

## Mission Statement

Generation Pets takes pride in fostering and strengthening the bond between humans and canines through education and positive interaction. Through training classes, consultations and seminars, we provide our clients with an in-depth understanding of how dogs think and learn, as well as why they exhibit certain behaviors that might be considered “unwanted.” Our trainers work with dogs from all different backgrounds and situations— from stable homes to those surrendered to shelters or those in foster care waiting patiently for permanent homes. Our goal is to ensure that these canines maintain their new homes regardless of what challenges may arise.

At Generation Pets, our connection to our clients doesn't end when class is over. We are committed to providing ongoing assistance and help however we can. Humans think as humans, dogs react as dogs. It is our job to help both species connect and communicate with one another to facilitate a relationship that is rich and rewarding.

## Why Train Your Dog?

• *“I don't have the time to train my dog.”*

*“Why should I train my dog? He's not a show dog— just a family pet.”*

*“I've had dogs before and never trained them. Eventually they just learn what they need to know.”*

Sound familiar? You need only to visit your local animal shelter to understand why training your canine companion is so important. Most dogs in shelters are surrendered when they are between the ages of 6 months and 2 years – a critical time in a dog's behavioral as well as physical development. And most of the reasons these pets are surrendered are due to issues that involve a lack of training and socialization: excessive barking, nipping, poor house training, aggressive behavior – all problems that can be avoided and/or reversed through proper training.



Training your dog is an essential part of responsible pet ownership and a vital part of developing a strong bond between you and your companion animal. Dogs are pack animals and as such, look to you to provide benevolent leadership and guidance for their physical and emotional well-being. Most people are surprised at how relatively little time it takes to teach their pets basic commands, and what a fun and rewarding experience training can be.



## Why Having Fun is an Essential Part of Training

Why do you enjoy spending time with your friends? Because you have fun and connect with them! Fun is part of every healthy loving relationship – including the one you have with

your dog. That's why fun is also an integral part of a good canine training program. Dogs are unwaveringly honest: they repeat or recreate experiences they enjoy, and avoid those that they don't. We humans have similar tendencies. If training is a fun and rewarding experience for you and your canine, you'll look forward to training, train more, achieve more, and bond more. Your dog will benefit from the positive attention and behavioral guidance you provide. Pretty much a win-win situation all around.

## Generation Pets – Training and Behavioral Counseling for All the Stages of Your Pet's Life

There are many times throughout your canine's lifetime that may warrant specialized training or behavioral counseling. The needs and issues of a puppy can be very different from those of an older dog. Socialization and obedience are ongoing skills that should be incorporated into your canine's daily routine, and for some dogs, an occasional refresher course is helpful. There are dogs that may develop unwanted behaviors as they mature, such as inter-dog aggression or situation-specific fears. Or you may have a change in your home environment such as the arrival of a new baby or moving to a new home that may be unsettling for your dog. Generation Pets is here to help. Many problems can be resolved with just one or two individualized counseling sessions.

## Generation Pets Training Classes



### Puppy Kindergarten

This 7-week course is designed for puppies up to 5 months of age. The class focuses on socializing the puppies to interact with both humans and other canines, as well as learning rudimentary commands. Good canine communication is a vital skill for puppies to learn to avoid inter-dog aggression as they mature. Commands such as sit, down, wait, recall, release, take, give, leave it, and a controlled walk are also taught. The first session is an orientation for owners only to discuss housetraining, mouthing, and biting on the lead.

### Basic Obedience

This 7-week course is geared for canines aged 5 months and older. And yes, you can teach an old dog new tricks- no matter what age! A key element of this class is to have your dog focus on you despite external environmental distractions. Teaching your pet to look to you for guidance and to want to work for you, can be very challenging in certain situations. Commands taught include, sit, down, wait, release, recall with distractions (food/dogs/sounds) stay (with distractions) finish, and intense heel work. As with the Puppy Kindergarten class, the first class is an orientation for the owners where we'll discuss how dogs think and learn, desensitizing them to sights and sounds, and demonstrating commands on a Generation Pets trained canine.



### Advanced Obedience

Participants are required to complete the Basic Obedience class as a prerequisite to this 7-week advanced course. This class emphasizes canine focus and heel work in a heavily distraction-filled environment. Half of the course is held outside, exposing dogs to distractions such as streets, cars, people and other dogs, and the other half is held inside the training facility. Commands taught include: wait, stay, recall, stay with distractions, around, intense heel work, eye contact (focus work), figure 8's, 360o right and left turns, and much, much more! Owners are to bring their dogs to the first class.

## More Generation Pets Training Classes...

### Canine Good Citizen

The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification program is a nationally recognized curriculum that acknowledges and rewards dogs who are "well mannered" and have displayed good behavior both at home and in the communities in which they live. The program stresses responsible pet ownership and a solid foundation of understanding basic and advanced commands. Many dog owners complete CGC training and testing as a prerequisite to Therapy Dog Certification.



### Therapy Dog Certification

Research has proven again and again that contact with animals in the forms of petting, touching and talking lowers blood pressure, reduces stress, assists in warding off and/or relieving depression

and can facilitate cognitive responsiveness in certain individuals. The advent of Therapy Dog training puts this theory into practice as Therapy dogs and their handlers visit hospitals, nursing facilities, the sick, and the homebound. Therapy Dog handlers find completing the certification program and practical application of skills to be highly rewarding, fostering a particularly strong bond with their canine companions.

### Rally-O

Imagine the excitement of rally racing, dog agility, and traditional obedience combined into a new fun sport for you and your dog to share. Rally Obedience (or Rally-O) was created for the average pet owner as a fun way to incorporate obedience and sports in an approach that encourages enthusiasm, animation and excitement.



## Services Offered by Generation Pets

- Temperament Testing
- Behavior Modifications for Aggression or Separation Anxiety Cases
- Puppy Kindergarten
- Basic Obedience
- Advanced Training
- Canine Good Citizen
- Rally-O

### Seminars

- Aggression: Food/Guarding Issues, Dominance, Inter-Dog
- Therapeutic Massage



### Adena Misiewicz Canine Behavior Counselor and Trainer

Adena, a full-time Certified Canine Behavior Counselor and Trainer, is a graduate of the Animal Behavior Center of New York. She is also a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and the Association of Companion Animal Behavior Counselors.

Adena specializes in the psychological elements of dog behavior. She is skilled at handling intense aggression (territorial, dominance, food/object, inter-dog) and separation anxiety cases. Adena's is committed to ensuring canines maintain their homes by thoroughly educating owners and following through to gauge results.

# Generation Pets

Professional Dog Training



Behavior Counseling



Temperament Testing



Private Training & Lessons



Semi-Private/Group Lessons



Training Dogs and  
Those Who Love Them  
Since 1996

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