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Shelby County Obedience Club



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# Shelby County Obedience Club 901.458.6556 ~ 3785 Given Ave. Memphis, TN

Thank you for your interest in Shelby County Obedience Club (SCOC). We offer classes at all levels of dog obedience, from Public Beginner Obedience for the household pet to AKC Competition in Obedience, as well as Rally Obedience, Conformation, and Agility.

# **Public Beginner Obedience Classes**

The Public Beginner Obedience Class is open to the general public at a nominal fee, payable in check or cash. Dogs must have current Rabies, DHLP and Parvo vaccinations, and be licensed according to city/county regulations. We also recommend dogs be vaccinated for Bordetella and Corona

During the six-week sessions (one hour per week), dog owners are taught the basics of training their dogs to heel on leash, sit, stand, lie down, stay and come when called. These classes have the added advantage of allowing socialization with other dogs and handlers in a group setting.

Registration for the Public Beginner Obedience Class is held at the SCOC Training Building at 3785 Given Avenue (see map). Please be sure to bring your dog's shot records to Registration. Do **NOT** bring dogs to Registration. Classes are scheduled approximately every two months. Please check our website <a href="www.shelbycountyobedienceclub.com">www.shelbycountyobedienceclub.com</a> or call (901) 458-6556 for exact dates, and be sure to leave a phone number where you can be reached in the evening.

Each class can have 8 to 15 dog and handler teams and the spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis at registration. We have found this limitation is necessary to ensure quality instruction and to have enough space for the movement required in learning the exercises.

All dogs must be on leash, preferably a 6-foot leash (not a chain), during class. Leashes and collars will be available, at cost, at the Obedience Classes. We will be glad to make recommendations on the appropriate collar and help with its proper fitting to maximize its effect.

### Other Classes and Events

Public Advanced Beginner Obedience Classes are also available. This sequel to the Public Beginner Obedience Class is not designed for competition, but prepares for the AKC CGC certification.

SCOC also holds Conformation Classes, open to the public, several times each year. Please call 901.458.6556 and leave a message to inquire about the next Conformation series.

Other advanced instruction is offered to SCOC members only, at a minimal charge, and is designed to prepare dogs and handlers for the competition ring. These frequently scheduled classes include training for Obedience competition (Rally, Novice, Open and Utility) and Agility. Classes are held throughout the year in our air-conditioned and heated Training Building.

Fun Matches – practice shows – are held periodically. The Club also sponsors seminars and other educational programs.

# **Becoming a Member**

To be eligible for club membership you first must have completed the Beginner Class offered by SCOC, completed a basic dog obedience course offered by an approved training club or instructor, or have experience in the Conformation ring or with other dog-related activities or professions.

Applicants attend a membership meeting or social event and submit an application endorsed by two SCOC members. A one-time application fee is required plus the pro-rated dues. Applications are presented to the membership for approval at the next monthly meeting. Applicants are then notified of membership status by mail, email or phone.

The club accepts both individual and family memberships, entitling the members to unlimited training classes for a small fee, use of the club facilities, attendance at regular business meetings and club social functions. Nominal annual dues are assessed and payable July 1 of each year.

# **General Meetings**

SCOC meets once a month on the Wednesday of the first full week of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm in our Training Building at 3785 Given Avenue, Memphis, TN.

For more information, please feel free to call us at 901. 458.6556; and leave a message. One of our club's phone committee volunteers will be happy to return you call. We look for forward to meeting you and your dog(s).

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