

RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL OWNERS OF TENNESSEE, INC. (RAOT)  
**REGISTRATION FORM FOR BASIC DOG TRAINING CLASSES** - Revised 11/29/0707/01/06

Please Print:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Referred by:</b>
	<b>Dog's Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Breed:</b>
	<b>Color:</b>
<b>Home phone:</b>	<b>Sex:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spayed/Neutered?
<b>Work phone:</b>	<b>Age:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Vet:</b>

**Terms and Conditions:**

- (1) Your training progress is dependant on your willingness to follow instructions and participate in each class. You agree to notify the instructor(s) in advance if you are unable to attend a class. While we will try to help you catch up if you miss a class, failure to attend and participate in classes regularly will result in you falling behind to the point that your continued participation in class is disruptive to normal class progress. You further understand and agree that failure, on your part, to attend classe(s) terminates any further obligation that Responsible Animal Owners has to you under the terms of this Agreement
- (2) You agree to work with your dog as instructed in the class and to practice assigned commands and exercises daily.
- (3) You agree to clean up after my dog anywhere in the building should it eliminate before, during or after classes.
- (4) This agreement is non-transferable and non-refundable and we reserve the right to cancel and reschedule classes, as necessary. Participants will be given timely notice of any cancellation or rescheduling.
- (5) Dog training classes are a fund-raising project of Responsible Animal Owners of Tennessee, Inc. Trainers may accept certified checks, money orders or cash, we do not accept credit cards or personal checks.
- (6) You release, indemnify and hold Responsible Animal Owners of Tennessee, Inc., Hollywood PetStar, and any representatives or personnel or volunteers involved in the training process, harmless from any and all liability whatsoever arising out of or in connection with any injury or illness whether mental, emotional, or physical, including death, and/or any and all property damage sustained by me, my family, my guests, or anyone else, including any animals, that may arise as a result of or in connection with my participation in any and all training classes sponsored by Responsible Animal Owners of Tennessee, Inc., including any "make-up" dates and/or refresher classes that you may, henceforth, attend from this day forward.

**I certify that I have read, understand and agree to the above terms by my signature below:**

Owner:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!**

Instructors: **Donna Malone & Jeanne Guarr**

Class location: **BROAD**

Shot records checked?  YES  NO  NEED

Starting date: \_\_\_\_\_ (see info page)

Follow-up needed?  YES  NO

Starting time: **10:00 or 11:30 a.m.**, dependant upon which is applicable to the above starting date.

Notes:

Certified Check or Money Order

**CASH**

Discount Applicable

**PAYPAL**

Additional clicker \$1.00 or Deluxe Clicker \$3.00

Treat Keep \$5.00

Attendance:    1    2    3    4    5    6    Grad

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIPT** - Detach and give to student.

RAOT, Inc., acknowledges receipt of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_,  
for six weeks of dog training classes at our Broad Street location, beginning Saturday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, at the specified time.

INSTRUCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Registration Form and Information about Responsible Animal Owner's Basic Obedience Classes

**LOCATION:** RAOB obedience classes are held **upstairs** at RAOB's Education and Activity Center at 2648 Broad above Hollywood PetStar. Enter Hollywood PetStar, turn immediately to your left and go through the blue doors, go up the stairs, follow our signs (with the logo above) to our Center. (DRIVING DIRECTIONS: On Broad in Midtown Memphis, west of Scott Street, click MAP to see a map of the general area or DIRECTIONS for "point to point" driving directions). NOTE: Broad no longer goes all the way to East Parkway.

**COST:** The fee is \$80\* for the course (six weeks) and includes printed materials and a clicker.

## **2008 STARTING DATES AND TIMES:**

Class 01: Jan 12 to Feb 16, 10:00 a.m.

Class 02: Jan 26 to Mar 01, 11:30 a.m.

Class 03: Feb 23 to Mar 29, 10:00 a.m.

Class 04: Mar 08 to Apr 12, 11:30 a.m.

Class 05: Apr 05 to May 10, 10:00 a.m.

Class 06: Apr 19 to May 24, 11:30 a.m.

Class 07: May 17 to Jun 21, 10:00 a.m.

Class 08: May 31 to Jul 05, 11:30 a.m.

Class 09: Jun 28 to Aug 02, 10:00 a.m.

Class 10: Jul 10 to Aug 16, 11:30 a.m.

*No Classes Begin in August*

Class 11: Sep 13 to Oct 18, 10:00 a.m.

Class 12: Sep 27 to Nov 01, 11:30 a.m.

Class 13: Oct 25 to Nov 29, 10:00 a.m.

Class 14: Nov 08 to Dec 13, 11:30 a.m.

*No Classes Begin in December*

## **ABOUT THE CLASSES:**

1. There are normally 2 instructors and between 6 and 12 students per class.
2. We teach sit, down, stand, stay, come, heel and six tricks. We understand you want a well-behaved pet, whether it is "on command" or not so our focus is on shaping better behavior and not on competition level obedience responses.
3. There are SIX one hour sessions, held on consecutive Saturdays for six weeks. The first two sessions tend to run 15-30 minutes longer. The first three classes are the most important, please plan ahead to insure you can attend these classes.
4. We use operant conditioning with an emphasis clicker training and positive reinforcement. Most of the animals on Animal Planet and the Discovery Channel that are trained have been clicker-trained. Our methods can be used to train any animal, including pets (such as birds, cats and dogs), livestock (such as chickens, cows, horses, pigs) and exotics (such bears, elephants, lions, tigers, whales and dolphins) and even fish!

**A WEEK BEFORE CLASS:** Start hand feeding your dog all of its food each day. Unless instructed otherwise, do not hand feed for more than suggested seven days. The night before class, do not feed your dog after 6:00 p.m. Do not feed it the morning of class. If your dog is hungry, it will be much easier for you to get it to focus on you and your instructions.

## **THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS:**

1. Bring proof of vaccinations! Alternatively, your vet can fax them to us at (901) 357-7443. Your dog needs all normal vaccinations, plus kennel cough (Bordetella.) (If you have the records faxed, be sure your name and your dog's name are on the fax.)
2. Bring THREE types of treats, cut into pieces no larger than an English (green) pea or the eraser on a number two pencil. You will need at least 100 pieces per class. Treats can be dog treats (Beggin' Strips, Pup-Peroni, Snausages, Nutro Training Bits) or people food (cheese, chicken, beef, or hot dogs.) Whatever you use, it should be soft or semi-soft, not hard or crunchy.
3. Bring a five or six foot leash – NO CHAIN LEASHES OR FLEXI-LEADS – and a flat or buckle style collar. Harnesses are permitted only if your dog has a medical condition requiring one. Additional equipment may be necessary in some cases, if so, the cost is usually under \$30.
4. Be on time. This is especially important the first three weeks as we cover a lot of information quickly.
5. Miscellaneous: Normal "shedding" is expected and not a concern; however, if your dog is shedding excessively, you should groom your dog before class each week to remove excess hair.

**PARKING:** Hollywood Petstar asks that you park at either end of the parking lot so their "shopping" customers can access the store while you train and that you clean up after your dog if it eliminates anywhere in the building. Should you want to shop after class, please take your dog outside first for a "potty" break before doing so.

**REGISTRATION:** You chosen to mail in your registration form postmarked ten days or more before class, to insure we receive it in time, along with a certified check or money order. Complete and return the attached form with your payment to RAOB, 3327 Lockmeade Drive, Memphis, TN 38127.

Should you have any questions or need additional information about the classes, please call Donna at (901) 353-1805.