



North County Canine Training (NCCT) Advanced Canine Trainer Course Outline 3.0

The North County Canine Training's Advanced Canine Trainer Course lasts 180 days or 25 weeks. North County Canine Training's Advanced Canine Trainer Course will be outlined in weeks.*

The North County Canine Training Advanced Canine Trainer Course encompasses: Obedience, advanced obedience, behavior modification, client handling, and one of the following: protection, or tracking & trailing.

Following successful completion of this course and passing all tests, trainees will have the experience and knowledge to work in the following positions: Kennel Technician, Trainer Assistant, Trainer, and Specialty Trainer.

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**This is a general outline of the North County Canine Training Advanced Canine Trainer Course. Please note that handlers and canines learn at different speeds so some days and times will differ from the written schedule.*



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Weekly Schedules

The Advanced Canine Trainer Course offers two weekly schedules based on specialty. Trainees will have three days of obedience/kennel care work and two days of specialty training. The schedules are as follows:

Weekly Schedule Chart							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning Shift		Tracking Kennel	Tracking Training	Tracking Kennel	Tracking Training	Tracking Kennel	Protection Training
Evening Shift		Protection Training	Protection Kennel	Protection Kennel	Protection Kennel		
Day Off	Tracking & Protection					Protection	Tracking



Kennel Care Shift Schedules

Morning Shift		
Time	Activity	Notes
0700-0845	Kennel Care / Canine Handling	Canine potty breaks, morning feedings, and medication
0845-0900	Break	
0900-1100	Kennel Care/ Canine Handling	Disinfect and clean kennels
1100-1200	Training / Personal Study	Canine Obedience Training
1200-1300	Lunch Break	
1300-1345	Kennel Care/ Canine Handling	With Evening Shift. Structured walks with canines and photos.
1345-1400	Break	
1400-1500	Kennel Care/ Canine Handling	With Evening Shift. Structured walks with canines and photos.

Evening Shift		
Time	Activity	Notes
1300-1445	Kennel Care/ Canine Handling	With Morning Shift. Structured walks with canines and photos.
1445-1500	Break	
1500-1600	Training / Personal Study	Canine Obedience Training
1600-1700	Lunch Break	
1700-1800	Training / Personal Study	Canine Obedience Training
1800-1845	Kennel Care / Canine Handling	Night feedings, and medications
1845-1900	Break	
1900-2100	Kennel Care / Canine Handling	Canine potty breaks, spot cleaning and disinfecting kennels



Training Shift Schedules

Tracking and Trailing (Tuesdays & Thursdays)		
Time	Activity	Notes
0700-0845	Tracking and Trailing/ Client Handling	Pick up assigned dog from facility, then join tracking group. On days with no tracking work on canine obedience.
0845-0900	Break	
0900-1200	Tracking and Trailing/ Client Handling	Lead and join tracks with clients. Head back to the facility. On days with no tracking work on canine obedience.
1200-1300	Lunch Break	
1300-1345	Kennel Care/ Canine Handling	With Evening Shift. Structured walks with canines and photos.
1345-1400	Break	
1400-1500	Kennel Care/ Canine Handling	With Evening Shift. Structured walks with canines and photos.

Protection (Mondays)		
Time	Activity	Notes
1300-1445	Kennel Care/ Canine Handling	With Morning Shift. Structured walks with canines and photos.
1445-1500	Break	
1500-1600	Training / Personal Study	Set up for PSA Club, make sure kennel dogs have water and have been out that day. Work on Canine Obedience.
1600-1700	Lunch Break	
1700-1845	Protection Training/ Client Handling	Work with the PSA Club as a decoy and handler.
1845-1900	Break	
1900-2100	Protection Training/ Client Handling	Work with the PSA Club as a decoy and handler. Work with kennel care if the club ends early.



Protection (Saturdays)		
Time	Activity	Notes
0700-0845	Protection Training/ Client Handling	Join the PSA Club and work as a decoy/handler.
0845-0900	Break	
0900-1200	Protection Training/ Client Handling	PSA Club as decoy/handler. Head back to the facility.
1200-1300	Lunch Break	
1300-1400	Training / Personal Study	Clean up and put away bite sleeves/ suits/ distraction tools. Work on Canine Obedience.
1400-1445	Kennel Care / Canine Handling	Night feedings, and medications
1445-1500	Break	
1900-2100	Kennel Care / Canine Handling	Canine potty breaks, spot cleaning and disinfecting kennels



Weekly Course Outline

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Weekly Course Outline	
Week	Description
Weeks 1-2	Introduction to Canine Obedience, Aggression Control, Health, Nutrition, and Care
Weeks 3-4	Canine Obedience Training, Canine Behavior Modification, and Client Handling
Week 5	Canine Obedience Tests and Certification
Weeks 6-22	Focus on Specialty and Advanced Obedience
Week 23	Specialty Tests and Certification
Weeks 24-25	Make-Up Tests and Certifications, and Hiring Process/Employment Options



Weekly Course Guide

Weeks 1-2: Introduction to Canine Obedience, Aggression Control, Health, Nutrition, and Care	
Objectives:	Plan of Action:
1. Trainees should have a proper understanding of the following: A. Proper nutrition and diet of working dogs. B. Grooming and basic medical care for working dogs. C. Identifying and preventing common health issues for working dogs. D. Cleaning and disinfecting of kennels and working areas. E. Diet of working dogs. F. Techniques for managing and controlling aggression in dogs. G. Legal issues related to canine aggression. H. NCCT's Emergency Protocols	1. During kennel care and canine handling hours: Trainees shadow the KM and KT. 2. During training and personal study hours: Trainees shadow the DOT, LT, and AT or study from NCCT Study Guides and practice with canines owned by NCCT.
Tests:	Notes:
N/A	1. The first two weeks of the course will act as the introductory period for trainees to get used to the NCCT Facilities and to familiarize themselves with NCCT Procedures. We keep these weeks as light as possible as it will give ample time for trainees to ask questions, recover from mistakes, study, and become comfortable with their new working environment. 2. Upon starting the course, all trainees will have the title of "Assistant Trainer".

