



Golden Rule School for Dogs
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Experience the Golden Rule Class Difference

Whether you have a new puppy, energetic adolescent or an adult dog in need of a refresher course, Golden Rule School for Dogs can help. From puppy behavioral training to adult manners, formal obedience and energy-burning sports training, Golden Rule offers group classes and private instruction to meet every need.

Class size is limited to ensure that students get the attention they need and the training approach is customized to train every dog to their full potential. Backed by over 35 years of experience training dogs of every breed and age, Golden Rule classes get results!

All classes run for 6 weeks

Agility, Nosework and Obedience/Rally Workshop classes - \$150

Obedience 1 - \$200 (First week is orientation – no dogs allowed)

Agility 1 - \$200.00 Nosework 1 - \$200.00

Drop-In - \$30

Obedience 1 and 2

From Puppy Manners to Competition Obedience Star, Golden Rule has it all!

Obedience 1

Learn how to have control of your dog, be able to communicate commands clearly and just enjoy your family pet. Classes will teach your dog to walk on leash without pulling, sit, down, stay and come when called. Learn the use of words such as Leave It, Enough, Drop It and Off. Class is designed for dogs and puppies 4 months of age and up. The first week is a mandatory orientation without dogs.

Obedience 2

Continue your education and your pet's training. Fine-tune the commands taught in Beginners I and work on attention and control with the introduction of distance. Skills include Moving Down, Stand/Stay and a reliable Come When Called whether on or off-leash. This class prepares students for the Canine Good Citizen/Therapy Dog International Tests, Tests are scheduled about 4 times a year.

Obedience/Rally

This class prepares students for the registries: WCRL (World Cynosport Rally) and AKC (American Kennel Club). Come work, introducing jump exercise.

Rally Class

This class will set up the exercises necessary to train for the starting levels (AKC & WCRL)
There will be actual courses set up to walk and then run

Agility 1 **AGILITY INSTRUCTOR: AMBER BALUKAS** **balukasaml@yahoo.com**

Introduce your dog to this fun sport! All agility obstacles will be introduced in a safe, on-leash environment. Pre-requisite: Beginners I Obedience completed or taken simultaneously. Graduation to the next level is dependent on student attending 5 or more classes and dogs exhibiting no aggressive behaviors and being under control in the ring. This class is held only July/August session.

Agility 2

This class is structured for those who have successfully completed Beginners Agility I. Obstacle segment training will be included to start off-leash runs. This class offers a great opportunity to work on off-leash control while getting each dog/handler team comfortable with all obstacles. Teams will start to work on handling skills including side changes, sending away, contacts and weave pole entries. Games will be introduced to increase overall weave pole speed.

Agility 3

This class is for teams competing in Agility. Handlers will walk and strategize each course prior to running their dog. Dogs must easily perform each obstacle and work under complete control. Courses will be set up to encourage the handler to make side decisions when running their dog.

Nosework 1 **Instructors: Sandi Ver Sprill (Daytime); Amber Balukas* (Evening)**

This class is for teams that wish to learn teaching their dogs to find "odor" place in boxes, chairs, tables, toys, etc --- you will learn how to place the hides, read your dog when they find the hide. This class will work on three odors, Birch, Anise and Clove.

Nosework 2

This class is for teams that are currently entering trials. We work on advanced hides, all odors, all heights. We cover, containers, interiors, exteriors, vehicles, and even buried and Handlers Discrimination. AKC, UKC, PSD, and NACSW venues are covered in the training classes.

Nosework 3

This class is for teams that are currently entering trials. We will work on advanced hides, all odors and all heights. We will search containers, interiors, exteriors, vehicles, buried and HD. AKC, UKC, PSD, and NACSW venues are covered in the training.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training for the family pet to the competition level...
Group Classes / Private Instruction

Class size will be limited; this will give each student more one-on-one training with the instructor - no "one size fits all training". Complete the enrollment form and return it with your payment along with your dog's vet records (**including** rabies certificate) in order to ensure a spot for you and your dog. **ALL CLASSES RUN FOR 6 WEEKS.**

ALL CLASSES WILL START THE WEEK OF August 31, 2026

Beginner I Obed. class has a mandatory first week orientation – **no dogs**

DAY SESSION WILL CANCEL UNLESS THERE ARE FOUR ENROLLMENTS

MONDAY (Instructor: Amber Balukas – checks must be payable to Amber)

AGILITY 3: 11 am – 12 pm	AGILITY 2: 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	AGILITY 1: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
AGILITY 2: 6 pm – 7 pm	AGILITY 1: 7 pm – 8 pm	AGILITY 3: 8 pm – 9 pm

TUESDAY (Instructors: Sandi Ver Sprill (Daytime); Amber Balukas* (Evening))

NOSEWORK 3: 10:30 am – 11:30 am	NOSEWORK 2: 6 pm – 7 pm
NOSEWORK 2: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	NOSEWORK 3: 7 pm – 8 pm
NOSEWORK 2: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	NOSEWORK 1: 8 pm – 9 pm
NOSEWORK 1: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	

* Checks for evening Nosework classes must be payable to Amber Balukas.

