



## Sacramento SPCA Behavior & Training Services

### SACRAMENTO SPCA WEBSITE - for cats and dogs ([www.sspca.org](http://www.sspca.org))

On our website you will find information on how to solve most of the common behavior issues people face with their pets. These handouts will provide you with a good start in working through your pet's behavioral issues, and may be enough to resolve those issues. If you need further assistance, or have behavior/training questions about anything that is not provided on our website, please contact our Behavior and Training Department through our website, or call **916-383-7387 ext. 9148**.

### BEHAVIOR HELPLINE – for cats and dogs (FREE Service to the Public)

Call our help line for any concerns/questions/help wanted regarding your pet's behavior. All calls are returned Tuesday through Saturday. We can be reached at **916-383-7387 ext. 9148**.

### PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS

Do you have a dog with a behavior issue? Need immediate help with your new puppy? Is your dog timid or aggressive toward people or other dogs? With a private consultation you and your dog will receive one-on-one attention to address your dog's behavior issue(s), and for any training applicable to you and your dog's particular situation.

**Consultations are by appointment only.** To schedule, please call **916/383-7387 ext. 9153 or 9148**

**Rates:** \$60/hour (senior rate - \$49)

**Behavior Evaluation:** \$25

### DOG TRAINING CLASSES (for dogs ages 4 months and older)

**Basic Class Description:** You will learn how to understand dog behavior and be a positive leader, teach your dog to sit, down, stay, come, give you immediate attention when asked for, walk politely on leash, and wait at doors. We will address behavior issues such as jumping, barking, appropriate toys, exercise needs, and teaching interactive games. The **first week** of class is an orientation just for you. Your dog will stay at home, and you will come to learn about the foundation needed to live successfully with your dog – leadership, correcting inappropriate behavior, exercise, nutrition, consistency and communication.

**Classes meet once a week for six weeks.**

**Fees:** General fee is \$95; \$80 for dogs adopted from Sacramento city or county animal shelters; \$70 for dogs adopted from the Sacramento SPCA; \$49 for seniors.

**Intermediate Class Description:** Working with distractions - sit/stay, down/stay, and come, heeling on leash, tricks, and more. This class will prepare you and your dog to pass the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Test. The Sacramento SPCA holds Canine Good Citizen Tests every quarter for the public (please go to our web site for specific dates).

**Classes meet once a week for six weeks.**

**Fees:** \$65.00 if you completed the Basic Beginner Obedience course at the Sacramento SPCA; \$75.00 if you completed a basic beginner course elsewhere, and \$49 for seniors. Completion of a basic class is necessary prior to attending an intermediate class.

### Tricks Class:

Using positive reinforcement-based methods, you will teach your dog tricks for fun and mental exercise. The class will use clickers to reinforce training.

You may sign up for classes on line at [www.sspca.org](http://www.sspca.org) or call for more information – **916-383-7387 ext. 9104**. All proceeds go directly to the Sacramento SPCA to help the animals.