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ABOUT US

The best way to learn about Tarheel Canine is to read the testimonials of our customers. We can provide reference lists and contracts with our customers so that you can ask them yourself about their experiences with us. From our pet training to Police K9 services, our goal is customer satisfaction. Canine training is an evolving discipline. As more is learned about dogs, from their physical capabilities to their mental capacities, the way our industry trains dogs is always changing. With Tarheel Canine, you can be assured you are learning the most up-to-date methods and the most efficient training systems in existence. We are efficient, but not expedient at the cost of the dog's comfort. We require our trainers to attend seminars, conferences, and train their own dogs for competition to keep sharpening their skills, so that they can bring you the best information and the latest techniques. Our staff of trainers are motivated and passionate about helping you and your dog reach their maximum potential.

Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. is a NC Department of Agriculture Licensed Boarding Facility. We are DEA, ATF, and NC DHR Licensed for Police K9 training activities. Tarheel Canine is registered with the Department of Defense as a contractor in the CCR database and in the ORCA database. We hold one of the 5 small business awards for the Department of Homeland Security Wide Canine Contract, Tarheel Canine is an A+ Rated and Accredited Company with the BBB of Eastern North Carolina.

Tarheel Canine provides a vast range of services from our world-renowned School for Dog Trainers, which has educated and produced industry leaders in the canine field around the world, to our Police K9 Training Programs responsible for millions of dollars in contraband seizures and the safe apprehension of dangerous felons. Our personalized in-board pet training in basic and advanced obedience can turn an unruly dog into a calm and attentive family companion. We specialize in the management of all types of behavior problems from shyness to aggression cases. We train dogs for personal protection and deliver them to your dog, coach handlers in the sports of Schutzhund and PSA in our protection training club, and import from the best European bloodlines the finest German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, and other working breeds.

Tarheel Canine trainers and staff conduct training for Police K9 units worldwide, the US Army, US Navy and US Navy Special Ops, federal agencies including Department of the Interior, US Forest Service, US Fish & Game, Federal Reserve System Banks from Chicago to Miami, Defense Contractors in Kurdistan and Iraq, and NASA. We have conducted training for and educated K9 Instructors for Civilian Security, Police, and Military units in Belize, US & British Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Brazil, Argentina, Barbados, Costa Rica, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Denmark, Holland, Portugal, and have seminars scheduled regularly overseas. These are the reasons why “Trust the Professionals” is our motto. Our research is wide, but we pride ourselves on having our clients leave feeling like part of the Tarheel Canine family.

Jerry Bradshaw, Tarheel Canine's CEO has written articles and columns for Police K9 Magazine, K9 Cop Magazine, Dog Sport Magazine, and PoliceOne.com, been quoted in Dog World Magazine, and writes for the TK9 Blog. Jerry has presented talks to professional audiences at the HITTS and Law Dog Conferences since 2004. Our staff trainers are members of the Protection Sports Association, NTPDA, American Working Malinois Association, United Schutzhund Clubs of America. We are dedicated to continuing to educate both ourselves and the public through giving and attending seminars, competition and membership in professional associations.

We encourage you to contact us and get to know our trainers and support staff, and see why once you are a TK9 customer, you will want to keep coming back!

HISTORY

Jerry Bradshaw, the founder and CEO of Tarheel Canine grew up in Monticello, in the Catskill Mountains of New York. The son of Lucy and Lee Bradshaw, respected high school teachers both, he excelled in school and upon graduation, Jerry attended Virginia Tech in Blacksburg as an undergraduate, and in 1985 earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. From there, he accepted a research assistantship in the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech, and in 1989 he earned a Master of Science in Applied Economics. Jerry's Master's Program was very successful, and out of his research and his Master's thesis came two peer-reviewed, published articles in the Review of Economics and the Western Journal of Agriculture Economics. Jerry taught college-level classes while at Virginia Tech, and assisted in teaching and research with graduate level classes, as well.

