 Coffee Rd, Lynchburg VA.

We offer 2 types of Beginner classes.

STAR Puppy class is for puppies 4-12 months and meets from 6-7 pm.

Level 1 is for dogs over 4 months and meets from 7-8 PM.

Which class are you applying for? Please CIRCLE: STAR Puppy OR Level 1

To apply for a place in class, please return this completed and signed application along with the Dog Questionnaire, your payment (we accept checks, cash or money orders) and a copy of current vaccination records showing the expiration dates of any vaccinations your dog has had. Dogs older than 4 months must have a rabies shot (VA State Law). Mail to: Meg McMichael , 408 Otterview Road, Forest VA 24551-2906 434-942-4481 M_mcmichael@mindspring.com

If you have any questions about the beginner classes, please contact Meg at 942-4481 or Candy at 525-1882.

Registrations will be accepted in the order in which they are received. You will be notified by email when your application has been accepted. Your payment will be returned if the class has filled.

The **fee for either class is \$120**. This fee is neither refundable nor transferable. **If your dog was adopted from a local Humane Society or a rescue organization, enclose some proof of adoption to be eligible for a \$20 discount!**
Please enclose full payment of \$120 (or \$100 if applicable) – payable to DOTC.

Call name of dog _____ Sex _____ Neutered/Spayed? _____

Breed _____ Birth date _____

If dog is a combination of breeds, please describe weight and height: _____

Name of owner _____

****Name of one person** who will be training the dog in class: _____

Age of trainer if below age 18 _____ (Must be at least 10 years old)

Minors MUST have Parent or Guardian sign here: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone (home) _____ Cell Phone _____

I certify that I am the actual ADULT OWNER of this dog, or that I am the DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE ACTUAL OWNER whose name has been entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this application, I (we) agree to abide by the training guidelines of this Club in effect at this time, and further agree to be bound by the AGREEMENT printed on the reverse side of this application. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is NOT A HAZARD TO PERSONS OR OTHER DOGS. This application is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement, and must be SIGNED BY AN ADULT.

Signature of Adult Owner or Agent _____ Date _____

State address and phone number if different from above.

Be sure to answer the questions on the Puppy Questionnaire.

Please do not write below this line.

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Paid in Full _____ Date _____

Immunization (Expiration Dates) Rabies _____ DHP-P _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I (we) agree that the Dog Owners Training Club of Lynchburg (the Club) holding this training class has the right to refuse this application for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this application, I (we) agree to hold this Club and the Boonsboro Ruritan Club (BRC, owner of property), its members, directors, officers, instructors, and any employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the training premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, damage, or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, theft, damage, or injury be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other cause or causes.

I (we) further agree that it is my (our) responsibility to ascertain that this dog is physically sound and free from any condition that would prevent or limit its participation in this class.

I understand that attendance at a dog obedience class is not without risk to you, members of your family, guests or your dog, because some of the dogs to which you may be exposed may be unpredictable, even when handled with the greatest of care. By signing the above agreement, you are waiving DOTC, BRC and their members or volunteers from any liability for damage, injury or loss that you, your family, guest or dog may suffer.

Dogs that present a threat to other dogs, handlers or instructors or that consistently disrupt the proper training environment will be asked to discontinue the class and their fee will be refunded on a prorated basis. Such a decision will be made by the instructors and/or the Training Director(s).

Approved Training Equipment includes, but is not limited to:

Leashes: 6 foot cotton web leash is recommended; nylon or leather is acceptable. (No chain leashes)

Collars: Nylon snap around training collar is recommended, fitting snugly behind the ears.

Other acceptable collars are prong collars, buckle collars, martingale collars.

Questions about approved training equipment should be directed to the Training Director.

Training Rules:

1. Clean up after your dog, both inside the training building and outside in the grass. Deposit dog waste in the bucket outside. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of training privileges without refund of your training fees.
2. Objects of attraction such as food treats, toys, balls may be used in training. Pick up all dropped food treats, and be considerate in your use of toys so that they do not unreasonably distract other dogs being trained.
3. Excessively harsh or inhumane verbal or physical corrections are not allowed in the classes. They disrupt the positive training atmosphere for the other dogs in the class.

Keep your dog on a short leash as you enter and exit the building and when in the parking lot. Constantly be aware of your dog's interactions with other people and other dogs so that you can prevent problems before they occur. Break eye contact by turning your dog away from the problem.

Any children not directly involved in the training classes must be under control, away from the training rings and not disruptive to the classes while inside the training building.

For more information about STAR Puppy or Level 1 classes, please contact **Meg** at M_mcmichael@mindspring.com 942-4481 or **Candy** at 525-1882

For info about the advanced classes, contact jsmotrel@prodigy.net 434-258-2310

DOG QUESTIONNAIRE

DOG NAME:

HANDLER'S NAME:

How did you learn of these classes? _____

Where did you get this dog? _____

How old was the dog when you got him? _____

Why did you get this dog? _____

Why do you want to train this dog?

_____ to make it a better companion _____ possible competition _____ need more control

Is this dog aggressive toward people? _____ toward other dogs? _____

Has your dog curled his lip, growled at or bitten a family member or anyone else? _____

Please explain:

Check all that apply: This dog...

_____ is a house dog	_____ stays in the basement
_____ stays in an outside pen or kennel	_____ is chained or tied out
_____ stays in a fenced yard	_____ stays in unfenced yard
_____ runs free unsupervised	_____ runs free when supervised

Please describe your dog by checking as many as may apply.

_____ is friendly to new people	_____ doesn't like new people	_____ is calm	_____ is excitable
_____ is friendly to new dogs	_____ doesn't like new dogs	_____ gets car sick	
_____ is timid and shy	_____ is outgoing	_____ is not housebroken	
_____ jumps up on people	_____ pulls on the leash	_____ bites and mouths people's hands	

Please list any dog training classes that you have taken with this dog. With what trainer?