

Pet Dog Manners Information

Enrolment dates for our Pet Dog Manners Course are approximately in the months of February, April, July and September.

Please contact Francine Shields at francine.shields@spca.nz for any enquiries.

Next classes start on **Monday 12th February 2018**.

Pet Dog Manners is a series of lessons held on Monday nights over eight weeks. The course includes a first night theory based class that covers why dogs do what they do, how dogs learn, and training techniques. ALL training is positive reward based, generally with treats, due to the ease of rewarding while training. These classes cover the basics of dog control including a balanced walk, sit, down, wait, basic recall to hand, grooming, canine first aid, general dog care and responsibility.

Dogs/Puppies must be 16wks/4months or older. Handler must be 12 years and older, and only one handler per dog. It is too confusing for the puppy/dog and they can't focus if trained by more than one handler. Family or friends are welcome to observe from a distance.

Classes are held every Monday evening at 6.30 pm on the Harvey Norman Carpark. No training on public holidays or Christmas school holidays. **Cost for this 8 week Pet Dog Manners course is \$100.00.**

After you have completed our 8 week Pet Dog Manners Course, and attained the required level of achievement for this course, there are a number of options open to you. You will be asked if you would like to become a member of the Whangarei Dog Training Association and continue your training, whether it's for:

- **Competition Obedience** training, contact Ed Knynenburg at edknyn@gmail.com
- **Agility Competition** training, contact Chris at agility@wdta.org.nz
- **Canine Good Citizen**, a continuation of training your dog to have good manners in public. Contact Birgit at cgc@wdta.org.nz

- There is also Rally Obedience, which involves following a set course with activities at each station. Contact Ros if you are interested in learning more at geoffros@xtra.co.nz

See our Membership Application form or check us out on facebook. As a club member, you will be able to take part in any of the classes available, take part in our social fun days, compete in Agility, Rally-O and/or Obedience at any of our 2 shows held each year, and join us in any other activities that may be offered.

We have an annual membership of \$60.00 for the year, with our membership renewal on 1 April. There is a reduced fee for those who join from October on.



