

# BEST FRIENDS DOG CLUB OF SUN CITY FAIRWAY RECREATION CENTER

## TRAINING CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**MARCH – APRIL 2019**

**All classes begin the week of March 4, 2019**

<b>BFDC members - \$60 for 7 classes  BFDC escorted guest - \$78 for 7 classes</b>
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Date	Start	End	Class Name	Instructor
Tuesday	Start Mar 5 - End Apr 16 (7 Week)			
	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Manners 1 (Life Long Companion, Level 1)	Jo Fain
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Manners 2 (Life Long Companion, Level 2)	Jo Fain
	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Tricks	Jo Fain
Wednesday	Start Mar 6 - End Apr 17 (7 Week)			
	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Rally-O Intermediate	Sandie Comise
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Rally-O Beginning	Sandie Comise
Wednesday	Start Mar 6 - End Apr 17 (7 Week)			
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Agility Review	Scott Bagger
Thursday	Start Mar 7 - End Apr 18 (7 Week)			
	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Agility – Advanced*	Sandie Comise
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Agility – Intermediate*	Sandie Comise
	11:00 AM	12:00 AM	Agility - Beginning*	Sandie Comise
*Per instructor's request, no more than 8 handler/dog teams in each agility class.				
Friday	Start Mar 8 - End Apr 19 (7 Week)			
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Scentwork 1 & 2	Will Bruner
	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Manners 1 (Life Long Companion, Level 1)	Will Bruner
	11:30 AM	12:30 AM	Manners 2 (Life Long Companion, Level 2)	Will Bruner
Saturday	Start Mar 9 - End Apr 20 (7 Week)			
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Why Doesn't My Dog Listen To Me?	Scott Bagger

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**Manners - Life Long Companion, Level 1** - Train your pooch to be a good companion, at home and out. Course goals include attention, sits, down (lie down), come when called, walking on a leash without pulling, leave it, place, collar grabs, home manners during mealtime, greeting guests, waiting at doorways/getting out of car, relaxation, release, head to toe exams and husbandry skills.

**Manners - Life Long Companion, Level 2** - Students must have passed BFDC Level 1, or privately demonstrated the ability to enroll in Level 2. All skills covered in Level 1 will be reviewed, plus intro to behavior training skills. Dogs and handlers who have successfully completed Level 2 will have the skills necessary to test for the AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate (i.e., <https://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>).

**Tricks** - It's all training! If your dog knows basic behaviors and you want to do more with your dog, try trick training. There is an almost endless list of benefits to teaching your dog tricks. Your dog's overall obedience and manners are likely to improve. In addition, muscle tone, balance and focus are likely to improve for both you and your dog. This means you will have a dog who knows fun tricks to show off to friends and family, but also a dog who is pleasant to be around.

**Rally-O** - Rally-O training offers a unique opportunity to have fun with your dog while building a foundation of impressive skills. You and your dog will learn to navigate a course, side-by-side, as you steer him through a course of 10-20 different exercises. Each exercise provides instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. The dog and handler move continuously throughout the course with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There is a clear sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during and between the numbered exercises. Rally-O also improves our relationship with our dogs, making them great companions.

**Beginning Agility** - Beginning agility is a fun activity for you and your dog. You will learn to guide your dog over and through various obstacles such as tunnels, jumps, weave poles and more.

**Intermediate Agility** - Intermediate agility builds on the foundation of skills learned in the beginning agility class.

**Advanced Agility** - Advanced agility is for the seasoned agility student and dog. Teams will work challenging, fun drill-type sequences while learning the art of turns, wraps, sends, back side jumps, go arounds, flips, front, blind and rear crosses, start line stays and independent weaves. Distance handling (so we seniors don't have to run so much) will be introduced, as well as the most efficient way to get to and from each obstacle.

**Agility Review** - This class will offer specific agility exercises that will improve your skill set on various agility obstacles and develop teamwork between you and your dog. If your dog is familiar with but not yet proficient on the agility obstacles, then this is the class for you.

**Scentwork** - The nose knows! If your dog can follow its nose, then he is a great candidate for Scentwork. This increasingly popular dog sport uses your dog's best sense, his sense of smell to find and identify several odors as well as telling you where they are. Scentwork is for dogs of all sizes, ages and capabilities.

**Why Doesn't My Dog Listen To Me? – Focus & Connection Training** – This class will help you to understand your K9 partner and “what makes her tick”. We examine the World from your dog's point of view and use that newly acquired knowledge to build a more focused relationship. This training will help you avoid conflicts and ‘trigger’ situations which send your dog over the top and into an over reactive state of mind. By building focus between you and your K9 partner, you will understand how to avoid and handle unwanted behavioral issues and situations. “Dogs do speak to us, but only to those who know how to listen”.