**Professional Obedience Course: Obedience Training and Behavior Modification**

This course is available from 4 weeks to 12 weeks long and is fully integrated into the 6 month Master Course. In addition to the theory outlined here, students also will have hands on opportunities to work with any and all dogs in our pet training program. Our pet training program brings in over 20-25 dogs a month of different ages, breeds, and temperaments, with unique problem behaviors.

1. Training in Drive v. Training out of Drive
2. Conditioning theory: classical and operant conditioning
3. Balanced approach: Reward & Correction modalities, tools, and procedures.
4. A General Theory of Balanced Training: TK9 Training Program
5. Temperament and Training considerations.
6. Marker Training
7. Verbal markers
8. Clickers
9. Markers, reinforcement markers, and terminal markers
10. Positive and negative markers
11. Lure-reward methodology
12. Free-shaping methodology
13. Practical Obedience Training
14. Attention Heeling on and off leash
15. Heeling under distraction, distraction and decoy neutrality.
16. Pressure heeling
17. Place boards, and directional sends
18. Change of positions
19. Recalls, go outs, finishes, sit on recall, down on recall.
20. Sit, down, stay.
21. Motion exercises: techniques
22. Sequences of behaviors: back-chaining.
23. Retrieve training
24. Tactical Obedience Techniques: between the legs contact heeling.
25. E-Collar Usage: Theory & Application
26. Theory: negative reinforcement and Positive Punishment
27. Low-level stimulation techniques
28. Classical conditioning and correction pairing techniques
29. Practical Agility Training
30. Jumping & Climbing
31. Slick Floors
32. Open Stairs
33. Cross-Over Effects: Obedience Interactions with other phases of training
34. Behavior Modification Techniques
35. Temperament Considerations
36. Techniques for Changing Behavior: Remove Stimulus; Punishment (+P,-P); Command Control; Counter-Conditioning (systematic desensitization both active and passive).
37. Solving Common behavior problems in pets and working dogs: prey and defensive aggression problems, housetraining, digging, barking, barrier frustration/leash reactivity, dog-dog aggression issues, OCD issues.