In the fall of 1989, Jerry entered into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and began study in the PhD program in the Department of Economics with every intention of becoming a university professor. Over the next 5 years, he completed all the course work toward a PhD including field exams in macroeconomics, International Economics, Intermediate Micro & Macro, and Business Statistics. In 1993, he was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, and was a finalist for the Lurcy Fellowship. Jerry also taught outside of UNC while working on his dissertation at such institutions as Meredith College (MBA program in Managerial Economics) and Elon College (Full-Time Instructor in Economics).

It was around the latter part of the graduate program at UNC that a particular event occurred to change his life. One evening, while asleep, there was a noise downstairs in his townhouse. Jerry went downstairs to investigate and saw someone standing on the heat pump unit prying at the living room window. It was dark inside the house, so the potential intruder never saw him on the other side of the window. While waiting for the police after calling 911, he slapped a broom against the venetian blinds and scared the intruder off. The police arrived. A suggestion was made to get a dog to keep inside the house, because intruders will not risk the dog alerting the homeowners or worse, biting them, so they would likely move on to another, easier victim.

Up until this point, Jerry never thought about getting a dog. In fact, in 1994 Jerry was 31 years old and had never even had a dog before. He never owned a dog growing up, and at present, there was only a feline living with him and his wife, Sandra. Upon urging from his wife, who grew up with hunting dogs on a farm in rural Virginia, they went to the pound and adopted a German Shepherd Mix puppy named Penny. Penny was the world's worst watchdog, as it turned out. She was happy, frisky, and very friendly, and didn't bark at strangers, not as an adolescent, or ever as an adult! What she did take to was dog training. As any responsible owner, Jerry took Penny to Obedience class at the APS in Chapel Hill, and fell in love with both dogs and dog training. He volunteered to assist the training instructors in class levels from basic through advanced, and also competition classes. He read everything he could on the subject, from popular press, to the behavioral science literature. But the watchdog problem still presented itself.

Jerry began looking through the dog breed encyclopedia to find a dog, similar to Penny, but with a little more nerve for watch-dogging. After finding the Belgian Malinois, and contacting breeders, Jerry purchased a puppy named Arrow from Steve Fitzsimmons in Toronto Canada. Steve implored Jerry to take this dog to structured training in Schutzhund, as the Malinois is a breed in need of a job more than most. Steve also suggested reading on protection sports, and joining a Schutzhund club. Jerry joined the Raleigh Schutzhund Association. Over the next few years, he trained Arrow to five times SchH 3, and appearances at numerous Regional Championships and the 1996 USA Schutzhund National Championships in Charlottesville, VA, where they placed 22nd overall out of a field close to 3 times that number. They scored V in protection with 96 points at the Nationals. Unfortunately, Arrow suffered a stroke and retired from Schutzhund forever. He did make a brief comeback in 1997 at the K9 Pro Sport Nationals, and won 1st Place in the Senior Division. After that, he became a house dog, and the best watchdog anyone could ever ask for.

Jerry also trained an older dog, who was given up on, Ben v. Lowenfels, to SchH 2. Jerry and Ben earned 99 points out of 100 in protection more than once. Ben is the dog in the TK9 logo, jumping with the dumbbell in his mouth.

Jerry went on in his competition career to train 2 more outstanding competition dogs. Jerry titled Rocky, another Malinois he bought at 11 months, all the way to PSA 3, the highest level in the sport, and at the same time re-trained a 1999 KNPV National Championship Participant (Malinois Cross) named Ricardo also to PSA 3. Just before the PSA championships in 20023, Rocky fell ill with cancer and could no longer compete, though he was the odds on favorite to win the Nationals in PSA 3. Ricardo, in a stunning comeback victory; however, did win the Nationals in 2003, in a way winning it for the 3 of them. Both dogs have since been inducted into the PSA Hall of Fame, and Jerry was the first inductee into the PSA 3 Club for trainers who title a dog consecutively from PSA 1, all the way to PSA 3.

As his competition career was taking off, in October of 1994, Jerry founded Tarheel Canine in Sanford, NC with a \$2000 investment from a summer teaching job, along with partner, Lee Justice. Annual revenues in the first full year of operation were close to fifty thousand dollars. After 6 months as partners, Jerry bought out Lee's interest in TK9, and he moved the operation briefly to Pittsboro, and then back to Sanford at the end of 1995. In the first few years, Jerry ran the business by himself, with the assistance of Sandra. The business grew, and in 1998, Tarheel Canine moved into its present location at 230 W. Seawell Street, Sanford, NC. The business hired its first trainer employee in 1997, sold its first police dog that year, and opened the school for dog trainers a year earlier, in 1996. Over the following 10 years, Tarheel Canine had grown to 9 employees and has since become a major player in the police K9 business nationally and internationally.

