

# Dawn Finch

## Trainer

Dogs have always been a big part of my life. My family raised Brittanies, and we were active in the MN Brittany Club, competed in field trials, obedience shows, conformation shows, as well as hunting and field training. Throughout my adult life my interest in dogs and dog training has only grown. I currently participate in on a national level in agility, conformation, rally, obedience and herding. I have had the opportunity to own and work with a wide variety of dogs - Brittany, Labrador Retriever, Miniature Pinscher, Rat Terrier, Basset Hound, Old English Sheepdog, Bluetick Coonhound, Australian Cattle dog and mixed breeds. They have all given me experience in the diverse personalities and training needs of a wide variety of dogs. It brings me joy to share my lifetime of canine knowledge as an instructor. I enjoy competing with my dogs. However, my number one priority is for my dogs and I to have a strong bond. This is also my goal for every student team and family who comes through my classes.



# SPECIAL SESSIONS

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons usually take place approx. every other month. Please check our website for upcoming sessions and opportunities.

## Canine Good Citizen Testing

Please visit:

[http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training\\_testing.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm)

Certified Evaluators: Dawn Finch and Linda A. Murray

If interested please e-mail the evaluators.

## Nosework

Does your dog love to sniff out treats and toys?

Join us for our special Nosework Sessions!

Please contact trainer Linda Murray for more information.

## Conformation

Are you interested in learning about showing your purebred dog?

Please contact trainer Dawn Finch for more information.



## QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact our training staff with questions regarding their classes and guidance on what class will be best for your dog.

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# Obedience Classes at The Paw

## Puppy Kindergarten

This 4 week, Puppy Kindergarten is a class designed to get your new puppy off to a good start. Life skills and exposures learned in a positive environment and with controlled outcomes are easiest learned in the first months of life. Puppies will interact with others in this class. Families will learn about feeding, health concerns (vaccinations, spay/neuter and others), developmental periods as their puppy grows into adulthood, new exposures (sounds, textures, motion), potty training and more.

**\* Class is limited to 6 puppies**

Instructor: Dawn Finch

Prerequisites: 8 - 16 weeks old

Monday Evenings from 5:30 - 6:30

Class Fee: \$60.00 (4 week course)

## Basic Manners

This class will cover some of the basic manners issues that tend to be the most troublesome. Dogs can be new students, or graduates of other classes who still could use some polishing of these skills. Items covered will be loose lead walking, jumping, running away instead of coming, and other requests by students in the class.

**\* Class is limited to 6 dogs**

Instructor: Dawn Finch

Mondays from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Prerequisites: at least 4 months of age

Class fee: \$45.00 (3 week course)

## Beginner

Beginner is an eight week program. Two separate sessions are offered, one on Monday evenings, the other on Thursday evenings. All work is done on a 6 foot lead, teaching the handler and dog basic obedience skills.

Included are heeling on a loose lead, sitting politely when greeted by a stranger, sit and stay, and working around people and dogs as distractions.

**\* NO DOGS THE FIRST NIGHT OF CLASS**

Instructors: Dawn Finch & Linda A. Murray

Prerequisites: at least 4 months of age

Monday Evenings @ 6:30 (w/ Dawn Finch)

Thursday Evenings @ 6:30 (w/ Linda Murray)

Class Fee: \$84.00 (8 week course)

## Intermediate

Intermediate is an eight week program, and a continuation of the learning started in Beginner. All work is done on a 6 foot lead. New lessons include down & stay, stand & stay, learning a reliable recall (coming when called) and also working with more distractions. Other skills and exercises for a well behaved dog are also covered.

Instructor: Linda A. Murray

Prerequisite: Completion of Beginner skills or instructor approval

Thursday Evenings @ 7:30

Class Fee: \$80.00 (8 week course)

## Advanced

This class works on fine tuning all lessons learned in the Beginner/Intermediate courses. All exercises are done on and then progress to off lead. Proper heel position and automatic sits are expected when heeling. Recalls, sits and downs are expanded to be done off lead and with the handler further away. Increased dog attention and teamwork between human and dog are developed and expected at this level.

Students in this class are self-paced and are at different levels of proficiency with their training. The Advance class can be repeated indefinitely, as more skills are added for each dog and human team as they progress with their training. Some students are just out of intermediate level classes, where others are close to being ready for other experiences: therapy dog testing, competing in other sports such as rally, obedience or agility. This class is also intended for those who enjoy a really good relationship with their dog, and a well-behaved and easier to live with dog around the home and when in public.

Instructor: Dawn Finch

Prerequisite: Completion of all Intermediate skills, and/or instructor approval.

Monday Evenings @ 7:30

Class Fee: \$80.00 (8 week course)

# Linda Murray

## Trainer

I have attended obedience classes offered by almost every instructor in the Mankato area, beginning in 1976! In 1995, I attended my first agility class in St. Cloud. Since 2000, I have offered classes in Rally, Back Packing, Weight Pulling, Carting, Sledding, Nosework as well as Obedience Training. My own dogs have titled in obedience, rally, sheep herding, lure coursing, snow pull, weight pull, agility, conformation, Barn Hunt, therapy and working Samoyed titles. I am a member of numerous dog clubs and offer a diversified background of dog knowledge to my students.



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