



DOG and PUPPY GROUP CLASSES

Group classes are offered in Essex, Fairfax, St Albans, and Williston.

- *Dog/Puppy Essentials: Basic Training and Social Skills*—all a dog owner needs for a firm grasp of practical basics.
- *Beyond Basics*—for those who want to further their training (it's designed to be repeated and still offer challenge).
- *Therapy Dog Academy*—for those who would like to pursue, or would like additional training for, therapy dog work.

Detailed class descriptions and policies: <https://www.goldstardog.com/findclass/>

Note: classes are an hour long each week; for Therapy Dog Academy, the first class is 1.5 to 2 hours long.

ESSEX JUNCTION

Register: Essex Junction Recreation and Parks

<https://www.essexjunction.org/departments/rec/programs/adult-recreation> or 878-1375

Dog/Puppy Essentials: Basic Training and Social Skills

6-week course: \$165 (Take the course without a dog: \$65)

- Saturdays, April 6—May 11, 9:30am AND 10:45am sessions
- Saturdays, June 15—July 20, 9:30am AND 10:45am sessions
- Saturdays, August 17—September 21, 9:30am AND 10:45am sessions

Beyond Basics

5-week course: \$150 (Take the course without a dog: \$65)

- Saturdays, June 15—July 13, 12:00pm

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Therapy Dog Academy

6-week course: \$185 (Take the course without a dog: \$80) (1st class is 1.5 to 2 hours long)

- Saturdays, April 6—May 11, 12:00pm
- Saturdays, August 17—September 21, 12:00pm





ST ALBANS

Register: *St Albans Recreation* <http://stalbansvt.myrec.com> or 524—1500

Dog/Puppy Essentials: Basic Training and Social Skills

6-week course: \$145 resident/\$176 non-resident (Take the course without a dog: \$65/\$67)

- Tuesdays, March 26—April 30, 6pm
- Tuesdays, March 26—April 30, 7:15pm
- Tuesdays, June 4—July 9, 6pm
- Tuesdays, July 30—September 3, 6pm

Beyond Basics

5-week course: \$135 resident/\$155 non-resident (Take the course without a dog: \$65/\$67)

- Tuesdays, July 30—August 27, 7:15pm

Therapy Dog Academy

6-week course: \$150 resident/\$195 non-resident (Take the course without a dog: \$80/\$87) (1st class is 1.5 to 2 hours long)

- Tuesdays, June 4—July 9, 7:15pm

WILLISTON

Register: *Williston Recreation* www.willistonrec.org or 876-1160

Dog/Puppy Essentials: Basic Training and Social Skills

6-week course: \$165 resident/\$175 non-resident (Take the course without a dog: \$65/\$75)

- Mondays, March 25—April 29, 6pm
- Mondays, June 3—July 8, 6pm
- Thursdays, August 1—September 5, 6pm

Beyond Basics

5-week course: \$150 resident/\$160 non-resident (Take the course without a dog: \$65/\$75)

- Mondays, June 3—July 1, 7:15pm

Therapy Dog Academy

6-week course: \$185 resident/\$195 non-resident (Take the course without a dog: \$90) (1st class is 1.5 to 2 hours long)

- Mondays, March 25—April 29, 7:15pm
- Thursdays, August 1—September 5, 7:15pm





WORKSHOPS and LECTURES

We've always got exciting workshops in the works—check our schedule often or LIKE US on Facebook to find out more! We also take special requests...is there a topic you'd like us to present about? Toss us your idea, and we'll ponder it!

Woof! What is the Dog Saying?

Is a yawn always just a yawn? Why does a dog shake off even when it's not wet? Why is a growl a good thing? Is a tail wag always friendly? This is our popular, long-running dog communication and safety lecture—a multi-media extravaganza of fun where the audience also gets to test their "dog reading" skills. In an hour, we'll demystify dog communication, reveal some common dog-human misunderstandings, and explore how we can all live safely and happily together. *(Shhhh ...this is for humans only...dogs must be left at home!)*

2024 Lecture Schedule

*Would you like to host a Woof lecture? We also offer this lecture for schools, universities/colleges, shelter staff, and a wide variety of other organizations
Email Deb@goldstardog.com*

January 27, 11:00am-12:30pm (Richmond)

Sponsored by: Richmond Free Library

Location: 201 Bridge St, Richmond, VT 05477

Cost: FREE

Registration: Not required

February 29, 6pm-7:30pm (Fairfield)

Sponsored by: Bent Northrup Library

Location: 164 Park Street, Fairfield, VT 05455

Cost: FREE

Registration: Please email bnmlibrarian@gmail.com or call 802-827-3945 to ensure enough seating

We were blown away by the turn out that came to listen to her speak and by the information she so easily communicated to the crowd...and understood! Deb has a special way with words and communicating her opinion on dog behavior to people. I found myself walking away with more knowledge and understanding than I had with so many past seminars. We will definitely be inviting her back to share more of her knowledge with our community!

—Humane Society of Chittenden County

Our hope by having Deb come and speak to us was that we would all gain a better understanding of what our canine customers are experiencing when they shop with us and how to better assess their body language. Deb exceeded our expectations! We were blown away with the amount of information Deb was able to deliver in just an hour and a half. Deb did a wonderful job of relating to her audience--getting us engaged and keeping us engaged. Not only is Deb a wealth of information, she is a phenomenal presenter--one of the best we've had.

—Pet Food Warehouse



April 10, 1:30 (St Michael's College)

Private class for St Michael's students

April 11, 6pm-7:30pm (Charlotte)

Sponsored by: Charlotte Library

Location: 115 Ferry Rd, Charlotte, VT 05445

Cost: FREE

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dog-communication-tickets-803994367797>

April 27, 3:30pm-5pm (East Corinth)

Sponsored by: Blake Memorial Library

Location: 676 Village Rd, East Corinth, VT 05040

Cost: FREE

Registration: RSVP appreciated but not required - to khotellingbml@gmail.com

May 9, 6pm-7:30pm (Milton)

Sponsored by: Milton Public Library

Location: 39 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468

Cost: FREE

Registration: Required-call 802 893-4644

May 18, 11am-12:30 (Woodbury)

Sponsored by: Woodbury Community Library

Location: 69 Valley Lake Road, Woodbury, VT 05681

Cost: FREE

Registration: RSVP appreciated but not required - (802) 472-5710

We're always adding new dates—check back!

