

**TRAINING DOGS, TRAINING STUDENTS,
EDUCATING OWNERS**



COURSE CATALOG

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MISSION STATEMENT

Welcome to Off the Chain K9 Academy! As a proud 100% veteran-owned business, we are honored to have served our country and are now dedicated to serving our community. Our mission is to develop confident and skilled leaders in the dog training and services industry. We are committed to providing exceptional, ongoing support to our students, dog owners, and community partners. Thank you for choosing us as your trusted education provider!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday, Tuesday.....10:00am – 6:00pm
Thursday, Friday.....10:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday.....10:00am – 6:00pm (Group Class)

FEDERAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Official Date</u>
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Third Monday in January
Presidents' Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Monday, Tuesday.....10:00am to 4:00pm (Hands on dog training)
Thursday, Friday.....10:00am to 4:00pm (Hands on dog training)
Saturday.....10:00am to 3:00pm (Group Class)

MONTHLY SEMINARS: Last Saturday of each month:

(Open to Full Time & Part Time Students) Orientation for new students is Friday before the Seminar.

Class starts on Saturday at 10:00am – 4:00pm and will commence on Sunday at 2:00pm.

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Students must provide documentation for previous experience (transcripts, etc.) when requesting credit for previous classes or training. Credit for previous experience will be granted at the discretion of the instructor. To be exempt from a class, the applicant will be required to pass a written and practical exam at a charge of \$350 per course. Unaccredited institutions cannot guarantee that credits will transfer elsewhere.

VA BENEFITS NOTE:

Students receiving VA Benefits will be provided a fixed class schedule. This schedule and the VA Certification will be sent to the State Approving Agency for approval to the Department of Veterans Affairs for payment of benefits

VA CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

VA Certificate of eligibility must be presented before registration can begin.

GOALS OF THE ACADEMY

To prepare individuals from throughout the world to serve as qualified dog trainers in public or private organizations, and to teach dog obedience education classes to individuals and small groups.

OBJECTIVES

To teach students how to recognize and work with dogs of all breeds and ages.

To train students how to help solve behavioral problems of family and household dogs.

To enable students to effectively work with people in the proper schooling of their dogs.

To prepare students to train dogs and their owners in classes and distracting situations.

To help students establish and operate dog day-school and care centers.

To acquaint students with basics of hygiene care, flea and tick control, etc.

To familiarize students with proper nutrition, health and dietary standards and emergency first aid procedures.

To teach students to educate clients how to protect their dog, inside and outside their homes, including traveling in vehicles.

To show and assist students how to market their newly acquired dog education skills and knowledge.

To provide opportunities for students to acquire further education about dog schooling and academy operations

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

OTCK9 Academy's main campus is located at 110 Dixie Drive in Woodstock, GA. The facility has 4000 Sqft of indoor training areas with modernized multi-media classroom training equipment and a large outdoor training park for field exercises. Parking is free and there is a variety of restaurants and shops nearby.

OTCK9 Academy provides an adequate learning resource system which includes all materials that support a student's educational experience such as a library, texts, and electronic resources. Inside OTCK9 Academy, is a reception/retail dog item sales area, grooming area, dog training and day school room for group and individual lessons, classroom for students, consultation-study room, library, administrative office, storage facilities for dog items, and a student lounge and restroom. There are areas in the front and back of the facility that are used for outdoor training and exercise. Also, there are plenty of parking spaces available in front of OTCK9 Academy.

Our integrated training/trainers' facility offers students a superb opportunity to become immersed in the operations of OTCK9 Academy while learning how to become effective dog-people educators.

Study in the field is an important part of the curriculum. Classes will at times take field trips to other public and private training locations for additional field exercises and hands on learning.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The OTCK9 Academy does not and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

Admission will be granted to students who meet enrollment prerequisites and successfully completes an admissions interview.

PREREQUISITES

A general familiarity with dogs is a prerequisite for enrollment in Academy courses. Students will experience hands on training with dogs, so a basis comfort level with handling canines is required. Any limiting mental or physical conditions need to be brought to school administrators' attention prior to enrollment.

