### **Our Objectives**

The objectives of the dog club shall be to promote the training and breeding of pure-bred dogs; to disseminate knowledge regarding obedience training; to conduct classes for the training of any breed of dog and their handlers; to encourage and co-operate with individuals and other groups with similar purposes; to hold and support obedience and agility trials, tracking tests, exhibitions and matches under the rules and regulations of the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB; and to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members.

## Kennel Club Training Room

We are located on the second floor of the City Arena of Albert Lea. We offer a 40' x 70' room that is fully matted. The room is air-conditioned and available year round for Training Classes and can also be used by our members for practicing. The room has kennels available for any member who might be bringing two dogs.

# **Training Goals**

To develop a strong bond between you and your dog that is built on mutual trust and respect.

To help you to better understand your dog.

To teach your dog good social skills.

To introduce your dog to basic obedience training and other sporting activities including Advanced Obedience, Agility, Rally, Fitness, and Conformation.

#### Kennel Club Activities

Every August our club hosts a Regional Dog Show featuring over 600 dogs. Some of these pure-bred dogs are among the best in the country.



We give dog demonstrations at nursing homes, malls, and festivals in the area.



Many of our monthly club member meetings include a short program on health, grooming, and fitness, along with demonstrations of search & rescue, obedience, rally, and agility.

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# KENNEL CLUB OF FREEBORN COUNTY







Offering Dog Training for Obedience, Agility, Rally, Fitness, and Conformation





# **CLASSES**

Visit our website, www.freeborncountykennelclub.org, for upcoming class dates, times, and any prerequisites needed.

#### PUPPY KINDERGARTEN

Puppies! Puppies! Puppies! The kennel club loves puppies! The goals of this course are to build a strong and lasting relationship between puppy and owner while teaching basic obedience skills. This is accomplished through controlled socialization, puppy behavior education, activities, clicker training, and learning games. Puppies (and owners) are exposed to different situations and equipment while learning to walk on a loose leash, recall (come), sit, down, stay, place, impulse control, and tricks. These skill-building activities include K9 fitness, massage, agility equipment, proprioceptive and rear end awareness activities, and mental stimulation games, all ending with a fun short rally course. Join us for a really fun time!

#### **OBEDIENCE**

Does your dog need some obedience skills? We can help you! This course is designed for dogs (and owners) that want the basic obedience skills of sit, down, stay, loose leash walking, and come. Behavioral issues and problems can also be addressed in this class on an as-needed basis. This is not a class for aggressive or very reactive dogs.

#### **OBEDIENCE // COMPETITION**

Bring on the competition! All levels of obedience competition (novice, open, and utility) will be incorporated into this class. Each dog and handler team will be started at the appropriate level in competition (including puppies) and when ready will continue to the next level. Modifications will be made to insure that each team's individual needs are met. This class seeks to make obedience fun and informative so that dogs and handlers can embrace competition obedience!

#### **AGILITY**

Dogs just want to have fun! In the beginning agility class handling teams will learn foundation skills (one-jump exercises, channel weaves, turns, etc.) for jumping hurdles, contacts, turns and going through weaves. In the advanced class you'll get ready for competition and learning different types of agility courses. We will continually seek to improve handling and dog skills including contacts, pushes, throwbacks, turns and front, rear, and blind crosses in preparation for agility competition.



#### **CONFORMATION**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to enter a dog show or you want to improve your show skills? This class includes how to enter a dog show, ring procedures, and how to present your dog to the judge. You will also learn how the point system works and about the ribbons that are given out.

#### **RALLY**

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by a Rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations. Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. This class teaches teamwork between the dog and handler. Beginning Obedience is a prerequisite for this class.

#### **K9 FITNESS**

Have a young dog? An older dog? Just a dog? Want to have fun with your dog? Then this group is for you. Dogs and owners are encouraged to help their dogs build and maintain strength, flexibility, balance, and total body control. Dogs and owners are taught basic fitness activities. In addition to our monthly meeting, this group meets informally during the week. K9 fitness class is fun for both dogs and handlers and is great for networking with other members.

