

# K-9 Capers

DOG  
TRAINING  
ACADEMY



At K-9 Capers, we believe in discovering your dogs' greatest potential by using training games such as nose work, agility, or fly ball to name a few. We focus on brain games that give a dog a chance to make the right choices to pave a way to better behavior.

## Day School News!!! Fall-winter newsletter

Dogs, like people go through different stages in their life. Training should be a lifetime commitment.

"Positive training helps people foster relationships with even problem dogs by understanding, and turning around the problem behavior without the use of force or fear. This changes behavior without damaging trust between dog and owner. Anyone can use rewards to teach dogs to learn but it takes advanced knowledge and skill to turn around negative behavior without the use of force.

People who make time to teach their dogs lead more fulfilling lives with their canine companions. A healthy balance of

learning manners, encouraging sociability and providing your dog with the right kind of outlets will ensure her success. People who fail to give their dogs the education they need are doing them a great disservice and will have problems in the future. The learning process does not have to be costly or intense, and the more enjoyable it is for the both of you, the better the results will be." These are words by Victoria Stilwell of the UK to live by.

Victoria also suggest 5 reasons to train your dog!

1. To Build a Positive Relationship
2. To Teach Life Skills
3. To Increase Sociability
4. To Avoid Problem Behaviors
5. For Loyalty and Companionship

Positive training involves food treats, toys, games, petting, attention, tone of voice, field trips and time together. Punishment involves pain and dogs can begin to avoid people and places. Positive reinforcement is endorsed by the American Veterinarian Medical Association. <https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/150115h.aspx>

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## Meet our veterinarian! Concord Parkway Animal Hospital



Stewart F Roberts, DVM

Concord Parkway Animal Hospital is a full-service veterinary medical facility, located in Concord, NC. The professional and courteous staff at Concord Parkway Animal Hospital seeks to provide the best possible medical care for their highly-valued patients. Dr. Stewart Roberts is the owner and Veterinarian. Dr. Roberts is our emergency veterinarian. 704 786 1135

Holiday Schedule	Wednesday	Friday	Save the date
<p>You may "opt" out of the games days listed. Regular training will not be scheduled for that day. Please notify us if you are not able to attend.</p> <p>Costume Contest ! Oct 25 and Oct 27</p> <p>Will be posted on facebook for "likes"</p>	<p>25 Oct FALL FEST !!!</p> <p>23 Nov Howl a Day Fun Day</p> <p>21 Dec Holiday PAWTY PAWTY</p>	<p>27 Oct FALL FEST !!!</p> <p>25 Nov Howl a Day Fun Day</p> <p>23 Dec Holiday PAWTY PAWTY</p>	<p>29 Oct 10:30-12 Mystery Hunt</p> <p>26 Nov Back-packing with your k-9 in Uwharrie 8-12</p> <p>4 Dec 2Pm-4pm Party Agility For fun *Food collection for the humane society homeless dogs</p>

**New policies:**

We want to offer you and your fur-child the best possible care that starts with safety, then positive reinforcement training, and buddy matching for proper play groups.

Due to the state departments standards, no dog is allowed to be unsupervised and the ratio is 10 dogs to 1 handler. At K-9 Capers, we have a better ratio, with 6 to 1. Because of this new policy, we will have drop-off and pick up times as listed below. However, we certainly will work with you and your schedule. Late pick-ups may require additional fees to cover staffing.

**Pick-up and Drop-off times**

Wednesday & Friday  
**Full day Students:**

Drop off 8-8:30 am

Pick-up 4-4:30pm  
(After 5pm may require additional fees)

**Half-day Students:**

Drop off 9:30-10am

Pick-up 1:30-2pm

\*\*Tuesdays 9-3 by special request



**k-9 capers business hours:**  
**\*\*Day School:**  
 Tues. – 9-3  
 Wed.- 8-5  
 Frid. – 8-5  
**\*\*Private lessons:**  
 Tuesday, Thursday Saturday  
**\*\*Classes:**  
 Puppy 6:30 Every Tuesday

## Basic Dog Training Commands taught and used at day school:

Sit

Down

Heel

Heel Sit

Wait

Stay

Place(mat)

Front (Here)

Gotcha !(collar grab sit)

Back (back up!)

Quiet Please! (stop alert barking)



### Training Paths to select from:

[American Kennel Club: www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org)

S.T.A.R Puppy (Socialization, Training, Activity, Responsibility)

Canine Good Citizen(long down stay, nice walk by dogs/people)

Canine Good Citizen- Advance (tested in a public setting)

Urban CGC- tested on a busy urban sidewalk and noisy areas

Therapy Dog (Therapy Dog International testing)

Service Dog (ADA requirements)

Rapid Recall (out of sight recall from 50 yards)

Whistle Recall (recall on a whistle sound with distractions)

C.L.A.S.S. ( Canine Life Skills) BA, MA ,and PHD

Maintenance (using skills on a field trip and during play groups)

# Training Paths:

Because training never stops we offer an array of services!

### 1. The American Kennel Club Path

By the time a dog passes the Canine Good Citizen they can do a long down stay from 20 ft away, walk past other dogs and people without pulling on the leash. Food rewards have been faded. [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

### 2. APDT C.L.A.S.S.

What is C.L.A.S.S.? Canine Life and Social Skills, is wonderful 3-tiered educational program for the life of the dog to promote training focused on the use of positive reinforcement and to strengthen relationships between humans and their canine companions. [www.mydoghasclass.com](http://www.mydoghasclass.com)

### 3. Therapy Dog

To belong to Therapy Dogs International (TDI®) all dogs must be tested and evaluated by a Certified TDI Evaluator. A dog must be a minimum of one (1) year of age and have a sound temperament. Each dog must pass a TDI temperament evaluation for suitability to become a Therapy Dog. The test will also include the evaluation of the dog's behavior around people with the use of some type of service equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.). [www.tdi.org](http://www.tdi.org)

### 4. Service Dog

Dogs are trained to assist in a variety of ways to help with daily tasks and to increase independence. Should pass the public access test. <http://www.assistedogsinternational.org>



We do not address aggression cases in our day school. Dogs must be dog and people friendly. We do offer private training lessons to address your needs.

## Pricing Structure Full- Day (chart shows discount on daily)

No Contract	10 day	STAR puppy/ Basics	CGC / CLASS BA	CGC-A / CLASS MA	TDI / CLASS PHD
\$45	—	5% discount \$42.75	10% discount \$40.5	20% discount \$36	30% Discount \$31.50
—	\$40	5% discount \$38	10% discount \$36	20% discount \$32	30% Discount \$28

## Pricing Structure Half- Day (chart shows discount on daily)

No Contract	10 day	STAR puppy/ Basics	CGC / CLASS BA	CGC-A / CLASS MA	TDI / CLASS PHD
\$30	—	5% discount \$28.5	10% discount \$27	20% discount \$24	30% Discount \$21
—	\$25	5% discount \$23.75	10% discount \$22.50	20% discount \$20	30% Discount \$17.50

## Play Dates/ Transportation Fees

Playdates are "just for fun" days however we still reinforce good behavior. These are at \$30 per day. We offer limited transportation and is calculated by the mile.



Half-day is 4 hours or less. Full day is anything over 4 hrs. Multi- dog households are discounted