Students must be able and willing to to the following:

- Lift at least 40 pounds
- Stand for 15 minutes
- Work outdoors in any type of weather

STANDARDS OF PROGRESS

Instructors discuss progress and email report cards with grade point average updates every two to four weeks. Students that have a grade point average that falls below 69% will be put on academic probation. If students do not achieve a 69% grade point average, then they will fail the class. A grade will be assigned for each course taken during a term.

GRADING SYSTEM

A = 90% to 100%

B = 80% to 89%

C = 70% to 79%

F = 69% and below = failing grade (no certification)

GRADING CRITERIA

Class work = 25%

Participation = 25%

Homework and Quizzes = 25%

Final Exam = 25%

ENROLLMENT

The OTCK9 Academy offers continuous enrollment to better accommodate our student's individual needs. With continuous enrollment scheduling, students' start and end dates are varied. Students must provide a record of their academic history (transcripts, etc.) at the time of enrollment.

Enrollment and registration must be completed a minimum of one week before starting a OTCK9 Academy course. We recommend enrolling at least a month in advance to ensure that students get a place in their first pick of classes.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To complete a course, the student must attain proficiency in each topic covered within a 12-month period. Students may drop the course during their first 14 days of the class.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory for all classes and documentation is required for any absences. Attendance records are maintained for each student. The instructor must be notified in advance for any absences and class will not be delayed to accommodate tardy students. Please note:

- Extended medical absences will be excused with a doctor's note.
- Three unexcused events of tardiness will count as one unexcused absence.
- Three unexcused absences will result in a failing grade for the class.
- Approval for leaves of absences is at the instructor's discretion.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSED WORK

Makeup requirements for work missed are at the instructor's discretion.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment after failing a class is available only with the instructor's approval. If approved, a student can re-enroll and take the class for a second time if tuition and fees are paid for the second enrollment.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are required to show respect for their fellow students, their instructors, and their canine training partners. Students are required to follow instructors' directions; the instructors' rules are designed for your safety and are necessary for your success in the program.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Mistreatment or abuse of any dog is grounds for immediate expulsion from the program.
2. Disrespectful, obscene, or disorderly conduct is grounds for immediate expulsion from the program.
3. NO weapons of any kind are permitted.
4. NO possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs on the premises.



REFUNDS

When a student fails to enter the course, withdraws, or is discontinued at any time prior to the completion of the course, the policy for a refund of the unused portion of tuition fees and other charges are described below. When the cancellation has been met, OTCK9 ACADEMY will issue the appropriate refund in full to the student within 45 days of the cancellation.

A. All monies paid by the student, except the non-refundable application fees, are refunded if the student requests a refund within three (3) business days after signing a contract with OTC Professional K-9 Academy.

B. Deposits are credited as tuition payments unless clearly identified by the school as application or other fees.

C. Refunds are based on tuition paid for clock hours of the instructional courses. All refunds will be prorated accordingly based percent completed when students withdraws or cancels (i.e., 35% course completed, student will receive 65% refund.)

D. In the event of extenuating circumstances such as student injury, prolonged illness or death, or other circumstances that make completion of the course impractical, both parties will determine a settlement which is reasonable and fair to the student and to OTC Professional K-9 Academy.

E. If OTCK9 ACADEMY changes or cancels a course in such a way that a student who has started the course is unable to complete it, arrangements are made in a timely manner to accommodate the needs of the student enrolled in the course that has been affected by cancellation or change. If OTCK9 ACADEMY is unable to make alternative arrangements which are satisfactory to OTCK9 ACADEMY and the student, OTCK9 ACADEMY refunds all the money paid by the student. Similarly, if OTCK9 ACADEMY changes or cancels the time or location of a course in such a way that a student who has started the course is unable to compete it, OTCK9 ACADEMY refunds all money paid by the student for the course.

F. Tuition refunds for students receiving benefits through the Department of Veteran Affairs will be pro-rated over the length of the course after the deduction of ten dollars (\$10) registration fee.