Jerry and the Tarheel Canine staff have been featured speakers at Police K9 conferences and invited to instruct at workshops around the country, in addition to writing articles for Dog Sport Magazine and Police K9 Magazine. Jerry is a Co-Founder, Judge, and East Coast Director of one of the fastest growing protection dog sports in America, widely recognized as the single most difficult protection sport there is, PSA (www.psa9.org). Jerry and colleagues Brice Cavanaugh (www.teamdog.com) and Sean Siggins co-founded the National Tactical Police Dog Association (www.tacticalcanine.com) to apply many of the same successful scenario-based principles found in PSA to the certification of police dogs.

Jerry and Tarheel Canine have been interviewed in the Miami Herald, Sanford Herald, Dog World Magazine, and Salon.com and have made appearances on WRAL-TV, BBC World News, Harrison Forbes' Pet Talk Radio Program, and WQSM radio. Jerry has trained dogs for movies, commercials, and video appearances with stars like Cicely Tyson, and Peter Bogdanovich. TK9 dogs have appeared in IBM Training Videos and even some horror movies! Recently, Jerry & TK9 were filmed for a feature presentation on the Discovery Channel about protection dogs and how they are trained. Our police dogs are working all over the US from California to Florida in Federal, State and Local jurisdictions.

MISSION STATEMENT

Whether you are interested in having a well-behaved, obedient pet to enjoy, looking to compete in obedience, tracking, Schutzhund, or protection sports at a high level, or are looking for a K9 Law Enforcement Partner, Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. promises to provide the best and most progressive training at a reasonable price, backed with the best possible service for our clients.

OUR TRAINING PHILOSOPHY AND METHODS

Our training philosophy is simple. We recognize every dog and handler team to be unique. Our training is designed to address these diversities. Our goal is to devise a training program for each dog and handler that fits their individual situation. Our training methods are based on motivational principles. Our goal is to motivate the dog to learn and perform, to build confidence in both the dog and handler, through success with humane, consistent, interactive training. We treat each dog as an active participant, a student to be taught and molded, rather than forced. Our knowledge of animal behavior and our years of experience allow us to shape the dog's behavior and enlist their willing participation in the training process

OPERATION AND OWNERSHIP

The institution is owned, managed, and controlled Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. The owner and director is Girard W Bradshaw.

GOVERNING BODY

The governing body is Tarheel Canine Training, Inc., located at 230 W Seawell Street, Sanford, NC 27332. The principal office is located at 230 W Seawell Street, Sanford, NC 27332.

TARHEEL CANINE TRAINING FACULTY

President.....Girard W. Bradshaw

Head Trainer.....Girard W. Bradshaw

Police Dog Trainer.....Abraham Pena

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASS SCHEDULES AND PROGRAM START DATES

A student may enter the school during business hours or scheduled class hours. Program start dates are typically scheduled to be once every four weeks. The date of completion and graduation date is determined by the date that the student is scheduled to complete all of the required classes for the program in which they enroll. All students are awarded a certificate upon completion of the program.

HOLIDAYS

School will not be held on the following holidays. Additional holidays may be declared at the discretion of the President.

New Year's Day – January 1st, 2024
New Year's Day (Observed) – January 2nd, 2024
Good Friday – March 29th, 2024
Memorial Day – May 27th, 2024
Independence Day – July 4th, 2024
Labor Day – September 2nd, 2024
Thanksgiving Day – November 28th, 2024
Christmas Eve – December 24th, 2024
Christmas Day – December 25th, 2024
New Years Eve – December 31st, 2024

HOURS OF OPERATION

The business office is open: Monday – Thursday from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Friday from 8am to 12pm.
Classes are in session: Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Please call (919) 774-4152 after 7:30am for delay or closing information. There will be an alternate greeting that states the current date and whether the center is open as normal, delayed (with the open time) or closed for the day and/or night classes. If the center has lost power there will be no greeting and students can assume that the center is closed. Additionally, closing information will be provided on our website, www.tarheelcanine.com and on WRAL.com.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

We are a premiere training facility in the southeast located at 230 W Seawell Street in Sanford, NC. Our facility is easy to access from Raleigh, Fayetteville, and Greensboro with Highway US 1 and Highways 87 & 421 going right through Sanford. Our facility is an NC-DHHR Licensed Dog Boarding Kennel which is run not only to meet the needs of our training clients, but is now open to all dogs for boarding.