WEDNESDAY (Instructor: Sandi Ver Sprill)

OBEDIENCE 1: 6 pm – 6:30 pm **September/October Session**
OBEDIENCE 2: 6 pm – 6:30 pm **November/December Session**
OBEDIENCE/RALLY: 6:45 pm – 7:15 pm
RALLY COURSE RUNS: 7:30 pm – 8:15 pm

THURSDAY (Instructor: Sandi Ver Sprill)

WORKSHOPS (WS) - Offered for Utility, Versatility, Open, Novice and Starter Novice

UTILITY/VERSATILITY WS: 10 am – 11:15 am

OPEN WS: 11:15 am – 12 pm

NOVICE/STARTER NOVICE WS: 12 pm – 12:45 pm

OBED 1 **September/October Session**

OBED 2 – November/December Session

OBEDIENCE 1: 2 pm – 2:30 pm

OBEDIENCE 2: 2 pm – 2:30 pm

RALLY COURSE RUNS: 1 pm – 2 pm

OBEDIENCE/RALLY: 2:30 pm – 3 pm



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CLASS ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: Home (____) _____ - _____

Work (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Dog's Breed: _____ Color: _____

Dog's Age: _____

Class(es): _____ Day or Evening _____ Fee Enclosed \$ _____

How did you hear about Golden Rule? _____

AGILITY CLASS CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AMBER BALUKAS (mail to above address)

Class fees payable to Golden Rule School for Dogs, LLC to address above

I attest that my dog has had the following vaccinations on the dates stated:

(Please attach a xerox copy of your dog's vet records)

Distemper Parvo Parainfluenza (DHPP) Rabies*: ____/____/____

***Puppies under 6 months of age are exempt from the rabies requirement**

I understand that attendance at a dog training facility is not without risk to myself, members of my family or guests who may attend, or my dog. I hereby waive and release Golden Rule School for Dogs, LLC, its instructors or agents from all liability of any nature resulting from the actions of any dog while on or in the training grounds or surrounding area.

Signature/Date _____

The instructor reserves the right to excuse any dog that persists to be vicious in nature.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GOLDEN RULE STUDENTS

Class size is limited – please enroll early to insure a place in class.

You must wear proper rubber soled shoes, NO SANDALS, CLOGS OR ANY SHOE OF THAT TYPE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE TRAINING RING!

Applications must be accompanied by the class fee(s). Refund policy: 100% before the first class, 50% after the first class, NO REFUND after the 2nd class.

Proof of inoculation is required on all enrollments. Your veterinarian will provide you with a copy of your dog's shot record. Because this rule is for the protection and benefit of all class participants, there will be **NO** exceptions.

Class observers are always welcome; family members are encouraged to watch classes.

Children must be accompanied and closely supervised by an adult (other than the one training the dog). Children must remain seated during class. They are not allowed to play inside or outside the building or touch or pet any dog other than their own at any time. The minimum age for class participation is twelve.

Only dogs registered for classes will be permitted in the training building. Limited crating space for registered dogs is available, and crated dogs are expected to be quiet.

Please "exercise" your dog prior to coming to class. There is a "dog potty" area and a pooper scooper for clean up.

Please park cars in appropriate areas – do not block anyone in.

Please be sure your dog is free of fleas/ticks and internal parasites.

Female dogs that come into season are not allowed to attend the beginner's classes – handlers may come and observe the new lesson(s) being taught. For the advanced classes, they are allowed as long as they are wearing "doggie britches", available from most pet supply stores.

Inclement weather (from November thru April) please call the office at 862-268-9439 before 5:00 PM to find out if the classes are canceled for the evening. In the event of a canceled class, the session will either be extended to cover the cancellation, or the class will be scheduled for a make-up date.

We cannot be responsible for you missing a class during the 6-week session that you signed up for – if you do miss a class for Obedience 1, I would be glad to email you the lesson sheet of the week missed. If Golden Rule has to cancel classes for any reason – a make-up class will be scheduled at the end of the session.

For Obedience 1 classes, an appropriate training collar and a six-foot lead are required.

All recommended training items will be available for sale from Golden Rule School.

For control and safety reasons – Retractable (Flexi) leads, are not permitted in the Beginner I and Adv. Beginner classes. **ID TAGS/LICENSES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON TRAINING COLLARS, THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.** When using choke collars, dogs are not to be left unattended in crates, cars or the home when wearing them.

**DIRECTIONS TO GOLDEN RULE SCHOOL FOR DOGS.
23 Morris-Sussex Pike, Andover, NJ
862-268-9439**

FROM Route 80: Exit at #25 for Route 206 North – travel 4 traffic lights – take 3rd left past 4th light, go under RR trestle, take first right – dirt driveway.

FROM North NJ/Milford PA: Route 206 South – travel through to Andover Boro Antique district – go thru long RR tunnel – Take first right after tunnel – go under RR trestle – first right – dirt driveway.