OTCK9 ACADEMY GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

All grievances should be reported in written form, within 30 calendar days, to the president, Darrell Swanson, of OTCK9 Academy. E-mail to veterans@offthechaink9.com or mail to 110 Dixie Drive Woodstock Georgia 30189.

If unresolved, complaints may be submitted to the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, within 90 calendar days, by filing on the website:

<https://gnpec.georgia.gov/student-complaints>

Such complaints must include evidence bearing on the issues and documentation that a reasonable effort was made to resolve the complaint directly with OTC Professional K-9 Academy.

NPEC

2082 East Exchange Place

Suite 220

Tucker, Ga. 30084 770-414-3300

<https://gnpec.georgia.gov/student-resources/complaints-against-institution>

COMPLETION OF PROGRAM

All students will receive a certificate of completion for each program satisfactorily completed.

Disclaimer: OTCK9 Academy does not guarantee job placement after completion of any program.

OTCK9 will not prohibit attendance or impose penalties while awaiting VA payments per 38 USC (e)(1) A and B

TUITION AND FEES

Payment of tuition is due prior to the first day of study.

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$100
Books and supplies (vary by class/program)	\$100 - \$1500

CANINE TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

	<u>Tuition</u>
OTC 1001 Dog Grooming Certification (160 hours)	\$6,875
OTC 2001 Dog Training Educator (480 hours)	\$10,975
OTC 3001 PTSD Service Dog Trainer (650 hours)	\$15,975
OTC 3002 Master Dog Training Educator (1,200 hours)	\$19,975
OTC 4001 Advanced Dog Protection Course (1,200 hours)	\$22,975

The Off the Chain K-9 Academy's Canine Training and Behavior Specialist program teaches students advanced training principles including dog behavior and obedience. Graduates may find suitable employment in pet retail, boarding kennels, training kennels, obedience clubs, pet sitting, dog walking, and private dog training companies. Upon completion of this program, students will receive a certificate of Canine Training and Behavior Specialist and will be able to conduct private lessons, group lessons, and in-kennel training.

All students begin with basic dog trainer certification (a 5-week course). Students will learn about basic and advanced dog obedience, behavior problem resolution, dog agility sports and kennel management. For more advanced certifications, students choose from programs ranging from 15 to 30 weeks, specializing in the areas of interest that they choose. Students in the more advanced programs will also learn to train police K-9 and protection service dogs, scent detection dogs, search and rescue dogs, and assistance dogs for the disabled.

Program Listing

OTC 1001: DOG GROOMING

Introduction to Dog Grooming

- Overview of dog grooming industry: Discuss the dog grooming profession, its growth, and the skills required to be a successful groomer. Introduce students to the business side of dog grooming (e.g., running a salon, working independently).
- Importance of grooming for health and appearance: Explain how regular grooming benefits dogs' health (skin, nails, coat) and contributes to their general well-being, as well as enhancing their physical appearance.
- Introduction to the course and expectations: Outline the course structure, learning objectives, and expectations for students (attendance, behavior, assignments, etc.).

Dog Anatomy and Physiology

- **Basic dog anatomy (external structures):** Introduce the external anatomy of a dog, including the head, body, legs, tail, and paws. Explain the significance of each part in grooming.
- **Understanding dog skin, coat, and fur:** Discuss the skin's role in protecting the body, and describe various coat types (short, long, curly, wiry) and how grooming practices vary by coat type.
- **Functions of the skin and coat in protection and temperature regulation:** Explain how dogs' coats help regulate body temperature, protect them from environmental elements, and serve as a barrier to injury and infection.
- **Understanding dog paws, nails, and ears:** Focus on the importance of maintaining paws and nails (e.g., trimming nails for comfort and health) and ear care to prevent infections.

- **Functions of the paws and nails in mobility:** Discuss how paws aid in movement and balance, and why regular paw and nail care is essential.
- **Proper ear care and anatomy:** Teach about dog ear anatomy (e.g., ear canal) and how to safely clean ears to prevent infections.