TRAINING FACILITIES

Our primary indoor facility is a 12,000 square foot building with 60 kennel run capacity, 2 lecture classrooms, conference / counseling room, grooming area, and full kitchen. Our facility is climate controlled for maximum comfort with a full modern security system, and all dogs are indoors in the evening.

Outside is out 1500 square foot training area. We also have two fenced outdoor areas, one for training, and one with 10 outdoor runs for our clients dogs to get time outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine during the day.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES

Our partnerships with local law enforcement & emergency management afford us opportunities to train at two different 100+ acre farms, the local Emergency Services training facility, which includes airplane hangers and vehicle impound facilities, a 150,000 square foot warehouse, local secondary and high schools, and a local semi-truck transfer facility. In service training partnerships also exist with RDU Airport Authority for police K9 training at the international airport facilities. There is also a 12 acre outdoor training facility and 25 run kennel, which includes an outdoor training field, K9 agility equipment, and wooded areas for trailing and area searches.

EQUIPMENT

Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. uses a wide variety of equipment such as Bite Suits, Arm Sleeves, Leashes, Collars, Jute and Kong rewards, Electric Dog Collars, and Controlled Substances based on the training course the student begins.

ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

An applicant must be at least 18 years of age and be capable of demonstrating the ability to benefit from the programs offered at Tarheel Canine Training. All applicants are required to possess a High School Diploma or its legal equivalent. Students must provide a copy of their High School transcript or a copy of their Certificate of High School Equivalency (GED) to Tarheel Canine Training upon admission to any of our programs.

Students must show that they have the basic knowledge necessary for the program during an interview prior to enrollment.

A student wishing to apply for enrollment may audit one session of an applications or technical class prior to entering the program at no cost to determine if the program is something they want to pursue.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the nature of this instruction, no credit can be granted for previous educational training on this or similar schooling.

NONDISCRIMINATION

In the process of admission, instruction, career services, and/or program completion, Tarheel Canine Training does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, ethnic origin, age, or marital status.

CANCELLATION

A student may cancel their enrollment prior to the first day of their program as outlined on their Enrollment Agreement. The \$750.00 registration fee is non-refundable if the student fails to withdraw prior to the first day of class. If a student never reports for their program (no show), they are considered a cancellation.

PROBATION

Student actions that will lead to probation include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Failure to meet attendance requirements
- Three unexcused consecutive absences from a course
- Failure to return from a leave of absence as specified
- Failure to comply with code of conduct
- Failure to comply with student performance requirements
- Failure to maintain timely financial payments to their student account

In the event a student is placed on probation, Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. will notify the student via the Probation Notification Letter indicating the specifics of the probation, and the student actions required to proceed with their program. If the probation is due to failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress, the probationary period will be until the completion of the next scheduled course, which may be a repeat of a failed course. During the probationary period, the student is expected to attain the required GPA and maintain the required attendance. If the student fails to attain the required GPA or maintain the required attendance, the student will be subject to further academic disciplinary actions up to and including administrative withdrawal from the program. During the academic probationary period, a student must maintain full-time status and continue to meet the terms of the probation. A student may appeal the determination of failure to meet satisfactory academic progress and the action to be placed on probation.

Students may appeal decisions made by the institution in regards to probation and administrative withdrawals to the school President. An appeal must be made in writing and received by the institution within one week of the date on the Probation Notification Letter or letter of administrative withdrawal. The letter of appeal should be accompanied by any substantiating documentation for the appeal. The President will notify the student of the action regarding the appeal within one week from the receipt of the letter of appeal. The decision of the President regarding the appeal is final.

