

K9 Basic: Obedience

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An Intensive
Introduction to
Leading & Handling
"Working" Breed
Canines

K9 Basic Obedience
that surpasses
expectations.



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When you are focused on creating a long-lasting bond, between your K9 and you, where should you turn? Group Espada's K9 Basic: Obedience program is a unique, intensive and results oriented K9 program - like no other.

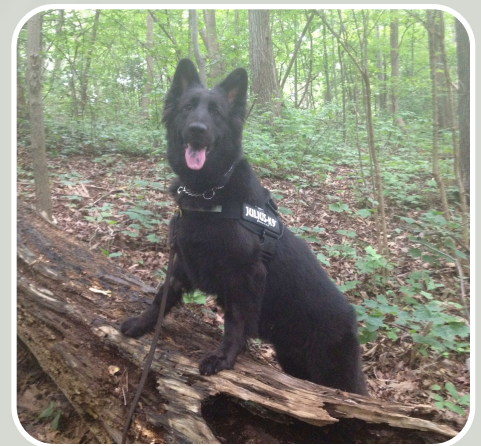
K9 Basic: Obedience (KBO) is a comprehensive obedience program - specifically designed for "working" breed Canines. The program is based on the "Clear Signal Training" (CST) method and unlike other training programs, begins with educating *you* to lead, handle and work with your Canine partner.

Attendees learn "why" Canines behave in certain ways and how-to leverage those behaviors to help create a long lasting bond with

their Canine. This leads to a happier and richer relationship.

KBO is a foundational program that allows you to take on advanced training as you see appropriate. The program covers Core Obedience skills that are believed to be the backbone of further training.

Over the course of the program attendees will work with and without their Canine partners, helping to assure that all skills are well understood before they are attempted.



Unique, Intensive, Foundational
Group Espada's K9 Basic:
Obedience program focuses on
developing a bond between you
and your Canine.

ACADEMIC



Back to School

It all starts with understanding. That is why, unlike other programs, KBO starts by getting you in the classroom, *without* your Canine companion.

We make sure you become a great Handler by building a foundation of understanding and knowledge that you will build upon, when you start working with your Canine.

Introduction to CST

Clear Signal Training (CST) is the methodology used to train Military Special Operation Canines. During this module, attendees will learn how CST works, their roles and what is expected of them to help assure they progress through the program.

Core Handler Skills

Understanding how-to properly use leashes, collars, and other key skills are presented. Our belief is that before you work with your Canine, you need to be well versed in these Core skills, to avoid mistakes and reduce stress.

Canine Social Dynamics

Understanding why your Canine does what it does, and how-to leverage that behavior, is critical to long-term success. This module will examine key drivers (Prey, Play, Praise), Pack Oriented behavior and Leadership Roles, as well as other key Canine Social Dynamics that are essential as you begin working with your Canine.

Canine Leadership

Developing leadership skills is critical to getting your Canine to follow your commands and trust you - this module provides the skills, to help you lead effectively.

Life Long Bonding

A working breed Canine is bond driven. Here you learn how-to establish that life-long bond that bridges the Human and Canine world.



Walking

During this module you will focus on learning to walk properly with your Canine by your side. This evolution will also help to determine your Canine's behavioral drives and begin establishing you and your canine's bond.

Sitting - Stay

In this evolution you will learn to understand the mechanics of getting your Canine to sit and evolve to a stay, with minor distractions.

Down - Stay

Here you will work with your Canine to learn how-to assume the down position. As with the prior module you will work on evolving to a stay with minor distractions.

Long Leash Work

This module focuses on working with your Canine at a distance.

Establishing the foundation for off-leash training (not covered in this program). A key focus of this module is the recall to a sit and the use of hand signals.

Didactic Leadership Skills

Corrections, boundary development and establishing trust are all part of this critical module.

Playing Together

Working with your Canine should be fun. This module will present play tactics, you can build upon with your Canine to reinforce other skills and continue building your relationship.

Transference

Understanding how-to transfer your Handler skills to your family members is critical to making your Canine a true family member. This module helps you, help your family, integrate your Canine.



DIDACTIC



Hands-On

Although the classroom training doesn't stop - this phase of training focuses on you and your Canine working together as a single team.

You will apply all you learned from the Academic portion of the program and continue to refine your skills to help your Canine evolve with you.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Things to Know and Consider

Length

Although an exact amount of time is not set for the program, typical classes take 15-20 hours to complete. This is performed over a series of days and weeks.

Group or Private

We provide both Group (limited to eight Handler/Canine teams) and Private one-on-one programs.

Training

Our training programs are a mix of classroom and hands-on skill development. You will work with your Canine as well as without, in order to assure you fully understand the skills required to be an effective Handler.

We Train You

We are not here to train your Canine, rather we train you to train your Canine. We have found that this is a much more effective approach and provides you with a foundation of skills

that you can use as you continue on your path together.

Unique. Intensive.

This program is unique and intensive. The training framework is not like any other Civilian program we know of and we maintain very high quality standards.

Equipment

You will need a 6' and 30' leather Leash, Martingale Collar, Toy, Snacks, Notebook, Water and an open Mind as well as a desire to work hard.

Are you getting it?

Yes there is Homework throughout the program. There are also Quizzes to measure your understanding and progress. We take our role seriously and want to make sure you truly do progress.



The Fine Print

Odd Couples

We work very hard to make you successful. That said, not all Handlers are right for all Canines or visa-versa. It is critical that you and your Canine are a great fit.

No Trainer is 100% effective and we believe in total transparency. If we determine that, you or your Canine are not right for this Program, or we are not the right Trainers for you - we will let you know. If you are not able to complete the Program, we will pro-rate the Fees and refund any outstanding Monies for the remaining Modules not yet started.

We are different!

Group Espada is not a typical K9 Training Organization. We combine leading edge instructional techniques with practical and real-world training.

Our goal is to assure our Students retain what they learn and can immediately apply the content. We pride ourselves in providing high-quality training programs.

Things to Know

- Our Training Programs are challenging.
- We continually update our Programs to keep pace with the latest information.
- We combine the "how" and the "why" to help you succeed.

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