Basic Grooming Techniques: Students will be introduced to basic grooming skills & techniques. Students will learn:

- How to properly approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Bite prevention training.
- How to build a good relationship with dogs.
- Proper use and function of different types of grooming equipment.
- Introduction to different tools and methods used to groom a dog.
- How to properly bathe a dog.
- How to care for dogs' nails, Trimming and grinding.

Running a Dog Grooming Business

- **How to start a dog grooming business:** Discuss the key steps for starting a grooming business, including legal requirements, obtaining licenses, setting up a salon, and acquiring equipment.
- **Managing finances and budgeting for a grooming business:** Teach students the financial aspects of running a grooming business, including setting prices, managing expenses, and tracking profits.
- **Marketing and attracting clients:** Show how to market a dog grooming business, including creating a brand, online presence, and customer loyalty programs.

Customer Service and Client Communication

- **Effective communication with clients:** Teach how to talk to clients about their dog's grooming needs, preferences, and expectations. Focus on explaining grooming options, offering advice, and handling special requests.
- **Handling difficult client situations:** Discuss how to manage challenging clients, such as those who have specific demands or complaints, while maintaining professionalism and good service.

- **Client retention and building a loyal customer base:** Explain the importance of customer service for retention and how to build a loyal client base through excellent service and positive word-of-mouth

Handling Business Growth and Scaling

- **How to expand your grooming business:** Discuss strategies for scaling up a dog grooming business, including hiring additional groomers, expanding the service menu, and increasing the client base.
- **Managing a team of groomers:** Teach how to manage a team, including training new staff, delegating tasks, and ensuring consistency in service quality.
- **Setting growth goals and tracking progress:** Discuss how to set realistic goals for business growth and track progress toward those goals over time.

OTC 2001: DOG EDUCATOR

Puppy Imprinting and Socialization: Students will be introduced to puppy imprinting and socialization. Students will learn:

- Prevention of behavior problems.
- Puppy socialization techniques.
- House training techniques.
- Crate training techniques.
- Puppy obedience training techniques.
- Puppy proofing your home.

Kennel Management I: Students will be introduced to basic kennel management theory, practical application, and basic dog care. Students will learn:

- Schedules for vaccinations.
- What vaccinations are required for a dog when staying at a boarding facility.
- The importance of proper health relating to training.
- Maintaining a proper kennel environment.
- Proper sanitization and disinfecting of kennel runs.
- The proper way to clip nails, clean ears, and give baths.
- Stress management for dogs in a kennel environment.
- Maintaining a quiet kennel environment.
- Importance of daily visual inspections for the well-being of a boarding dog.
- Basic canine anatomy.

Business Techniques I: Students will be introduced to basic business techniques. Students will learn:

- Different structures of businesses.
- Management styles and motivating employees.
- Pros and cons of owning your own business.
- Basics needed for starting your own business.
- Choosing a location for your business.
- Risk management.
- Where to turn for help.

Intermediate Pet Obedience: Students will be instructed in intermediate pet obedience theory and practical application. Students will learn:

- Train a dog to perform basic off-leash obedience exercises.
- Train a dog to complete the AKC Canine Good Citizen exam.
- Discuss the use of hand signals.
- Proper applications for using a remote training collar.

Intermediate Marking Behaviors Training: Students will develop expertise in marking behaviors. Students will learn:

- How to teach clients the skill of marking behaviors.
- How marking behaviors can be applied to situations outside of dog training.
- How to transition to a variable reinforcement schedule.
- How avoid common timing mistakes in marking behaviors.

Behavior Modification Techniques: Students will be instructed in behavior modification techniques. Students will learn:

- The appropriate steps in conducting a behavior consultation.
- Important factors in determining positive and negative prognosis in behavior problems.
- Symptoms, causes, and treatment for behavior problems.
- The difference between management and reversal of behavior problems.
- Different types of aggression.
- Prevention and management of aggression.
- Reversal and management of the dominance hierarchy.
- How to identify the difference between fears and phobias.
- How to accurately describe and assess canine body language.
- Techniques used in modifying separation anxiety and hyperactivity.

