

# BEST FRIENDS DOG CLUB OF SUN CITY FAIRWAY RECREATION CENTER

## TRAINING CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**MARCH – APRIL 2018**

**All classes begin the week of March 5, 2018**

### Class Descriptions

**Manners I** - Train your pooch to be a good citizen at home and out. Sit, down, wait, stay, leave it, move out of my way, come, beginning of walking on a leash and acclimation to handling.

**Manners II & Canine Good Citizen** - Continue the fun with our combined beyond-the-basics manners class and preparation for the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. In this class, you'll discover how to get your dog to listen to you – even in a distracting environment. You'll learn new cues and continue to improve skills like loose leash walking. This is a great class to take your dog's training to the next level, and a good choice if your dog needs more practice. Class participants do not have to take nor pass the CGC.

**Games People Play** - Join this innovative class where modified childhood games are used to hone training skills. All games played will have a specific training skill in mind and each game has a real-life lesson for you and your dog(s). Dogs must have basic skills to qualify for this class including loose leash walking, sits, downs and stays. Handlers must have a great sense of humor and be ready to step out of their comfort zones.

**Behavior Shaping** - We all know those remarkable dogs who pick up their toys and put them in a basket, or politely ring a bell when they need to go outside or sit quietly and happily on a mat. How does this happen if not by magic? It is because their trainers/handlers/owners know the subtle art of SHAPING behaviors. It is a very simple method which can lead to that AHA! moment when trainer and dog are in sync and having a blast. Teaching and learning can and should be fun for both you and your dog. "Shaping" is a science-based training method that helps reduce frustration and confusion for you and your dog, speeds up training, and puts joy into training. If you have a desire to teach your dog complicated behaviors without coercion, this is the class for you.

**Rally-O Beginning** - Rally training offers a unique opportunity to have fun with your dog while building a foundation of impressive skills. Rally also improves our relations with our dogs, making them great companions.

**Rally-O Intermediate** - Intermediate Rally training builds on those skills from the beginning class with a few more twists and turns. Skills are sharpened and our relationship with our dog continues to grow. Have more fun with your canine companion in this class.