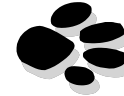


# Train Your Dog the **Y**'s Way

*It takes years of hard work and dedication to become a qualified dog obedience instructor. Only ask a qualified trainer to train your dog. Ask questions like: How many dogs has the trainer qualified for AKC Canine Good Citizens Awards? What kind of volunteer work does the trainer do with their dogs? Does the trainer have any certified therapy dogs? Has the trainer worked in AKC dog training classes, and, if so, for how many years?*



**Evening Dog Obedience Classes to be held  
on Tuesdays at YMCA Pavilion  
August 31 – October 12, 2010  
Class Fee: \$85**



- ⇒ **For 6 months old and older dogs**
- ⇒ **Dog owners must be at least 18 years of age and must be able to walk, run, jump, bend over and touch the floor.**
- ⇒ **Beg. I classes are limited to 12 participants each. You are not officially registered until you are paid and your form is stamped by the vet and returned to the Y.**

## [Group Beginner I Dog Obedience Class \(7 wks.\)](#)

**TIME: 6:30-7:15 PM**

We recommend Beginner I for all first time students with a dog 6 months old and older. Each student will be taught how to teach their dog the basic obedience commands - heel, sit, down, stay and come. Responsible pet ownership is taught in all our classes. The first class will be orientation for dog owners. Do NOT bring your dog to this first class.

**Pre-registration is required for classes. REGISTRATION DEADLINE – August 24, 2010**

Registration Forms (which must be stamped by your veterinarian) are available at the YMCA. Classes are open to Y members and nonmembers. More information about classes can be found at [www.KendallValley.com](http://www.KendallValley.com) or by calling 704-982-0322.

**About the Instructor:** We are very proud that our trainer, **Linda Sample**, owner and operator of Kendall Valley Kennels, started training dogs in 1982. She is a member of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of America and Blue Ridge Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club. She has shown, bred, and raised dogs for AKC conformation and obedience rings. She has done therapy dog training with the Delta Society Pet Partners Program and has been a leader for Main Street United Methodist Church's Veterinary Explorer Post. She has trained several of her own dogs to receive AKC Canine Good Citizens Awards, has trained 2 therapy dogs, volunteers at nursing homes with her therapy dog, and has been attending dog obedience classes at the Winston Salem Dog Training classes in her spare time since 1998. She is an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Evaluator.