



## 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, 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

#### **(Essex Continued)**

#### **Therapy Dog Academy**

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

- 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, 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) (1<sup>st</sup> class is 1.5 to 2 hours long)

- Tuesdays, June 4—July 9, 7:15pm

## WILLISTON

Register: *Williston Recreation* [www.willistonrec.org](http://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, 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) (1<sup>st</sup> class is 1.5 to 2 hours long)

- 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!)*

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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:bnmlibrarian@gmail.com) or call 802-827-3945 to ensure enough seating





**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](mailto: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*

**May 23, 6pm-7:30pm (St Albans)**

*Sponsored by: St Albans Free Library*

*Location: 11 Maiden Ln, Saint Albans, VT 0547*





**GOLD STAR**  
Dog Training

## 2024 CLASS & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

*(updated 4/28/24)*

Cost: FREE

Registration: RSVP appreciated but not required - (802) 524-1507

***We're always adding new dates—check back!***