

FLOW CHART DESCRIPTIONS (revised 11-20-22)

All of these classes are offered by Santa Clara Dog Training Club.

Puppy—Puppy class introduces very young pups to a group situation plus learning basics. Limited to pups up to sixteen weeks old on first day of class. Pups may earn the AKC S.T.A.R. certificate.

Beginners—*Pre-requisite age 4 months and older.* Basic obedience exercises (sit, down, stand, stay, come) that are useful for all dogs of any age. The dogs not only benefit from learning the basics, they also learn around the distraction of other dogs. Occasionally a dog may benefit from re-taking this class. If under a year, a puppy may earn the AKC S.T.A.R. certificate.

Intermediate/CGC—*Pre-Requisite—any Beginners Obedience class.* In addition to building on reliability of the basic exercises, the addition of Canine Good Citizen (CGC) skills are taught. The goal of this class is to earn a CGC certificate from AKC. ***All on lead.***

- Accepting a friendly stranger
- Sitting for petting
- Allow brushing and handling of front paws
- Walking on a loose lead
- Walking through a crowd of people and dogs
- Sit, Down, Stay
- Come when called
- Reaction to another dog
- Reaction to distraction (wheelchair, loud noise, skateboard, etc.)
- Supervised separation for three minutes with handler out of sight.

This class is often repeated or the dog may go on to Novice 1. Intermediate/CGC is an ***optional class***. CGC is an additional evaluation that is separate from the class.

Novice 1—*Pre-requisite Beginners and/or Intermediate.* This class is more advanced than Intermediate/CGC and introduces off-lead recalls along with finishes. The goal of this class is to teach exercises that lead to getting the AKC Beginner Novice title including Figure 8 heeling, Sit for Exam, Sit/Stay handler walk around the ring. *This class often is repeated* or the dog may go on to Novice 2.

Novice 2--*Prerequisite approval of the trainer.* The handler should know all of the exercises included in Novice 1, heel on leash with figure eight and off leash recall plus finishes. Stand for exam, heel free, sit stay and get your leash, as well as group sit and down stays will be introduced. This class prepares a dog for the Novice class that can earn the Companion Dog (CD) title. *This class is usually repeated.*

Open—*Prerequisite—proficiency in all Novice exercises.* Open is designed to prepare a dog for the AKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title. All exercises are off leash. Heel Free, Figure Eight, Command Discrimination, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, Broad Jump, plus Stand Stay and Get Your Leash. *This class is usually repeated.*

Utility—*Prerequisite—proficiency in all Open exercises.* Utility is designed to prepare a dog for the AKC Utility Dog (UD) title. Exercises taught include Signal exercise, Scent Discrimination, Directed Retrieve, Moving Stand and Exam, and Directed Jumping. *This class is usually repeated.*

Run Through 1. This class is for those preparing for AKC Beginner Novice and Novice titles. Dog and handler will have the opportunity to go through the exercises as done in the obedience ring. Approximately ten minutes per dog. Team may take another class.

Run Through 2. This class is for those preparing for AKC Open and Utility titles. Dog and handler will go through the exercises as done in the obedience ring. Approximately fifteen minutes per dog. Team may take another class.

Scent Work. *No prerequisites.* Team will learn to identify and indicate specific scents. Handlers are encouraged to take a beginning scentwork class first. Proficiency will lead to AKC scentwork titles. *This class is usually repeated.*

Rally. *Prerequisite—Novice level obedience.* Handlers will learn to read the signs and have their dog do the exercises which may vary week to week. *This class is usually repeated.*