



The TOM ROSE SCHOOL

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(Any reference to The Tom Rose School means The Tom Rose School, L.L.C.)

Length of Program: 16-20 weeks*

Cost of Attendance: \$11,995

(After student participation in TRS work detail program)

Associate Dog Trainer Program

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Your Future as an Associate Dog Trainer

The Tom Rose School L.L.C. Associate Dog Trainer Program prepares students for future employment as dog trainers or for starting their own training business. Experience gained in over thirty years of preparing students to enter the profession of dog training, suggests that some students aren't going to achieve the Professional Dog Trainer Certificate, yet they achieve enough knowledge and experience to enter the work force, compete in dog shows, or choose vocations not involving hands on training.

This program is a mirror image of the Professional Dog Trainer Program but with different requirements. Both the Professional Dog Trainer students and the Associate Dog Trainer Students begin their programs at the same time, and may participate in all classes.

The Associate Dog Trainer Program is an intensive course focused on hands-on training. The program provides students with experience working a wide range of existing dog personalities and training issues. We focus on Skills recognized by employers in the field such as Nationally recognized dog contest events including those governed by the American Kennel Club (AKC), Schutzhund (DVG, USA, WDA), National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA), United Kennel Club (UKC), and other major national and international kennel clubs.

* The Associate Dog Trainer Program features 16 weeks of instruction. Students needing extra time to graduate may continue for an additional four weeks with no added charge for tuition

Students in The Associate Dog Trainer Program may receive training in the following areas:

- A. Obedience
 - a. Traditional training
 - b. Motivational
 - c. Puppy Imprinting
 - d. Group & Private Obedience Classes
 - e. Public Relations, Sales, & Management
- B. Agility
- C. Tracking
- D. Narcotics Detection
- E. Police K-9, Schutzhund, Civil Protection & Security

A student may graduate early (but in no less than twelve weeks) by completing all requirements with an average score of 70% or higher. We conduct student evaluations periodically to insure that each student is aware of their progress within the program. If after sixteen weeks, TRS staff feels that a student has significantly fallen behind from lack of applied effort, we may then reevaluate the status of that student in the program.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Classes consist of supervised, hands-on training, lectures, demonstrations, electronic media presentations, and field trips. Sessions begin at 9:00 AM, Tuesday through Saturday and average around six hours a day. There may be an occasional Monday class scheduled as needed. Class time includes breaks and travel time. Mr. Rose and his staff conduct the classes.

ASSOCIATE TRAINER REQUIREMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMS: Written exams test students on class lectures, electronic media presentations, practical training, field trips, and dog show rules. These tests are averaged into the overall grade the same as an elective.

Associate Trainer students must complete "A" below and two electives B-E to receive their certificate:

A OBEDIENCE (Required)

A student must pass each of the “Pass or fail” exercises, and the average of the “Scored” exercises will comprise the grade. Failure to pass a “pass or fail” category results in a grade of 50 averaged into the final GPA.

- 1) Two dogs to pass The Dog House Test. (Scored)
- 2) One dog must pass all exercises in an AKC Novice routine and a second (different) dog must pass all exercises in the International BH obedience routine. (Scored)
- 3) One dog to pass all exercises in an AKC Open routine or SchH II Obedience routine. (Scored)
- 4) One dog to do a retrieve on the flat, according to AKC Standards for Open. (Pass or fail)
- 5) One dog trained using ONLY POSITIVE MOTIVATION to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test (CGC). (Pass or Fail)
- 6) One dog to do a retrieve over an AKC regulation high jump. (Pass or fail)
- 7) Two dogs to do a 30 pace send out with a down. (Pass or fail)
- 8) IN-KENNEL TRAINING DOGS (IKT): We provide In-kennel training dogs only to students we feel capable of conducting the necessary training. Grades depend on consistency in the training, handling and care of each dog relative to the owner's request as well as their ability to present the dog to the client on their arrival. Failure to accept or properly train a dog will result in drop of the student's grade. (Scored)
- 9) PUPPY IMPRINTING: (Pass or fail) You can use a puppy for any of the obedience requirements listed above.

Your puppy must be capable of:

- 1 Potty on leash
- 2 Crate training
- 3 100 yard straight line track
- 4 Ball on the wall
- 5 Tug-of-war

10) PRIVATE LESSONS: (SCORED) With the approval of TRS staff, students are able to conduct private training sessions with clients. Each student must complete 20 private training sessions. (Pass or Fail)

11) GROUP LESSONS: (Scored) Students act as participants, helpers, assistant instructors, and public relations representatives in group training sessions. With staff approval, students may also conduct group training classes.

12) PUBLIC RELATIONS and SALES: (Pass or Fail) Lectures and on-the-job experience teach students the skills they need to make sales and deal with customers. MANAGEMENT and “work detail program”: We give a discount of tuition to any student participating in all 20 weeks of the work detail program. Associate Trainer participants will learn to manage fellow students in the TRS work detail program for periods of one week. A weekly management grade ends the period. If a student elects not to take part in the work detail program they must serve their manager term for one week.

- B Agility (Elective) (Scored)
One dog to pass an AKC Novice Agility course (85 passes)
- C TRACKING (Elective) (Scored)
One dog to pass a Schutzhund I or AKC "T" level track
- D NARCOTICS DETECTION: (Elective) (Scored)
One dog trained from start to NNDDA certification or PTN test equivalent.
- E HELPER TECHNIQUES: (Elective) (Scored) Exercises covered in the Program include starting different temperaments, aggression on command, good dog / attack dog sequence, complete bite building, attention to helper, teaching the out, and barking in the blind.

*** A weighted average of category A plus two electives categories determines a student's grade.
(Category A is times three, and each of at least two electives equals one each, written tests equal one)***