

'Boarding School' at Meadowbrooke (Boarding + Training)

OVERVIEW

We have offered our popular Boarding School program for over 27 years. It's very effective for lots of dog issues, basic obedience skills, housebreaking, politeness problems, first steps toward dog performance sports (e.g., agility), service dog training, and serious behavioral issues. Our dialog-based approach to dog training is easy to learn, fun for you and your dog, and universally successful. It's the same language we use for competing with our own dogs at the highest levels of AKC sports, primarily obedience, agility and rally. And if you simply want your dog to walk better on a leash and behave well around family and friends, this is the best and most affordable program you'll find!

WHAT IS IT?

The curriculum includes Sit, Down, Stay, Heel, Leave It, Off, Come, loose leash walking and politeness issues. These basic skills are useful in themselves, but they also form a framework for the dog language we teach, which you can then use for any skills you want to work on and any problems you run into.

FOR PUPPIES TOO! (the best time to start training)

With puppies we sometimes propose a *split session*, so we can help you get started with the basics. Then we ask you to bring your dog back again when a little older to work on more advanced skills. The split program also works well with many adult dogs. We can work flexibly around your schedule. We highly recommend getting started with your puppy at an early age!

CAN YOU REALLY HOUSEBREAK?

For housebreaking, scheduling of feeding and exercise is usually the biggest issue, and we have staff to monitor progress and help get your dog on a plan that fits well with your life. Other aspects we'd like to discuss with you include cleaning products and your own indoor/outdoor environments. If things go well here, we will help to translate our success by providing guidance for the transition back to your home. No trainers can promise that they can solve all housebreaking problems, but we have lots of experience with proven methods.

HOW LONG IS IT?

A canine 'semester' at Meadowbrooke Training Center is 2 weeks. The trainer will contact you near the end of your appointment and work out a mutually agreeable date for a 'giveback' session. If we ask you for more time to work with your dog (we can sense when a little extra time will yield great results), there's no additional fee for the extra time. If you delay the pickup after we've notified you that we're ready, you will be assessed regular boarding charges. We also offer a 'weekend furlough' option where your dog stays with us for about 3 workday weeks but gets to go home for weekends.

HOW MUCH IS IT?

We now offer 2 levels and a PUBLIC TRAINING option.

Our GOLD level (\$1115) includes boarding, training, exercise, a lesson on the day the dog goes home, and brush-up classes for the year following training. PLUS six classes of your choice where your dog may take the test for the S.T.A.R. Puppy title and/or the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title. *2nd dog? Add \$1025.*

Our SILVER level (\$995) includes all the above EXCEPT the six classes described above. *2nd dog? Add \$905.*

For either level you can add PUBLIC TRAINING, where your dog receives training at a retail store or a public park, for an additional \$100 per session per dog.

We look forward to a lengthy training 'giveback' session (60-90 minutes) at the end of the 'semester', with you and your dog on the day you pick up. [Note: Neither option includes lessons in your home, or training during future boarding at Meadowbrooke. Please ask about rates for those services.]

If you wish to have your dog bathed or groomed at the end of the stay here, an additional fee will apply. Our staff can give you an accurate quote for each of our grooming services when you drop your dog off for Boarding School. A 'complete bath' includes bath, ear cleaning, nail trim and brush out.

We accept all major credit cards in addition to cash and check.

REGISTER! (no obligation)

Our Boarding School program starts with an in-depth registration form (link below), continues with a confirmation email (with lots of details) and includes a check-in interview.

Please share all the important info about your dog by filling out our no-obligation form here:

[Boarding + Training Appointment](#)

FINAL DETAILS 😊

For your dog to be at Meadowbrooke, **we need proof of vaccination records from your vet.** In addition to the typical annual shots all vets recommend, we also require Canine Influenza (dog flu) and Bordetella vaccines. Please email vaccination records (or ask your vet to email) to:

vetrecords@mbkennel.com

Please bring your dog's regular food and something that smells of home (an old towel, t-shirt, etc). We have plenty of bedding, safe toys and treats on hand.

We can start this program any day of the week. If you choose the 'weekend furlough' option, we would like your dog to arrive on a Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning if possible. Our regular daily kennel **business hours are 9-1 and 4-6 (no morning hours on Sunday)**, but whatever time of day works best for you might also work fine for us. Please let us know ahead of time if you need to arrive outside of regular business hours. There is always someone here on the premises, including overnight.

If you have any questions, or want to hear about our other services, please feel free to ask.

We think this is the best training program available anywhere, and literally thousands of happy families and dogs agree.

We're looking forward to working with you and your dog!

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