

# AUTUMNGOLD DOG TRAINING CENTER

## BEGINNER & PUPPY CLASSES REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the following forms and return them no later than one week prior to the start of the session. (**Note: Our classes usually fill 3 to 4 weeks prior to each session**). Please complete the student/dog information form and include with your registration materials and registration fee.

**Pre-payment is required for enrollment.** A confirmation email will be sent to you upon receipt of registration materials and payment.

**Beginner class (7-weeks): Registration fee: \$175.00**  
**Puppy Preschool & Social Club (5-weeks): Registration Fee: \$130.00**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_.

STREET \_\_\_\_\_.

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_.

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL (required): \_\_\_\_\_.

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_.

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ SPAYED/NEUTERED? \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Payment Information**  Check Enclosed  Pay by Credit Card

If using a check, please make payments to: AUTUMNGOLD

If paying by credit card, please fill out the following information:

Type of card (circle one): Visa    Mastercard    American Express

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (please print legibly)

CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ (three digit code on the far right of the back of your credit card)

Expiration Date (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY MAIL TO:**

(We do not recommend returning this form by email for security reasons)

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## **2018 CLASS SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTIONS**

PLEASE CHECK THE SESSION AND CLASS THAT YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR

### **SPRING SESSION: Starts Week of March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Monday, 6:00 pm: Puppy Class (Puppies up to 18 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_.

Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Beginner Class (Dogs 5 months or older) \_\_\_\_\_.

### **SUMMER 1 SESSION: Starts Week of May 21st**

Monday, 6:00 pm: Puppy Class (Puppies up to 18 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_.

Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Beginner Class (Dogs 5 months or older) \_\_\_\_\_.

### **SUMMER 2 SESSION: Starts Week of July 23rd**

Monday, 6:00 pm: Puppy Class (Puppies up to 18 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_.

Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Beginner Class (Dogs 5 months or older) \_\_\_\_\_.

### **FALL SESSION: Starts Week of Oct. 1st**

Tuesday, 6:00 pm, Beginner Class (Dogs 5 months or older) \_\_\_\_\_.

## **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

### **BEGINNER CLASS:**

AutumnGold's Beginner Class is offered every Session on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Dogs who are 5 months of age or older at the start of the class and who have had little or no previous training are eligible. The 7-week course is designed to develop a well-mannered dog who behaves at home, when out in public, and when in the presence of other dogs and people. The obedience portion of the class teaches dogs to walk on a loose lead, sit, lie down, stay, come when called, wait at doors, to relinquish requested items ("give") and to "leave" forbidden items. Control of dogs in a variety of situations is emphasized. Dogs learn to quietly accept grooming and handling, to enjoy attention and petting from a friend or stranger while sitting, and to stay in a stationary position when exposed to mild distractions. Lecture sections of the course teach students about the proper use of operant conditioning and reward-based training techniques and provide information concerning normal dog behavior, behavior problems, and positive approaches to solving problems. (Eligible: Dogs who are 5 months or older on the first week of class).

## **PUPPY CLASS:**

Experts agree that young puppies benefit from spending time with other puppies and with people other than their family. This course is a puppy preschool and socialization class that guides owners through the early phases of puppy raising and training. Puppies (and their owners) will experience valuable socialization and learning opportunities in a safe, comfortable and fun environment. Topics that are covered include canine communication and play behavior, crate and “alone-time” training, house training, handling and grooming exercises, exploratory chewing, bite inhibition, “turn to your name” training and an introduction to loose-leash walking. Plenty of time is provided for answering “new puppy” questions and for puppy play time. This class always leads to the kind of fun that only a room full of puppies can generate! (Eligible: Puppies who are between 9 and 18 weeks of age on the first week of class).

## **ADVANCED CLASSES:**

AutumnGold offers a variety of advanced training classes that include Clicker Tricks, Freestyle, Rally, Canine Nose Work, Agility for Fun, Canine Good Citizen and our new LifeSkills series. These classes are designed for students and dogs who have already “mastered the basics” in our Beginner Class and are interested in teaching and learning about a variety of fun and useful tricks, enjoying a new canine sport or training for a CGC certification. These classes are targeted to dogs who can reliably perform the basics of sit/stay, down/stay, walk on a loose lead, and come when called. Many of our advanced classes are taught as “clicker classes”, using the training theories of operant conditioning and conditioned reinforcers that were introduced in our Beginner Class. All of our advanced classes focus on reinforcing attention and eye contact, and are custom-designed each session to meet the needs and interests of students. Class size is kept small to allow individual attention and to provide adequate access to equipment. Contact AG or watch your email for more information about our advanced classes.

**NOTE: Completion of an AutumnGold Beginner Class is a Prerequisite for all advanced classes. Sorry, no exceptions will be made.**

**AUTUMNGOLD DOG TRAINING CENTER**  
**STUDENT/DOG PROFILE**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_.

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_.

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BREED \_\_\_\_\_.

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ SPAYED/NEUTERED? \_\_\_\_\_.

