

Our Training Methods

We train using positive reinforcement. We advocate the appropriate use of treats – everyday and “high value” – as one form of positive reinforcement as well as verbal praise.

At times, however, corrections are necessary, so we discuss and demonstrate the proper and effective way to correct your dog. Each dog is an individual and requires different levels of corrections – and rewards. It is important to “know” your dog and use proper and accurate timing along with the appropriate level and types of rewards and corrections.

We help you compare and evaluate collars, harnesses and leashes and demonstrate their proper use.

By finding the right balance of rewards and corrections, and the appropriate use of equipment, you help your dog understand what you are asking.

We help you learn how to best help your dog learn.

We do not believe that anyone needs to hurt their dog – Ever.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Arizona, Inc. is dedicated to the promotion, protection and improvement of the GSD through education, training and sound breeding practices.

We also work to benefit our community by providing training programs that are open to dogs of all breeds.

We believe that through training, it is possible to reduce the number of dogs that are surrendered to shelters.

Each year we host AKC sanctioned Obedience and Rally Trials along with a German Shepherd Dog Specialty Show.



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Let Us Help You To...



For Dogs of All Breeds and Mixes

Sponsored by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern Arizona

Northwest Location

Eight Classes - \$75

Classes Offered:

- ❖ Puppy – American Kennel Club (AKC) S.T.A.R. Puppy
- ❖ Doggy Manners – AKC Canine Good Citizenship
- ❖ Novice Obedience – AKC
- ❖ Koehler-Based Obedience
- ❖ Rally – AKC
- ❖ Tricks – AKC

Drop-In Practice - \$5 per dog for 3 runs

For more details, times and location, go to the Club Website www.gsdcsaz.org and click on “Training Classes”.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

To learn more details, go to the Club website: www.gsdcsaz.org and click on “Training Classes” and visit the AKC (American Kennel Club) website.

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program — www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/akc-star-puppy

Prepares your puppy 10 weeks to under 1 year of age for the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy program. Learn sit, down, heel, “chill”, and socialization skills. AKC S.T.A.R. puppy test is offered at no cost at the end of the session.

Doggy Manners (AKC Canine Good Citizen) — www.akc.org/dog-owners/training/canine-good-citizen/

Prepares your dog to be a well-behaved family member. Your dog learns basic skills - sit, down, stay, stand, come, attention, and socialization. The Canine Good Citizen Test is offered at the end of the session.

AKC Novice Obedience — www.akc.org/events/obedience/

Prepare to participate and compete in AKC Preferred Novice, AKC Beginner Novice and AKC Novice Obedience. For this class, your dog should reliably be able to: sit, down, heel, stay and come. Exercises are on- or off- leash depending on the class.

AKC Rally — www.akc.org/events/rally/

This class will prepare you to participate in AKC Rally competitions at all levels – Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent and Masters. To enter Rally Novice and Intermediate – and for all levels - your dog should reliably sit, down, heel and stay. For Advanced, Excellent and Masters, your dog should have completed a Novice and Intermediate class or already be competing in Rally.

Koehler-Based Training — This 8 week class is designed to produce a dependable dog that can progress to advanced training. Class is taught with distractions and corrections. No food is allowed. A proper fitting choke collar and 6’ nylon or leather leash is required. First week is lecture and introduction to the Koehler method and without dogs. DAILY training sessions with your dog are a must! Cost \$125.

Ring Practice

Three runs for \$5 per dog. Please note there are no instructors for ring practice.

Our Instructors

All our instructors are well qualified and experienced in teaching people to train their dogs. They have all titled their dogs in AKC companion events. Several are Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluators, One is a service dog trainer and one tests and evaluates therapy dogs.

What If My Dog Doesn’t have “Papers”?

You do NOT need to be registered with AKC to attend our classes.

To compete in AKC companion and performance events such as Obedience and Rally, your dog must be registered with the AKC.

If your dog is purebred – or meets the standards – and isn’t registered and/or doesn’t have papers, you can register with the AKC PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing) Program — www.akc.org/register/purebred-alternative-listing/

If your dog is mixed-breed, you can register with the AKC Canine Partners Program — www.akc.org/dog-owners/canine-partners

To Register for Classes:

Go to the Club website - www.gsdcsaz.org and fill out online or download the application and mail it, along with payment, to:

GSDCSAZ, Inc. 7794 N. Paseo
Monserrat, Tucson, AZ 85704.

Please make checks to GSDCSAZ, Inc.