



## **We hope you plan on continuing the training journey with your dog. You've made great progress!**

If you have become bitten by the training bug and would like to continue attending classes with your canine companion, we would encourage you to join Lakeshore Dog Training Association (LDTA) and continue your training journey. Founded in 1959, LDTA is the oldest and largest non-profit dog training club in Montreal. It welcomes handlers of all ages and dogs of all breeds, including mixed breeds.

The annual membership fee entitles you to train your dog in a weekly club class during our training year which runs from September to the beginning of May, with a break of approximately one month at Christmas. Individuals who join during the training year pay a pro-rated fee (a % of the regular fee based on whether you join January 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup>). Special membership fees are available for senior and junior members. Dogs graduating from the Basic 2 class are eligible to train in the *Intro to Obedience and Performance, Level 1* or the *Novice Rally-Obedience* class. You will continue perfecting the exercises you have already learned (heeling on and off leash, stand for examination, recall, sit stay and down stay), building your dog's self-confidence while learning additional handling skills. This will give you a better-behaved canine companion, an enhanced understanding of your dog and how he learns and the groundwork required to continue on to the next levels of obedience - novice, open, utility and/or rally-O. As your training progresses, your dog will learn to retrieve a dumbbell, perform jumps on command, respond to the down command while in motion, work with hand signals, do scent discrimination and do stays when you are out of sight!

In addition to class training, Lakeshore Dog Training Association hosts social events, demos in the community, fun matches & club competitions as well as official obedience and rally-O trials. We have a mentor program available for new members to ensure that they get maximum benefit from their membership and enjoy the club activities, as well as being a resource to answer their questions. We have members who compete in obedience and rally-O trials with their dogs as well as members who train solely for the enjoyment of the connection with their dog. All are welcome. As our club is a non-profit organization, we do ask all club members to contribute some of their time in a volunteer capacity, so you will see a volunteer sheet attached to the registration form, with lots of volunteer options available.

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