

# PCOTC CLASS SCHEDULE SEPT / OCTOBER 2010

All paper registrations (those not submitted via online service) must be received by 8/21, late registrations include \$25 processing fee.  
 Except for first time students, registration closes 8/28. After 9/4 call 914-422-DOGS or email [pcotcreg@gmail.com](mailto:pcotcreg@gmail.com) for class availability.

	<b>Monday 9/13-10/25</b>	<b>Tuesday 9/7-10/26 Agility 8/31, no class 10/12</b>	<b>Wednesday 9/8- 10/27 Agility starts 9/1, no class 10/13</b>	<b>Thursday 9/9-10/28</b>	<b>Friday 9/10-10/29</b>	<b>Saturday 9/11-10/23</b>
8:00 AM						FOUND. AGILITY 1 S. McKay #A29
9:00 AM	PRE-NOVICE/ PRE-RALLY C. Rubin #O91	INTRO TO NOSEWORK 2 9:30-11:00 K. Reilly & J. Schulte #F36	INTRO TO NOSEWORK 1 9:30 – 11:00 J. Schulte, K. Reilly F37			FOUND. AGILITY 2 S. McKay #A75
10:00 AM	FAMILY MANNERS FOUNDATION N. Field #F7			PLAY by PLAY K. Reilly, M. Horne # F111 No Class 10/21	BEGINNING RALLY J. Sheffler #R70	FOUNDATION AGILITY 2 S. McKay #A75
	NOVICE C. Rubin #O12					
11:00 AM	FAMILY MANNERS SKILLS N. Fields #F12	CGC/THERAPY DOG K. Reilly #F29	FOUNDATION AGILITY 1 Kris Seiter- Aleksandr <u>11:45</u> #A34	FAMILY MANNERS PUPPIES K.Reilly # F36	ADVANCED RALLY J. Sheffler #R75	FAMILY MANNERS PUPPIES N. Field & J. McKay <u>11:30</u> #F3
	OPEN C. Rubin #O20			FAMILY MANNERS FOUNDATION M. Horne #F38		
12:00 PM	TRAINING to TUNES Step 1 12:15 M. Horne #F120	SKILLS & DRILLS Kris Seiter- Aleksandr #A64		FAMILY MANNERS SKILLS 12:15 M. Horne #F17		FAMILY MANNERS FOUNDATION N. Field & J. McKay <u>12:30</u> #F7
	UTILITY WORKSHOP #O95 (Signals/Go Outs) C. Rubin					
1:00 PM	TRAINING TO TUNES Step 2, Exp 1:30 M. Horne #F112	FOUND. AGILITY 2 <u>1:15</u> #A 27 Kris Seiter- Aleksandr	FOUNDATION AGILITY 2 <u>1: 15</u> #A89 Kris Seiter-Aleksandr	CIVILIZED SMALL DOG 1:30 D. Poldolsky #F34 9/16,23,30,10/7		CGC / TDI <u>1:30</u> J. Schulte #F23  IMPULSE CTL & FOCUS <u>1:30</u> J. McKay # F111 9/11,18,25, 10/9
2:00 PM		FOUND. AGILITY 1 <u>2:15</u> #A28 Kris Seiter-Aleksandr	INTERMED.AGILITY <u>2:15</u> #A88 Kris Seiter-Aleksandr			INTRO TO NOSEWORK I <u>2:30 – 4:00</u> J. McKay, J. Schulte F35
3:00 PM		INTERMED. AGILITY <u>3:15</u> #A54 Kris Seiter-Aleksandr				
4:00 PM		NOV. HANDLING STRAGY <u>4:15</u> A#312 Kris Seiter-Aleksandr				
5:00 PM		JUMPERS <u>5:45</u> Kim Seiter #A71				
6:00 PM	FAMILY MANNERS PUPPIES M. Simpson #F1	MASTERS COMP. <u>6:45</u> Kim Seiter #A85	FOUNDATION AGILITY 2 Kris Seiter- Aleksandr #A48	PRE-NOVICE/ PRE-RALLY C. Rubin #O15 No class 9/30	GRUMPY GROWLER S. Hellge #F33	
	FAMILY MANNERS SKILLS K. Reilly #F10			FAMILY MANNERS FOUNDATION N. Field #F6		
7:00 PM	FAMILY MANNERS FOUNDATION M. Simpson #F4		FOUNDATION AGILITY 1 Kris Seiter- & Aleksandr #A31	OPEN C. Rubin #O23 No class 9/30		PCOTC volunteers: Not sure if you've completed enough volunteer hours to qualify for the volunteer rate? Contact Angela Kalmanash at <a href="mailto:ackalmanash@ruffwave.com">ackalmanash@ruffwave.com</a>
	NOVICE A. Mandelbaum #O13			FAMILY MANNERS SKILLS N. Field #F26;		
8:00 PM	FAST TRACK M. Simpson #O92	INTERMEDIATE AGILITY Kim Seiter #A49	NOVICE STANDARD Kris Seiter-Aleksandr <u>8:00 – 9:30</u> #A 313	INTRO TO NOSEWORK 2 C.Rubin & J. Sheffler 8:00-9:30 #O38	FOUNDATION AGILITY 1 S. McKay #A32 No class 10/29	
	OPEN A. Mandelbaum #O31					
9:00 PM	BREED HANDLING M. Simpson #O92	SKILLS AND DRILLS Kim Seiter #A65	NOVICE/OPEN JWW Kris Seiter- Aleksandr <u>9:30 – 11:00</u> #A314		FOUNDATION AGILITY 1 S. McKay #A24 No Class 10/29	
	UTILITY A. Mandelbaum #O21					