Group Classes, Private Lessons, and In-Kennel Training II: Students will be instructed in both group and private lesson instruction, and in-kennel training techniques. Students will learn:

- Give private obedience instruction to others.
- Assisting with group obedience classes.
- Perform training evaluations for in-kennel training.
- Train in-kennel obedience dogs.
- Create a lesson plan for private lessons.
- Create a lesson plan for group classes.
- The proper way to introduce dogs to each other.

Puppy Selection and Imprinting: Students will be instructed in puppy selection and imprinting. Students will learn:

- Psychological development in a puppy.
- The effects of genetics and environment on a puppy.
- The critical socialization and imprinting period for a puppy.
- Necessary drives and temperament needed for various dog sports and service work.
- Puppy imprinting for competitive dog sports and service work.
- Conduct and interpret puppy temperament evaluations.
- Selecting the perfect pet.
- Puppy imprinting for a pet dog.
- Puppy kindergarten classes.
- How to teach puppies to be active learners.
- Proper introduction of a young dog into a new environment.

Kennel Management II: Students will be instructed in intermediate kennel management theory and practical application, and basic canine health care.

Students will learn:

- Basic health issues with dogs.
- How to administer basic canine first aid.
- What constitutes a medical emergency?
- Maintaining the health and weight of dogs in a kennel environment.
- Recognizing problems with dogs in a kennel environment.

Business Techniques II: Students will be introduced to advanced business techniques. Students will learn:

- How to start a business.
- Marketing and promotional strategies.
- Using public relations to promote your business.
- Cost effective marketing through the internet.
- Naming your business and choosing a logo.
- Creating your mission statement and philosophy.
- Setting up your chart of accounts and understanding financial statements.
- Customer service objectives.

OTC 3002: DOG MASTER EDUCATOR

Group Classes, Private Lessons, In-Kennel Training, and In-Home Training III: Students will be instructed in both group and private lesson instruction and in-kennel training techniques. Students will learn:

- Pros and cons of in-kennel training.
- Pros and cons of in-home training.
- Scheduling lessons for in-home and private training.
- Conducting a group class.
- Conducting a private lesson.
- Customizing a training plan for a client's dog.
- Train a wide variety of temperaments in an in-kennel environment.
- The proper way to introduce a new dog into a group environment.
- The importance of balanced training techniques.

Kennel Management III: Students will be instructed in kennel management theory, practical application, and canine health care. Students will learn:

- How to maintain lifetime relationships with your clients.
- Management of special services for dogs in a boarding environment.
- The importance of good nutrition.
- Proper warm up and cool down techniques for service or sport dogs.
- Maintaining a professional relationship with clients.
- Management of kennel staff and technicians.
- Administering and logging of medication for in-kennel dogs.

Agility Training III: Students will be instructed in running agility courses.

Students will learn:

- How to solve problems in agility.
- Developing a strategy for running an agility course.
- Clean run in agility.
- Advanced handling techniques.
- Obstacle discrimination.
- Rules of NADAC and USDAA competitive agility.
- Teaching clients to prepare for trials.
- Maintaining control of an agility dog in drive.

Protection Training: Students will learn basic protection training. Students will learn:

- Misconceptions associated with protection training.
- Pros and cons of offering protection training.
- Evaluating and selecting a dog for protection training.
- Steps in training a protection dog.
- Safety and control of a protection dog.
- How to recognize and develop a dog's drives.

Police K-9 Unit I: Students will be introduced to police K-9 training. Students will learn:

- K-9 training theory and techniques.
- How to evaluate a police dog candidate.
- Basic training for detector dogs.
- Basic police dog tracking theories.
- Scent detection.

OTC 4001 - ADVANCED PROTECTION TRAINING

Introduction to Advanced Dog Protection (40 hours)

- **Overview of Canine Protection Roles**
 - Historical uses of dogs in protection
 - Evolution of modern working dogs
 - Various types of protection dogs (guard, patrol, detection, search and rescue)
- **Understanding Dog Behavior and Psychology**
 - Basics of canine communication (body language, vocalization, etc.)

