



Beginners II



This class is for dogs that have previously completed Beginners I, OR that have completed AKC STAR Puppy Beginners and were approved by the instructor, OR that have been evaluated and approved by the Training Director. If you are not sure if this class is right for you, please contact the Training Director or Beginner/Puppy Registrar.

Beginners II refines the basic skills learned previously. It introduces new exercises and makes previously-learned exercises sharper and more reliable. This class will provide a good foundation for a wide range of canine sports and activities, and will make you dog a better-behaved pet. After graduation, you will be eligible to join the Ithaca Dog Training Club . Membership provides discounts on future classes as well as other benefits.

Students must be at least 12 years old to participate in the class.

We do not restrict the breed or type of dog you bring to our classes, but please note that we are unable to accept aggressive or reactive dogs. If you are concerned that your dog is aggressive or reactive to people or other dogs, please ask for your vet for a referral to a certified animal behaviorist.

Classes meet for an hour, one evening a week, at the Cornell Livestock Pavilion on Judd Falls Road. Unless noted otherwise, classes meet for six Wednesdays, plus an additional session for graduation. The class fee is **\$70** if you have completed a previous Beginner or Puppy class with this dog; if it's your first IDTC class the fee is **\$85**. This applies if you are not a current member of the Ithaca Dog Training Club. Active IDTC members pay \$20; inactive members pay \$70. You will need to have an appropriate collar or head halter for your dog, and a 6-foot leather or fabric leash (not a chain leash). If this is your first IDTC class, we provide a free collar, and we will have collars, halters, and leashes for sale at the first class. Other training tools will be discussed at the first class.

Enrollment is limited -- don't wait 'till the last minute to sign up! You may expect to receive your class assignment about a week before classes start. If the class is filled when your application is received, you will be contacted about your options.

Important note: All dogs at the classes must have current vaccination records on file. If your dog receives additional vaccinations between when you apply and the first class, please send updated records to the registrar prior to the first class.

To register, fill out the application below and mail it with **the fee** (a check payable to Ithaca Dog Training Club is preferred), and **a copy of the dog's vaccination records** to:

Marian Szebenyi, Registrar
176 Jackson Hollow Rd.
Newfield, NY 14867

If you have not previously taken an IDTC class with this dog, please also fill out the **pre-course survey** (next pages) and include it with the application. And, please sign the **liability waiver** (last page) and include it (even if you provided one previously – it may have gone to a different registrar). Taking care of this paperwork ahead of time will let us spend class time actually working with you and your dog!

Beginners II Class Application

Class		Dog Name	
Name		Dog Sex	
Address		Birth Date	
City,state,zip		Spayed/Neutered	
Phone		Breed	
Email			
Previous IDTC class taken with this dog, if any			
Your goals or concerns			

IDTC Pre-Course Participant Survey

HANDLER/TRAINER Information

Name	
Phone	
Email	
Prior training experience?	
If yes, describe:	
What are your training goals for this dog?	
What might prevent you from training or exercising your dog regularly?	
Any specific behavior problems to address?	

DOG Information

Name:	Breed:
Birth Date:	Length of time owned:
Age when acquired:	How acquired:
Prior training? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Spayed/Neutered <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe:	
Has your dog ever bitten someone? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, describe circumstances:	
My dog is (check all that apply):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shy <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> Low-energy <input type="checkbox"/> Hard-headed <input type="checkbox"/> High-energy <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive towards people <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive towards animals <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
My dog:	
Is exposed to young children <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Behaves well with other dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Behaves well with children <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Behaves well with cats <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Behaves well with strangers <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Any other reasons for enrolling in this class?	
Spends _____% of time with me/family, _____% alone	
When not with me/family, my dog is:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loose in home <input type="checkbox"/> Crated/gated in home <input type="checkbox"/> In cellar/garage <input type="checkbox"/> Penned/fenced in yard <input type="checkbox"/> Tethered outside <input type="checkbox"/> Free to roam <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
My dog's exercise regimen is:	
Exercise duration: _____ hours per _____	Do you own a dog crate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Primary caretaker is: <input type="checkbox"/> Me <input type="checkbox"/> Someone else	If someone else, who?

IDTC LIABILITY RELEASE

To be signed by dog's trainer and owner (if different from trainer),
and by parent or guardian if trainer is under 18 years of age

I understand that training a dog is not without risk to me or my dog in the form of injury; and in consideration of training my dog, I expressly assume this risk and hereby waive and release the Ithaca Dog Training Club, its employees, officers, members, and agents, and the Club's landlord, from any and all liability of any nature for injury or damage my dog may suffer as a result of training or of any action in connection therewith.

I also understand that my attendance at dog training classes is not without risk to me, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs to which we may be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care. In consideration of training my dog, I expressly assume this risk and hereby waive and release the Ithaca Dog Training Club, its employees, officers, members, and agents, and the Club's landlord, from any and all liability of any nature for injury or damage resulting from the action of any dog.

Furthermore, in consideration of training my dog, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Ithaca Dog Training Club, its employees, officers, members, and agents, and the Club's landlord, from any and all claims by me, or by any member of my family, or by any other person accompanying me to these training classes, resulting from the action of any dog, including my own.

Trainer:			
	Printed name	Signature	Date

Owner:			
(If different from trainer)	Printed name	Signature	Date

Parent/Guardian:			
(If trainer is under 18)	Printed name	Signature	Date