**Club Workday Meeting, August 7<sup>th</sup>; 4:00 pm, Good Opportunity for Volunteer hours, Raffle of club facility rental for Workers**

# September & October 2010 Registration Materials

Port Chester Obedience Training Club  
220 Ferris Ave (ground floor, rear) White Plains, NY 10603  
[TeachRover.com](http://TeachRover.com) (914) 422-DOGS (3647)

**Registration due date:** Paper registrations (those not submitted via online service) must be received by Mon. 8/28 late registrations, include \$25 processing fee. On-line applications must be received one week before classes start, Sat. Sept. 4, 2010. First time students may apply after 8/28 but must call 422-DOGS or email [PCOTCReg@gmail.com](mailto:PCOTCReg@gmail.com) for class availability. Online registration is available and strongly recommended at [TeachRover.com](http://TeachRover.com). Applications must be made via the website, dropped off in the mail slot in the office door at the facility before 8/28 or mailed to the address on the back of the class application—instructors cannot accept class applications and/or payment and cannot allow you to stay if you are not on their roster.

**Course Fees:** unless noted otherwise all classes 8 weeks

Family Manners/Obedience/Rally/Breed	\$230	(\$160 for PCOTC volunteers)
Agility/Grumpy Growler, Nosework	\$266	(\$186 for PCOTC volunteers)
Agility Nov. Standard & Novice/Open /JWW (1.5 Hours)	\$399	(\$299 for PCOTC volunteers)

## 7 Week classes

Family Manners & Obedience - Mondays	\$202	(\$140 for PCOTC Volunteers)
Agility Found. 1 & 2 (Friday & Saturday)	\$233	(\$175 for PCOTC Volunteers)
Nosework (1.5 hours Saturday)	\$233	(\$175 for PCOTC Volunteers)

## 4 Week classes/workshops:

Utility Workshop, Impulse Control & Focus	\$115	(\$80 for PCOTC volunteers)
Civilized Small Dog	\$115	(\$80 for PCOTC volunteers)

Breed Handling drop-in rate (per class): \$21 non-members & non-volunteer members (PCOTC Volunteers \$16); drop in requires advance notice, leave a message: (914) 422-DOGS (3647).

**Discounts:** must be taken when you register for a class—deduct from the above listed fee.

1) Rescue or Shelter dog: If this is the first class for a dog adopted from a shelter or rescue facility within the past 12 months, there is a \$50 discount. You must provide a copy of your shelter or rescue agreement with your registration form. Subtract it from your fees.

2) Multiple course discount: *Only available to club Volunteer Members.* The discount cannot be applied to half-sessions or 4 week classes. The same handler must enroll in all their courses at the same time; they must all be in this session. Class order for the discount is most expensive to least expensive classes. If you are registering for more than 2 courses in this session, there is a discount for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, etc course as follows: volunteer rates for each of the first two classes and then \$ 112 (8wk.) and \$98 (7wk.) for the Family Manners / Obedience/ Rally. \$150 (8 wk) / \$131 (7wk) for Agility & Grumpy Growler.

