

DTC Trained Dog Levels

Main General Teams

Everyday life skill building

Each dog selected for training requires progressive training. There are 4 training levels. The highest level possible is level 3 (L3). All dog teams start and require foundation level (FL). Upon completion the dog is eligible to immediately begin level 1 (L1). Most dog teams require level one. Each build up training level is 12 consecutive weeks of training the target training exercises within each everyday life training profile.

Starting with an inexperienced dog is foundation level. Foundation training is for all dogs over the age of 4 months. If an adult dog has never been trained, we begin at foundation level. Puppy training is the same as adult dog training but at a puppy level and vice versa. If an adult has never been developed, they are still functioning as a mentally immature untrained dog and require training hours to be completed daily that facilitate behavior change and active learning. Everyone starts with foundation and then moves to level one.

L2 is required for all teams desiring off leash trained dog skills. For example, if your goal is to hike with your dog off leash anywhere regardless of the situation you can expect to train your dog foundation, L1 and L2. In the main 2 training program with your elective as hiking fitness partner. This is 36 weeks of consecutive build up training to achieve this goal.

The two most popular are training electives are hiking partner and practical protection. These utilize foundation level with mandatory on leash and collar training for hiking trails, plus level 1 is required to build up to L2 off leash. With practical protection being mandatory foundation plus level 1 to build the foundation skills necessary in obedience and protection training profiles that lead to level 2 and 3 for viable handler protection in the home or out in public. Those who desire their naturally protective dog to ALSO hike with them and jog around town will require dual purpose training foundation, L1, L2 and L3 which is the full 48-week timeline required to achieve highly trained protection dog, who is social and can be hiked with is dual purpose training. This dual purpose goal is elite.

To summarize,

Main AFD, is with 5 purpose electives that turn out highly trained dogs and handlers. Each handler that trains with Crystal or Ed chooses an elective as their long-term training goal. Every trained dog deserves a trained handler. We work with a handful of dedicated dog people every training year over a long period

of time. DTC's ambitious goal is to reduce dogs being turned over to rescue/shelters due to lack of training. There are 4 levels of trained dogs. Each level is 12 weeks of consecutive build up training.

Main AFD is a family dog and handler team training program that encompasses obedience, socialization and security. Daily workout plans for dogs and handlers in home gyms that lead to mind and body balance and personal fitness.

Consistency through long term training is the nature of dog training. When you choose to train your dog, you are investing in your future wellbeing. Today when you take the first step and begin self-paced online handler training with [Crystal on dogtrainercrystal.com](https://dogtrainercrystal.com) you begin building your relationship with your dog utilizing structure that builds both ends of the leash.

Together you and I can end the era of senseless deaths and overcrowded shelters that house untrained dogs. Trained dogs make the best pets and need you to become trained dog handler. Start your journey with your dog today and create the trained dog lifestyle you dream.