



**CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC.**

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## Beginner Obedience Course Training Application

Handler's  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about **CRDTC**?  Vet  Friend  Club web site  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's call name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Spayed/Neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ Immunizations up-to-date?: Rabies \_\_\_\_\_ Parvo/DHL \_\_\_\_\_

Town License? \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies tag# \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo? \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip? \_\_\_\_\_

*We encourage you to visit any Monday evening to observe our classes before registering*

**Please read the CRDTC Policies & Training Guidelines, then sign the Waiver of Liability.**

### WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I have read the CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB, Inc. (CRDTC) Policies and Training Guidelines, understand them, and agree to abide by them. I understand that attending a dog training class or event may not be without risk to myself, others who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs present may be difficult to control and may cause injury even when preventive measures are taken, and because accidents may occur. In signing this waiver, I hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators waive and release all rights and claims for damages that I may have against the CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB, Inc, its officers, directors, employees, members, instructors, and agents, and I acknowledge that CRDTC has no liability for the actions of any dog owner or handler, or any dog including my own.

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must pre-register for the Beginner Course. Class size is limited. No refunds after classes start.**

Starting date: 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? contact Wendy Marcks, [wmarcks@comast.net](mailto:wmarcks@comast.net) or 978-430-7514**

Send this completed application form with a check for the course fee made out to **CRDTC** to:

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Lunenburg, MA  
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## CHARLES RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB — INFORMATION, POLICIES & TRAINING GUIDELINES

**BEGINNER TRAINING COURSE** Mondays, 6:00 pm. (Plan to arrive a few minutes early on the first night.)

- Teaches *you* how to train your dog using positive reinforcement training methods.
- Based on the Canine Good Citizen exercises. Includes: *walking on a loose lead, sit, down, stay, come when called, walking on loose lead with distractions, meeting new people and dogs, supervised separation.*
- Covers Good Manners such as *wait, leave it, and off.*
- **The first class is 90 minutes long and is for handlers only. Attendance is REQUIRED.** Remaining classes meet 6:00-6:45 pm. Positive reinforcement methods including use of a clicker or verbal marker will be explained. At the first class, the instructor will demonstrate appropriate styles of collars and leashes, and advise on how to fit and use them. Different style collars will be demonstrated and discussed. Shaping will be described and class members will participate in exercises to learn and improve timing.
- Weekly assignments for practice at home. Course fee includes a clicker.
- Instructor plus an experienced assistant to provide individual attention. Limited to 12 dog/handler teams.

Successive lessons build on the previous week's class, so choose a time when you can commit to regular attendance.

**REQUIREMENTS:** One handler per dog. Handlers should be at least 15 years old. Dogs must be at least 5 months old with all vaccinations up to date. Female dogs in heat may not attend class.

### **Please note the following CRDTC policies:**

- ◆ Handlers should check in before each class.
- ◆ **NO REFUNDS** after classes start. In extremely unusual circumstances, please speak to the club president.
- ◆ **Holidays:** No classes on Labor Day, between Christmas & New Year's Day, or on Memorial Day.
- ◆ **Inclement weather:** Messages about weather-related cancellations are posted on the Facebook page. If the roads and parking lot are plowed there's a good chance classes will be held as usual.
- ◆ We value your comments and suggestions! Please fill out and return the questionnaire distributed at the end of your course, write a letter, or speak with a club officer or member of the Board of Directors at any time. Thanks!

### **Training guidelines:**

- ◆ **Pre-requisites:** Evaluation/consent of the instructor is required before you can join the advanced classes.
- ◆ **Age requirements:** Handlers should be at least **15 years** old; dogs, at least **5 months** old. Any exceptions should be arranged before the start of the class, with the consent of the instructor.
- ◆ **Guests and visitors:** Friends and family—including children—are most welcome to watch the activities, so long as they're seated quietly and don't disturb the dogs and handlers. Please remember that not all dogs are comfortable around children or strangers. Before approaching or petting a strange dog, ask for the owner's permission.
- ◆ **Control:** Keep your dog *on leash* except for specifically off-leash exercises. You must control your dog (on leash and off leash) for the safety and protection of other dogs and people. Also, please try to prevent excessive barking. Dogs that are overly aggressive or creating a nuisance will be excused at the judgment of the instructor. *Please leave female dogs in season at home.*
- ◆ **Mats, gates, jumps, and other equipment:** Everyone's help is appreciated in setting up the training areas. Please respect the equipment and facilities. Jumps should be used only by physically mature, healthy dogs.
- ◆ **Courtesy:** Handlers should not train in such a way as to distract or interfere with other dogs and handlers. Please yield the "right of way." For example, if a training area is being used for individual instruction, don't enter or leave your dog in that area. Please let other dogs and handlers have their turns using jumps and other equipment or training areas.
- ◆ **Methods:** No non-AKC-approved training is permitted. Experienced handlers are reminded that they're models for beginners—please make sure your actions, such as in correcting your dog, are what you want beginners to imitate and what you want the general public to think of obedience training.
- ◆ **Abuse:** No abuse of dogs will be permitted or tolerated.
- ◆ **Clean-up:** You're responsible for what your dog deposits, both inside and outside the facility. Please "exercise" your dog before class and make sure he doesn't foul the grounds or the surrounding neighborhood. (There are pick-up bags, waste buckets, and other cleaning supplies inside and outside, near the entrance to the building.)
- ◆ **Infractions:** Instructors or the club president shall give one verbal warning for any infraction of the club rules. Further infractions will result in the handler's suspension.

These guidelines may not cover all situations and problems that could arise. Please use good judgment and courtesy so that everyone can enjoy the club. Thanks!