**Refunds/Credit Slips:** All refunds are subject to a \$25 administrative fee. Refunds/credits will be issued 30 days after the registrar receives the request. A full refund will be given to those who provide the registrar notice they are dropping out before classes begin; half tuition credit will be issued for notice given during the first week of class. After the second week starts there are no refunds/credits, except where the dog or handler have become incapacitated (unforeseen emergencies only—please schedule elective medical procedures during the dark week before/after classes). A note from your Vet or Doctor documenting the injury is required before a credit can be given. Credits must be used within 6 months or are forfeit.

**What is your Volunteer status?** Volunteer rates are only available to PCOTC members who have put in the proper number of volunteer hours. If you are unsure whether you are eligible to pay Volunteer rates for this session, email Angela Kalmanash at: [ackalmanash@ruffwave.com](mailto:ackalmanash@ruffwave.com), her phone number is listed in the red book. Remember the only way Angela can record your hours is if you mail in a volunteer hour reporting slip. Slips can be found at the facility near the Our Stars boards, her address is on the slips. For volunteer opportunities contact the PCOTC Volunteer coordinator: Denise Rushworth [bassetluvr@yahoo.com](mailto:bassetluvr@yahoo.com) or 845-986-1013 and/or see the Help Wanted section of the club newsletter, Sit 'n Stay. To receive the club newsletter you must sign up for full membership or contact [janewheeler@optimum.net](mailto:janewheeler@optimum.net) for details on obtaining a subscription.

**Club Workday Meeting August 7th, 4:00 p.m. meeting @7 p.m. PCOTC facility**

**All volunteers at the Workday will be eligible in a raffle for a FREE RENTAL at the facility**

## **Class Descriptions: September & October 2010 Classes**

### **BASIC OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

Family Manners Puppy: For puppies 10 weeks to 5 months of age at start of class. The goal of this class is to help the owner learn to enhance their puppy's formative months. Includes playtime where the puppies will learn socialization skills, which will also be narrated to assist owner in recognizing what is appropriate play. Various tips for socialization, house training, crate training, household manners, and nipping and biting and impulse control will be discussed. Limit 8 teams, **Puppies come to all classes.**

FAMILY MANNERS FOUNDATION For dogs 5 months of age or older. Intro to dog-friendly training using force-free methods. In this class you will learn how to teach your dog to sit, lie down, wait, walk on a loose leash, come when called and more; with emphasis on relationship building and real life management in the home. Handouts and on-line support provided. NOTE: In Family Manners classes, both you and your dog must be comfortable spending an hour with a group of other canines of various sizes and energy levels. **NO DOGS IN FIRST CLASS OF EACH SESSION.** Limit 8 teams.

FAMILY MANNERS SKILLS For teams who have demonstrated competency in Family Manners Foundation. In this class you will expand upon foundation skills, working with increased distraction while building duration and distance. Retrieve and various sport venues will be introduced. Handouts and on-line support provided. Limit 8 teams.

GOOD CITIZEN & THERAPY DOG TRAINING Preparation for the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and/or the Therapy Dog International (TDI) certificate, required by most health care facilities for visiting dogs. Open to dogs that have completed Family Manners Skills or the equivalent. CGC stresses good manners in the presence of other people and dogs. Testing is included in the fees. Note, however, that TDI will not certify dogs under 1 year old. Limit 6 teams.

### **FAMILY MANNERS SPECIALTY CLASSES (these are not offered every session)**

PLAY-BY-PLAY: Social Skills Development for Adolescent Dogs. For friendly dogs 6 – 18 months, 35 lbs and above, who have completed an FM class and have received instructor approval to join. Learn to recognize and promote healthy, appropriate canine interactions with your young dog. Understand when and how to interrupt play and when to allow dogs to work things out for themselves. Body language and play styles will be narrated as teams of dogs interact off-leash in a closely supervised environment. Call-outs and Zen time incorporated to help dogs learn appropriate social skills. Limit: 10 dogs/handlers 2 Instructors

TRAINING TO TUNES Step 1: Improve your dog's attention to you, his understanding of cues, and your teamwork—and have a ton of fun while you do it! Combine cute tricks such as spin, twirl, leg weaving and bow with conventional exercises such as “down” “wait” and “Let's go!” to create a moving sequence or “routine,” along the lines of canine musical freestyle. Come with your own ideas of tunes and tricks to incorporate.