- Canine temperament and socialization
- Bonding between dog and handler
- **Dog Breeds and Their Use in Protection**
 - Selection criteria for protection dog breeds
 - Understanding the strengths of different breeds (German Shepherd, Belgian Malinois, Doberman, Rottweiler)
 - Working dog vs. family protection dog

Module 2: Canine Training Basics (200 hours)

- **Foundational Obedience Training**
 - Basic commands: Sit, stay, heel, come, down
 - Building control and respect through consistency
 - Using positive reinforcement methods
- **Advanced Obedience Techniques**
 - Off-leash control and recall
 - Distracted obedience: Performing under stress or in high-energy environments
 - Hand signals and vocal commands integration
- **Agility Training for Dogs**
 - Developing physical fitness: Jumping, crawling, balancing
 - Building confidence in various obstacle courses
 - Preparing for rapid response and movement
- **Understanding and Managing Canine Stress**
 - Stress management techniques for dogs
 - Identifying signs of stress and aggression
 - Adjusting training to manage fear-based behaviors

Protection Dog Behavior and Bite Work (250 hours)

- **The Psychology of Protection Dogs**
 - How protection dogs are trained to react to threats
 - Training dogs to discriminate between threats and non-threats
 - Balancing aggression with control
- **Bite Training Techniques**
 - Introduction to bite sleeves, suits, and agitation

- Advanced bite work: Targeting specific body parts (arms, legs, and torso)
- Redirecting and managing bites
- **Controlled Aggression and Release Command**
 - Training dogs to bite only on command
 - Immediate release and control after bite engagement
 - Training for various attack scenarios: one-on-one, multiple attackers, defensive bites
- **Real-World Bite Scenarios**
 - Handling an attacker scenario (live role-playing with simulated attackers)
 - Assessing when to deploy the dog's bite response in real-world situations

Module 4: Canine Tactical Protection Training (250 hours)

- **Canine Deployment in Security Operations**
 - Integration of working dogs into security teams
 - Coordinating between handlers and security teams during operations
 - Strategic use of dogs in high-risk situations (crowd control, building searches)
- **Urban Search and Rescue Training**
 - Building search techniques for locating suspects or victims
 - Scent discrimination: Finding a suspect based on scent trails
 - Canine teamwork in search operations
- **Defensive Maneuvers and High-Risk Scenarios**
 - Managing a dog in violent confrontations (attacker with a weapon)
 - Responding to hostile threats with a dog
 - Techniques for handler protection while using the dog in close combat
- **Canine Protection in Crowd Control**
 - Handling a dog during large crowd disruptions
 - Use of dogs for non-lethal crowd management
 - Commands for controlling the dog in confined spaces

. Specialized Training for Protection Dogs (200 hours)

- **Specialized Detection Work**
 - Scent detection for drugs, explosives, and contraband
 - Tracking: Following human scent trails in diverse environments
 - Canine response to explosive detection and locating suspicious items
- **Protection Work in Complex Environments**
 - Training dogs to navigate obstacles in urban and rural settings
 - Canines in tactical operations in dark or poorly lit environments
 - Overcoming environmental distractions: gunfire, loud noises, and large crowds
- **Advanced Attack and Control Techniques**
 - Dog response to multiple attackers (coordinating with multiple dogs)
 - Control techniques for disengaging multiple subjects
 - Distraction and decoy techniques during attacks
- **Canine Protection for VIPs and Personal Security**
 - VIP escort: Protecting individuals during travel or public appearances
 - Handler control while on the move (transportation, events)
 - Managing dogs in high-profile protection settings

Module 6: Handler Skills and Safety (200 hours)

- **Handler's Tactical Training**
 - Effective communication with the dog during operations
 - Handlers' positioning and mobility while managing the dog
 - Building situational awareness and responding to threats
- **Safety Protocols and Risk Management**
 - Ensuring the safety of both the dog and handler
 - Managing potential risks during protection operations
 - Handling aggressive situations without harming the dog
- **Canine First Aid and Emergency Procedures**
 - Canine health checks: Recognizing signs of exhaustion or injury
 - First aid training for protection dogs (wounds, stress, dehydration)
 - Emergency procedures for transporting a hurt dog during operations