**PET/OWNER INTERACTIONS** (circle appropriate answers)

1. My dog was approximately [**less than 7 weeks; 7 to 8 weeks; 8 to 12 weeks; 12 weeks to 6 months; 6 months to 1 year; older than 1 year**] when I obtained him/her.
2. I acquired my dog from a/an [**pure-bred breeder; ad in the newspaper; pet store; animal shelter or rescue organization; friend/neighbor; relative; as a stray**].
3. I have owned my dog for [**less than 1 month; 1 to 6 months; 6 months to 1 year; 1 to 2 years; more than 2 years**].
4. To my knowledge, I am my dog's [**first; second; third; fourth or more**] owner.
5. I have owned [**zero; one; two; more than two**] other dogs in the past.
6. My dog spends the largest part of his/her day [**indoors with 1 or more people; indoors alone, loose in the house; indoors alone, crated or confined to a small area; outdoors in a yard or kennel; at dog daycare; tied outdoors**].
7. My dog spends most of his resting/relaxing time: [**on his own bed; on the couch or my bed; at my feet; by an outside doorway; in the yard or kennel; other \_\_\_\_\_**].
8. At night, my dog sleeps [**on my bed; in my bedroom; in the house but not in the bedroom; crated in the house; in a garage or kennel; tied or kenneled outside**].
9. The type of area that my dog has available for elimination purposes is: [**a fenced yard that he is in most of the day; a fenced yard that we let him out into and leave him there for periods of time; a fenced yard that he goes into for elimination only; an unfenced yard where we chain or tie him; an unfenced area where I walk him on-lead; no set area; I walk my dog for elimination**].
10. The person who my dog most often plays with is: [**myself; my partner; my roommate; my children; visiting friends; other dogs**].
11. Toys that my dog most likes to play with include [**tug toys; squeaky toys; squeaky toys minus the squeaker (she always rips them out); rawhide bones; Nyla-bones; tennis balls; stuffed toys; other \_\_\_\_\_**].
12. My dog's toys can usually be found [**lying around the house wherever he has left them; on his bed or in his crate; near his food/water bowl; put away in a special spot that he/she has free access to; put away in a special spot that he/she does not have access to; nowhere, we do not keep the dog's toys in the house**].

13. The ways in which I usually exercise my dog include: **[walks on-lead, several times a day; one walk on-lead per day; daily walks off-lead in a park or other open area; playing in the yard or house; running/jogging with my dog; allowing my dog to play with neighbor dogs; taking my dog to the dog park; taking my dog to day care; none of the above]**.
14. My dog usually receives strenuous exercise (i.e. hard running and playing for a minimum of 40 minutes) **[every day; about every other day; several times per week; on weekends; one time per week; rarely]**.
15. My dog interacts with and plays with other dogs **[every day; about every other day; several times per week; on weekends; one time per week; rarely; my dog generally does not like interacting with other dogs]**.
16. The type of physical contact that my dog most enjoys is: **[tummy rubs; cuddling on the couch; gentle petting; playful petting; scratching; rough/rowdy petting and patting]**.
17. Our household also includes **[zero; one; two; three; more than three]** additional dogs and **[zero; one; two; three; more than three]** cats.
18. In our household, the person who most often feeds, brushes, bathes, and takes the dog to the vet is **[myself; my partner; my roommate; my children; we all share these responsibilities equally]**.
19. In our household, the person who most often walks, plays with and trains the dog is **[myself; my partner; my roommate; my children; we all play and walk the dog]**.
20. I consider myself to be **[extremely; very; moderately; slightly]** emotionally attached to my dog.
21. When I run errands in the car, my dog **[always; often; occasionally; never]** accompanies me.
22. When I go on vacations, my dog **[always; often; occasionally; never]** accompanies me/us.
23. Methods that I use to discipline my dog include (circle all that apply): **[telling him/her No and using a harsh voice; using physical reprimands, i.e. hitting or grabbing his nose; putting him outside or confining him/her to a crate or small room; ignoring bad behavior; collar corrections, i.e. jerking on the collar; other \_\_\_\_\_]**.
24. Methods that I use to praise my dog include (circle all that apply): **[petting and cuddling; using verbal praise (Good Dog!); playing games; giving food treats; other \_\_\_\_\_]**.
25. The type of collar that I use with my dog is (circle all that apply): **[buckle collar; Premier collar; head halter (i.e. Gentle Leader); choke chain collar; pinch collar; Harness; other \_\_\_\_\_]**.
26. Regarding obedience class/lessons, goals for myself include (circle all that apply): **[to increase my understanding of my dog's behavior; to develop a closer relationship with my dog; to learn how to train my dog to be a better companion and member of the household; to solve problem behaviors that my dog is exhibiting; Other \_\_\_\_\_]**.