TRAIN TO TUNES Step 2 Prerequisite: Training to Tunes: Step I

This class builds on the teamwork, focus and moves taught in TTT Step I. Prompts and cues for learned moves (leg weaves, spins, backing up, etc.) will be faded, and more advanced moves such as side steps, jumping and distance work will be taught. Students will design and polish brief off-leash routines and set them to music that showcases the unique strengths of their individual dogs. Class limit: 8

#### Impulse Control and Focus

Are your dog easily distracted and/or a bit over the top?

Class exercises are aimed at helping your dog become a more attentive and well-mannered companion. Exercises are appropriate for dogs in performance sports to build focus with distractions and reinforce impulse control. Class limited to 6 dogs and handlers

GRUMPY GROWLER This class is geared towards dogs that are reactive when encountering strange dogs. The goal is to improve the relationship between the dog and the owner by giving the owner the tools to manage critical situations and change the perception of the dog to strange dogs. This will be achieved using reward-based training and muzzles if necessary. The dog will be handled on a flat-collar, martingale, harness or a head-halter. No prong-collars or choke chains allowed. Behavior questionnaire needs to be submitted prior to class. Class Limited to 8 participants. **NO DOGS FIRST CLASS**

THE CIVILIZED SMALL DOG Little dogs are big responsibility! From keeping the tiny ones safe to helping them be polite citizens in public places often off-limits to their larger cousins, tiny dogs with picky appetites challenge us to be excellent trainers. Register and find out what your toy breed dog can do! Limit 8 teams

## **SPECIALTY CLASSES**

**INTRO TO NOSEWORK 1** K9 Nose Work develops your dog's natural scenting abilities using their desire to hunt and their love of toys, food and exercise; it builds confidence, and burns lot of mental and physical energy. It's Tracking for the urban dog! Level I will develop scenting abilities by introducing dogs to box drills. Limit 8 teams.

**INTRO TO NOSEWORK 2**: Prerequisite Nosework 1. This is the next level in this burgeoning and popular sport. We will further develop your dogs' natural scenting abilities by continuing to build drive and nurturing the hunt instinct with fun exercises and food/toy rewards. Hides will increase in difficulty.

## **OBEDIENCE TITLING (COMPETITION) CLASSES**

**FAST TRACK** this is a course for handlers who have graduated from Family Manners Foundation or Puppies or for experienced handlers who have a new puppy. All the basics are worked on - positively! All ages accepted. Limit 6 teams

**COMPETITON OBEDIENCE FOUNDATION** now called Fast Track

**PRE-NOVICE/PRE-RALLY** This is the class for you if you love training your dog and want to help your dog master the skills taught in the Family Manners program. Along with the new skills taught in this class both dog and handler will be ready for Rally. Limit 10 teams.

**BEGINNING RALLY (previously known as Ready to Rally)** Rally is a less formal but equally challenging form of competition, where extra commands, guidance, and encouragement is allowed. Rally is also a great way to re-fresh and maintains basic obedience skills. This course covers exercises, rules and regulations from AKC novice and APDT Level 1 rally. Teams will run Novice and Level 1 Rally courses. Prerequisite: Pre-Novice, Limit 8 teams.

**ADVANCED RALLY** Introduction and practice of exercises, rules and regulations from AKC Advanced and Excellent, and APDT Level 2 Rally courses. Teams will run all levels from AKC and APDT Rally. Prerequisite: Ready to Rally or AKC Rally Novice or APDT Level 1 title. Limit 8 teams.

**NOVICE, OPEN, UTILITY** Taught by successful obedience trial competitors and designed to prepare dogs and handlers to earn Competitive Obedience titles in AKC, UKC, ASCA and CDSP venues. Limits: 10 teams for Pre& Novice, 8 for Open, and 6 for Utilities.