Weeks 3-4: Canine Obedience Training, Canine Behavior Modification, and Client Handling	
Objectives:	Plan of Action:
1. Trainees should have a proper understanding of the following: A. Basic canine commands including but not limited to: sit, down, stay, heel, and leave it. B. Canine socialization. C. Communication work between canines and handlers. D. Conditioning and reinforcement techniques. E. Trainer to client knowledge for basic obedience lessons and evaluations.	1. During kennel care and canine handling hours: Trainees are able to do kennel care on their own with supervision from the KM and KT, and will take canines for walks by themselves. 2. During training and personal study hours: Trainees shadow the DOT, LT, and AT or study from NCCT Trainer Study Guides and practice with canines owned by NCCT.
Tests:	Notes:
1. NCCT Kennel Care Paper Test 2. NCCT Canine Health and Safety Paper Test	1. If trainees do not pass the tests from the weeks 3-4, the chain of command will be consulted.



Week 5: Canine Obedience Tests and Certification	
Objectives:	Plan of Action:
1. Trainees will have a proper understanding of the following: A. Advanced canine commands including distance, directional and multi-command sequences. B. Conditioning and reinforcement techniques. C. Canine handling skills for off-leash work. D. Trainer to client knowledge and communication for obedience lessons and evaluations.	1. During kennel care and canine handling hours: Trainees will complete without supervision and only elevate situations on an as-needed basis from these weeks forward. 2. During training and personal study hours: Trainees will shadow the DOT, LT, and OM or study from North County Canine Training Trainer Study Guides and practice with canines owned by North County Canine Training.
Tests:	Notes:
1. NCCT Trainer Paper Test.	1. Upon passing all tests in the previous weeks and week 5, trainees will have the title of "Trainer" and will start taking client appointments for obedience and behavior modification. 2. If trainees do not pass the tests, the chain of command will be consulted.

Weeks 6-22: Focus on Specialty and Advanced Obedience	
Objectives:	Plan of Action:
1. Trainees will have a proper understanding of the following: A. Conditioning and reinforcement techniques. B. Canine handling skills for off-leash work. C. Trainer to client knowledge and communication for service and support lessons and evaluations.	1. Trainees will continue to take appointments and complete kennel care. 2. During training and personal study hours: Trainees will shadow the DOT, LT, and OM when not with a client or study from North County Canine Training Trainer Study Guides and practice with canines owned by North County Canine Training.
Tests:	Notes:
N/A	1. No tests during these weeks.



Week 23: Specialty Certification	
Objectives:	Plan of Action:
1. Trainees will have a proper understanding of the following: A. Tracking and trailing canine commands including distance, directional and multi-command sequences. B. Conditioning and reinforcement techniques. C. Canine handling skills for off-leash work. D. Trainer to Client knowledge and communication for tracking and trailing lessons and evaluations.	1. Trainees will continue to take appointments and complete kennel care. 2. During training and personal study hours: Trainees will shadow the DOT, LT, and OM when not with a client or study from North County Canine Training Trainer Study Guides and practice with canines owned by North County Canine Training.
Tests:	Notes:
1. NCCT Specialty Paper Test.	1. Upon passing all tests in the previous weeks and week 23, trainees will have the title of "Specialty Trainer". 2. If trainees do not pass during this week, they will have one chance to make up the test during the last two weeks of the program.

Weeks 24-25: Make-Up Tests and Certifications and Hiring Options/Employment Opportunities	
Objectives:	Plan of Action:
1. Trainees will have a proper understanding of the following: A. All of the common dog sports including but not limited to: Agility, canine freestyle, conformation, disc dogs, B. Conditioning and reinforcement techniques. C. Canine handling skills for off-leash work. D. Trainer to Client knowledge and communication for canine sports. E. Hiring Options and Employment Opportunities.	1. Trainees will continue to take appointments and complete kennel care. 2. During training and personal study hours: Trainees will shadow the DOT, LT, and OM when not with a client or study from North County Canine Training Trainer Study Guides and practice with canines owned by North County Canine Training. 3. Trainees will make up tests and certifications. 4. Trainees will have the opportunity to speak with the DOT about future employment with NCCT and/or other employment options.
Tests:	Notes:
1. Make-up tests for certifications if trainees did not pass the first time.	1. These are the last two weeks of the program. 2. Trainees will use these two weeks to make up any tests and certifications that they did not pass in the weeks before.



Definitions:

NCCT: North County Canine Training

DOT: Director of Training

OM: Office Manager

KM: Kennel Manager

LT: Lead Trainer

KT: Kennel Technician

PSA: Protection Sports Association