

Welcome to Canine Karma's S.T.A.R. Puppy Program!

"S.T.A.R." stands for **S**ocialization, **T**raining, **A**ctivity and a **R**esponsible owner, all of the things a puppy needs to have a good life. This program is the puppy level of the American Kennel Club's (AKC) well-known Canine Good Citizen program that stresses good manners and helpful tips for puppy parents. All pups are eligible to earn the S.T.A.R. Gold Medal at the end of class!

The following is a small list of requirements that need to be completed before your first class:

1. A copy of your pup's most recent vet records and proof of vaccines. These can be faxed to me by you or your vet: 419-865-6315. I MUST have these by or before our first class together!
2. Canine Karma waiver - must sign by or before our first class together. Waiver is attached to email.
3. Your pup's exercise schedule: Jot down what a typical day/week looks like in regards to exercise for your pup. How much, what type, etc. Bring this to class with you on the first day.
4. Research your dog's breed: main characteristics, potential challenges. This does not have to be lengthy, but jot down some interesting facts about your dog's breed. If you own a mixed breed, pick one or two of those breeds. Bring this to the first class.
5. What are your goals for this class. Jot this down and bring to first class.

6. A key component of the STAR Program is a responsible owner. You MUST read the Responsible Dog Owner's Pledge and return the signed copy to me on the first day of class.

AKC CGC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER'S PLEDGE

I will be responsible for my dog's health needs. These include:

- routine veterinary care including check-ups and vaccines
- adequate nutrition through proper diet; clean water at all times
- daily exercise and regular bathing and grooming

I will be responsible for my dog's safety

- I will properly control my dog by providing fencing where appropriate, not letting my dog run loose and using a leash in public
- I will ensure that my dog has some form of identification when appropriate (which may include collar tags, tattoos, or microchip ID)
- I will provide adequate supervision when my dog and children are together

I will not let my dog infringe on the rights of others

- I will not allow my dog to run loose in the neighborhood
- I will not allow my dog to be a nuisance to others by barking while in the yard, in a hotel room, etc
- I will pick up and properly dispose of my dog's waste in all public areas such as on the grounds of hotels on sidewalks, parks, and especially at CANINE KARMA
- I will pick up and properly dispose of my dog's waste in wilderness areas, on hiking trails, campgrounds and in off-leash parks and especially at CANINE KARMA

I will be responsible for my dog's quality of life

- I understand that training is beneficial to all dogs
- I will give my dog attention and playtime every day as well as daily exercise
- I understand that owning a dog is a commitment in time and caring for a life time
- I understand that a dog enjoys training and enrichment and I will provide this for him for his life time

I have read and understand the above pledge:

Print Name: _____

Sign Name: _____

Date: _____