## **COMPETITION OBEDIENCE SPECIALTY CLASSES (see the schedule for what's being offered this session)**

**UTILITY WORKSHOP** (Mon AM) signals and directed retrieves. Limit 4 teams

**UTILITY WORKSHOP** (Thur. PM) scent articles, all levels. (Prerequisite: must be able to retrieve dumbbell) Limit 5 teams

## **BASIC AGILITY CLASSES**

**FOUNDATIONS 1 & 2 AGILITY** This class will teach essential foundation skills for agility; basics such as clicker training and the principles of operant conditioning will be covered. Come, sit, lie down, stay and off leash work will be reviewed and taught as they relate to agility. Emphasis will be on flat work, extension and collection, targeting, directional's, lead change handling, crate training, free shaping, and weave pole entry work and jumping basics. Introduction to contact equipment will also be covered, but will not be the area of focus. This class should be repeated as often as necessary per instructor. INSTRUCTOR PERMISSION IS REQUIRED TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT LEVEL. Limit 10 teams

**INTERMEDIATE** for graduates of Advanced Beginner. To enter this level, dogs should be confident on ALL equipment, and be able to run a 6-obstacle sequence. Dogs MUST be over 1 year of age. This level will cover more complex handler skills, longer sequences, and faster, more confident teamwork. Limit 8 teams.

**ADVANCED** for graduates of Intermediate. To enter this level, dogs should be able to run a 12-obstacle sequence, do some complex handler skills (front, rear & blind crosses, etc.), and have decently fast speed on a course. Limit 8 teams

## **AGILITY TITLING (COMPETITION) CLASSES**

NOVICE COMPETITION for the dog/handler team that has graduated from Intermediate agility and IS currently competing or preparing to compete at the Novice level. Full Novice courses will set and run where running clean is the FOCUS. Dogs MUST have independent obstacle skills on all equipment. Limit 8 teams.

NOVICE/OPEN for the dog/handler team that is currently competing at the Novice level and interested in practicing more advanced skills to prepare for Open level competition. More challenging sequences will be covered where handler timing will be a focus. Dogs must have independent obstacle skills on all equipment. Limit 8 teams.

OPEN / EXCELLENT For dogs that have ALL the skills necessary to run courses at an advanced level. MUST have upright (together) weave poles, and decent contacts. Emphasis will be on VERY complex handler skills, more speed, and more teamwork. This is a VERY high level class, but will still be breaking down skills needed & fine-tuning them for even better performance. Limit 8 teams.

## **AGILITY SPECIALTY CLASSES (not offered every session—see the schedule for what’s being held this session)**

AGILITY COURSE STRATEGY This class is open to Pre-Novice to Excellent Level. This class will teach you how to read a course, find the changes in direction, and choose a handling plan for maximum accuracy, speed and success. Course analysis will be done using printed course maps and full set up courses. Teams will work full courses and learn how to execute the handling they have selected. Limit 8 Teams

HANDLER OBSTACLE WORKING SPACE/ DISTANCE / DISCRIMINATION This class is open at to all students of the Novice level or higher. Teams will learn to define a working space for the dog, and use directional skills, verbal and positional to tell the dog to work outside of the defined working space.

JUMPERS 1, 2 and 3 This class will teach independent jumping skills. Part 1: the first 4 weeks will be focused on single jump work, spread jumping, directed sending, targeting and right or left lead sequencing skills. The second 4 weeks we will be adding front and rear crosses and some agility equipment to work with the dog learning to adjust their stride. Part 1 is open to any dog/ handler team who has taken and is out of beginner level, parts 2 and 3 require completion of previous level or instructor permission. Limit 8 teams.

MASTER HANDLING This 1.5 hour class will focus on Master level standard and jumper’s courses. Dogs must be proficient on all equipment and able to handle skills at an advanced level. Limit 8 teams

MASTERS COMPETITION This class will focus on Master level standard and jumper’s courses. Dogs must be proficient on all equipment and able to handle skills at an advanced level. Instructor Approval required unless already in a Master’s course. Limit 8

MASTER SKILLS AND DRILLS same as Part 1 but at the master level. Must have instructor approval:  
kris@noordelijk.com

SKILLS AND DRILLS This class is open to the Adv beginner level through Masters. Focus of this class will be mastering all the basic skills in agility while fine-tuning the communication process between dog and handler. Front cross, rear cross, serpentines, flatwork, distance and “directional’s” will be covered in detail with lots of floor time. Limit 8 teams

NOVICE STANDARD: This is for the Novice Student looking to run a novice standard course with the help of handling. Courses will be broken down into sequence for maximum floor time. Class Limit 6 teams.

NOVICE / OPEN JUMPERS W/ WEAVES (JWW) Open to the novice and open student looking to run novice and open JWW courses. Limit 6 teams.

Novice Handling Strategy: This class is for the novice student looking for the best handling option for himself or herself as a handler and for their dog’s body type. Different handling approaches will be suggested for each handler/dog team. Class Limit 6 teams.