

HSHV offers affordable training for dogs at every level. Our classes use positive reinforcement to teach dogs how to problem solve and make good decisions on their own. They promote positive, trusting relationships and effective communication practices between you and your canine pal.

What makes our classes so special?

Our classes teach more than just a set of standard commands like "sit" and "down". In class, we simulate real world experiences and teach you the best and most effective ways to help your dog become well-mannered and obedient dog you've always imagined he/she could be. All of our classes are designed to teach your dog those important basic commands and behaviors, but more importantly, teaches you how to apply them to real world situations such as having guests over, prepping dinner, going to the vet's office, getting your dog to come instead of chasing a squirrel and more. Plus, all proceeds from HSHV dog training classes go right back to care for homeless, abused and injured animals in our shelter.

What is offered?

- Puppy Pre-school for dogs 6 months and younger
- Basic Manners for dogs 7 months and older
- Intermediate Obedience for dogs who have passed puppy or basic manners class. At the end of the class, the handler and dog have the option to test for their Canine Good Citizen certification.
- Reactive Rover for PEOPLE-FRIENDLY dogs 1 year and older who are reactive towards/around or who struggle to get along with other dogs.
- Agility – Intro for dogs of all ages who want to learn more about agility and have FUN with their owners!
- Agility II where dogs learn to gain confidence on and master the obstacles in agility such as jumps (of many kinds/types), tunnels, weave poles, tire and A-frame and put them together in small sequences.

Why start training classes right away?

Training classes help build a trusting relationship and bond between handler and dog. They encourage the use of good communication and teach handlers how to manage and control their dog in all situations utilizing positive reinforcement techniques. It does everything from help hyperactive dogs to be more in control, well-behaved and in tune with their handler and helps build confidence and trust with shy or fearful dogs. Training classes help give dogs a job and a purpose which helps to decrease unwanted behavioral problems resulting from boredom or lack of stimulation. It keeps dogs minds busy and helps to keep them happy and healthy! For this reason, all dogs (and people) can benefit from training classes.