## **BEHAVIOR PROFILE INFORMATION**

1. I would describe my dog's energy level as [**hyperactive; very high energy; normal; normal to low; basic couch potato**].
2. I would describe my dog's emotional attachment to me and/or my family as [**excessively attached; very attached; moderately attached; slightly attached; not attached at all**].
3. My dog greets visitors he does **not** know at our home in a(n) [**hyper-excitable; exuberantly friendly; moderately friendly; aloof; hesitant but then is friendly; fearful at first but recovers; always fearful; slightly aggressive; very aggressive**] manner.
4. My dog greets visitors who she **does** know at our home in a(n) [**hyper-excitable; exuberantly friendly; moderately friendly; aloof; hesitant but then is friendly; fearful at first but recovers; always fearful; slightly aggressive; very aggressive**] manner.
5. When out walking away from home, my dog greets strangers in a(n) [**hyper-excitable; exuberantly friendly; moderately friendly; aloof; hesitant but then is friendly; fearful at first but recovers; always fearful; slightly aggressive; very aggressive**] manner.
6. When out walking away from home, my dog greets other dogs in a(n) [**hyper-excitable; exuberantly friendly; moderately friendly; aloof; hesitant but then is friendly; fearful at first but recovers; always fearful; slightly aggressive; very aggressive**] manner..
7. At the veterinarian's office, my dog behaves in a(n) [**hyper-excitable; exuberantly friendly; moderately friendly; friendly but quiet; hesitant but then is friendly; fearful at first but recovers; always fearful; slightly aggressive; very aggressive**] manner.
8. My dog is most likely to bark or whine (circle all that apply): [**when he is left alone by himself; when he is greeting me; when strangers come to the house; when he wants attention; when he hears certain noises; when he sees cats, squirrels, or other small animals; when he is playing with me**].
9. If he/she is approached by myself or a family member while eating, my dog [**stops eating and wags his tail; continues eating and wags his tail; freezes over his food bowl; begins to wolf down his food; walks away from the bowl; growls quietly; growls or barks menacingly**].
10. When being groomed (brushed, bathed, ears cleaned, etc.) my dog usually [**sits quietly and enjoys the grooming; sits quietly but does not enjoy the grooming; struggles a bit but usually settles down after a few minutes; struggles a bit throughout the grooming; struggles fiercely throughout the grooming; struggles and attempts to nip**].
11. When my dog is asked to give one of his/her favorite toys to me he/she [**readily gives it to me; runs away; holds on to it tightly; growls and refuses to give it up; tries to bite**].

**(MORE QUESTIONS ON BACK!)**

12. My dog's favorite games include (circle all that apply): **[chasing a ball and bringing it back to me; chasing a ball and then running with it; play tug of war; wrestling and rough housing with family members; playing chase games; playing with other dogs in the family; playing with dog friends who are not part of the family; playing hide and seek; sitting close for cuddling and petting; other \_\_\_\_\_]**.
13. I would describe my dog as: **[extremely playful; somewhat playful; not playful at all]**.
14. The characteristics that I like about my dog include his/her (circle all that apply): **playfulness; high energy; affection for family members; affection for other people; behavior with other dogs; ability to learn new commands; protectiveness; boldness; calmness; sweet and gentle nature; behavior with children; physical appearance (i.e. coat type, size, etc.); other \_\_\_\_\_]**.
15. Have you attended any previous training classes with your dog? **Yes No** If so, what type of class was it? \_\_\_\_\_.
16. What commands does your dog usually respond to? **[sit; lie down; come; stay; give; take it (fetch); other \_\_\_\_\_]**.
17. Please circle any of the following behavioral problems that you are currently experiencing with your dog:

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| <b>housetraining</b>                        | <b>excessive chewing</b>                   | <b>barking when alone</b>          |
| <b>running away</b>                         | <b>not coming when called</b>              | <b>pulling on the leash</b>        |
| <b>growling at strangers</b>                | <b>growling at family members</b>          | <b>nipping during play</b>         |
| <b>biting people</b>                        | <b>possessive over toys/food</b>           | <b>chasing cats/squirrels</b>      |
| <b>jumping up to greet</b>                  | <b>fear of strangers</b>                   | <b>fear of family member</b>       |
| <b>unmannerly in the car</b>                | <b>fear of other dogs</b>                  | <b>destructive when left alone</b> |
| <b>rushing out of doors</b>                 | <b>aggressive towards unfamiliar dogs</b>  |                                    |
| <b>barking for attention</b>                | <b>digging</b>                             | <b>stealing objects/food</b>       |
| <b>fighting with other dogs in the home</b> | <b>playing too roughly with other dogs</b> |                                    |

**PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS REGARDING YOUR DOG'S BEHAVIOR AND YOUR GOALS FOR BOTH YOU AND YOUR DOG IN OBEDIENCE CLASS:**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** *This form will be evaluated prior to the beginning of your class. Recommendations may be made for you and your dog concerning the level of training and/or the type of class that you are planning on attending. If AutumnGold's instructor feels that you and your dog may benefit from a change to another type of instruction, this recommendation will be made through a telephone consultation prior to the start of the session.*