

BEGINNING OBEDIENCE CLASS

Using positive behavior-shaping methods



*starting Thursday, December 1, 2011
for six weeks*

ARBORROADS FARM

is delighted to announce the start of a new
class with Kari Morningstar!

This is a “paws-itive” basic obedience training class which is based on behavior shaping instead of using corrections to train your dog. We will work toward both developing a solid relationship with your dog, as well as teaching the elements of the CGC test, the “Canine Good Citizen”, as set forth by the A.K.C. It is also designed to be an excellent foundation for any other dog activity you may want to pursue. Your dog will work on the basics of sit, stay, down, not to jump up on people, and to come when called etc., with positive training methods, so your pet can be enjoyed both at home and out in public, and well-behaved when going to the vets office. Check out the CGC at www.akc.org

In positive training, there is more time spent up front, as the dog and handler “learn the language”, but that levels off pretty soon and the workload is not as high. In negative reinforcement training, you can get the behavior much more quickly, but the maintenance is high, as the dog learns to “do whatever I have to do so you will leave me alone and stop yanking and yelling”. In positive training, the dog figures out the name of the game is “work to find the payoff”, which changes the dogs’ entire way of thinking.

For this class you may use any type of collar initially, but you **MUST bring a flat collar** as part of the goal of this class is a paws-itive working relationship with your dog.

You will need treats, clicker, or a favorite toy for this class. You will need a 6’ leash.

CLASSES ARE ONE HOUR LONG, fee is \$95

CLASS TIME 7:15- 8:15 P.M.

WE WILL ALSO OFFER A CONTINUING CLASS FOR THOSE COMPLETING THE FIRST CLASS, IMPROVING ON FOCUS SKILLS AND GROUND SKILLS FOR USE IN AGILITY, LIKE STAYS AND DISTANCE WORK. start Dec. 1, 6:00-7:00 p.m., six weeks

ARBORROADS FARM is located at 3660 S. Maple Rd. in Ann Arbor,
I-94 to exit 175 (Saline-AA Rd.). South about a mile to light at S. Maple.
Turn left and go to the second drive on the right. Drive back to large barn.

For more information or to register for classes, call us at (734) 662-6518 or e-mail us at
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