Module 7: Legal Aspects and Ethical Considerations (100 hours)

- **Legal Regulations in Dog Protection Work**
 - Understanding laws on the use of dogs in protection (national and international)
 - Canine use in law enforcement and military operations
 - Legal ramifications of dog bites and protection breaches
 - **Ethics of Using Dogs for Protection**
 - Ensuring ethical treatment of working dogs
 - Identifying situations where the use of protection dogs is inappropriate
 - Balancing aggression and control with humane treatment
 - **Handler Liability and Responsibilities**
 - Handler's legal responsibilities in deploying dogs
 - Record keeping for protection dog engagements
 - Preparing for court testimony or reporting incidents
- Module 8: Evaluation and Certification (100 hours)**

- **Written Exams and Theoretical Assessment**
 - Comprehensive exam on canine behavior, training methodologies, and legal considerations
 - Assessing knowledge of tactical canine operations
- **Practical Evaluation**
 - Real-world scenario simulations with protection dogs
 - Handling a dog during live threat situations, search operations, and protective escorts
 - Performance review in attack, bite, and defense drills
- **Certification of Completion**
 - Successful certification as an advanced protection dog handler
 - Issuance of an official certification for law enforcement or private security agencies

Training Delivery Methods

- **Classroom-based Instruction**
 - Theory and case studies on advanced dog protection principles
 - Interactive discussions on ethics, legalities, and handler safety
- **Hands-on Training**

- Direct interaction with protection dogs through guided exercises
- Real-life scenario training with decoys and controlled environments
- **Field Training and Simulations**
 - Full-scale simulations for tactical deployment and protection dog operations
 - Collaboration with law enforcement or military units for realistic field exercises

Target Audience

- Military and law enforcement personnel
- Security professionals and private security firms
- Canine handlers specializing in protection and tactical operations
- Dog trainers looking to specialize in advanced protection dog training





HOW MUCH MONEY DOES A DOG TRAINER MAKE?

Obviously, the answer to this question depends on what type of training you decide to do and how much you put into it. The region of the country would also determine pricing (i.e. California vs. Alabama) After graduating the potential could be in the six figures.

For example:

- Private lesson charges can range from \$125 - \$200 per hour.
- Group class charges range from \$250.00 to \$600.00 per student for a 6-to-8-week course.
- Board-training prices range from \$2500 - \$6,000 per dog.

Graduates of our Professional, Advanced and Master's Academy programs are eligible for career placement assistance. OTCK9 Academy will help assist graduates in their search for employment in the field of dog training. OTCK9 Academy cannot legally guarantee placement or starting salaries, and cannot be held responsible for obtaining employment for graduates. However, OTCK9 Academy will notify students and graduates of job opportunities from prospective employers when available.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Orientation for new students is the first day of class.

Start Dates of Full-Time Classes: 02/03/2025

Orientation begins at 9:00am

New classes will start on the first Monday of each month

Classes meet one to four times a week (depending on the course).

OTCK9 Academy is closed on Sundays and Federal holidays.

Full Time equals 22 hours per week

Graduation Dates may vary according to course.

OTC: 1001 Dog Grooming Certification (160hrs)

Start Date: 03 Feb 2025 – 17 March 2025

Start Date: 31 March – 12 May 2025

Start Date: 2 June – 14 July 2025

Start Date: 28 July 2025 – 15 September 2025

Start Date: 29 Sept 2025 – 10 November 2025

OTC 2001 Dog Training Educator (480hrs -22 Weeks)

Start Date: 03 Feb 2025 – 7 July 2025

Start Date: 21 July 2025 – 22 Dec 2025

OTC 3001 PTSD Service Dog Trainer (650hrs – 30 Weeks)

03 Feb 2025 – 1 Sept 2025

15 Sept 2025 – 13 Apr 2026

OTC 3002 Master Dog Training Educator (1200hrs – 55 Weeks)

03 Feb 2025 – 23 Feb 2026

9 Feb 2026 – 1 March 2027

OTC 4001 Advanced Dog Protection Course (1200hrs – 55 Weeks)

03 Feb 2025 – 23 Feb 2026