Berkley Parks & Recreation
Dog Obedience Classes

Therapy Dog Preparation + Evaluation
Mondays 8:00 pm
Class will help to prepare students and their dogs to become a certified Therapy Dog team. Class will also address safety precautions, proper visiting techniques, getting around medical equipment and more. Your dog will need to work reliably and test on a flat buckle collar or non-correcting harness (leash fastens on the dog’s back) with a 6-foot leather or nylon leash. Dogs need to be proficient and reliable in basic obedience commands (heal, sit, down, leave it and stay). Dogs must be 1 year old by the last day of class. A Therapy Dogs International (TDI) certification test will be performed at another site some time after class completion. There is an additional $10 test fee. 3 weeks + test week

Intro to Dog Obedience
Wednesdays 7:00 pm six weeks
SMOTC offers this foundation Introduction to Obedience class for all dogs who are at least 6 months old. Learn to train your dog to heel (walk) on lead next to you, sit and down stay, and come when called – to become a more enjoyable member of the family, as well as encourage participation in obedience competition. This is a fast-moving class to teach you to teach your dog basic obedience. This class will require that you work with your dog 10-20 minutes a day during the duration of the classes for best results.

AKC STAR Puppy Class
Mondays 7:00 pm six weeks
Class for puppies purebred or mixed approximately 3 – 5 months of age. Help your new “Best Friend” to develop the good habits it needs in order to become a valued member of your family. Socialization, intro to obedience and problem solving are covered in the classes. AKC STAR Puppy Certification is offered. Minors are invited to attend with a registered adult. Please bring puppy with buckle collar, leash, healthy treats and shot records (required) to first class.

Advanced Dog Obedience
Wednesdays 8:00 pm six weeks
This "next step up" class focuses on sharper obedience work with an eye toward AKC Obedience competition in the Rally and Novice Rings. Off leash heeling is introduced, and fine-tuning other exercises such as the Formal Recall, Figure 8, Group Exercises and Rally signage and performance are emphasized. These are excellent preparatory classes if you are considering competition in the AKC Obedience and/or Rally ring. First-time competitors as well as seasoned showmen are welcome to attend in preparation for earning AKC titles. Bring your dog the first night and shot records.

Monday classes begin January 24
Wednesday classes begin September 26
All classes $70 except Therapy classes $55 (add $5 for Non-residents)

Winter 2 Session starts March 14 & 16

Classes are held at the Berkley Community Center
2400 Robina Avenue  248-658-3470
Register online at recreation.berkleymich.org