Students reinstated upon appeal will be placed on a probationary status for the first class in which they are enrolled. The student will be removed from probation once satisfactory progress has been attained.

WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from a program may be requested by the student at any time during their program. The request to withdraw must be submitted in writing to the Office Manager. Withdrawal may also be initiated by Tarheel Canine Training in the form of an administrative withdrawal. Reasons for administrative withdrawal include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Insufficient progress toward program completion
- Fourteen consecutive unexcused absences
- Non-payment of costs
- Failure to comply with code of conduct
- Failure to meet the terms of probationary
- Failure to return from a leave of absence

Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. will notify a student by certified mail if they are being administratively withdrawn from their program.

PAYMENT POLICY

A deposit of \$750.00 is required with the student application to confirm enrollment. This deposit is deducted from the total price of the chosen course. Students are to pay for one-half (50%) of tuition at the start of their course. The remainder of their tuition shall be paid at the half-way mark in their training. Deposits are non-refundable if the student fails to withdraw before the first day of the course. Applicants may push the school start date to a later date with no loss of deposit.

REFUND POLICY

The \$750.00 deposit is non-refundable if student fails to withdraw before the first day of the course. If a student withdraws voluntarily from the program, tuition fees will be refunded as follows: Before the start of classes, 100% and 75% (less the \$750.00 deposit) if the student withdraws during the first 25% of classes. If a student is dismissed from the program by the instructor or the president because of conduct, the tuition fees are non-refundable.

Students may request a refund due to illness or injury by requesting a refund in writing. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the President. If a refund is issued, it will be 25-50% of the original tuition fee if after the first 25% of the class period. If a refund is issued, it will be sent to the student within forty-five (45) business days of the receipt of the written request.

STUDENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE AND TARDY POLICY

It is the students' responsibility to sign the sign-in sheets which are located at the front desk for each class session. The Office Manager is responsible for removing the sign-in sheets 20 minutes after the start of the class. If a student arrives more than 20 minutes late, the student may sign-in, but the Office Manager will mark them as tardy on the sign-in sheet.

Instructors will be provided with sign-out sheets for each class session which they will make available in the classroom. It is the students' responsibility to sign the sign-out sheets. It is the responsibility of the Instructor to note any students' early departure, more than 20 minutes prior to class dismissal, and designate as a tardy on the sign-out sheet. Both the sign-in and sign-out sheets are forwarded to the Office Manager.

Students receive a report of their attendance grade via the grade report following the completion of every course. If a student believes their attendance data is incorrect, they should contact the Office Manager. After one week following the grade report distribution, all attendance data is considered permanent and cannot be altered.

Students are required to maintain an 80% attendance record in each class. Make up hours must be completed under the observation of an instructor.

If a student falls below the 80% requirement, the student will be assigned a course grade of "I" and be placed on probation and required to repeat the course. Students should note that repetition of courses could adversely affect the completion of their program within the maximum time frame allowed and consequently jeopardize their current graduation date.

Students that have more than three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from a course will automatically be placed on probation and be withdrawn from the course. The student may be required to repeat the course. Students should note that repetition of courses could adversely affect the completion of their program within the maximum time frame allowed and consequently jeopardize their current graduation date.

Students who are more than 20 minutes late to a class or leave earlier than 20 minutes prior to dismissal will be marked as absent for the entire class period. After the satisfactory completion of make-up time scheduled with your instructor, you will be marked as present for that class session.

Students who miss more than fourteen (14) consecutive sessions of their program will be administratively withdrawn from their program, and they will have to reapply for admission (See Re-Entry Policy).

Tarheel Canine Training May review attendance records prior to providing placement assistance to its students. Remember that employers need reliable employees. If you know you are going to be absent or tardy, please notify the Office Manager.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are expected to be professional and courteous to their peers, instructors, and staff members at all times. Unprofessional conduct that could lead to immediate administrative withdrawal can be, but is not limited to the following:

- Abusive language or swearing
- Inappropriate usage of program equipment or supplies
- Usage or influence of drugs or alcohol on or off campus
- Malicious sabotaging of other students' equipment, animals, or classroom setup
- Physical or verbal threats
- Sexual harassment
- Theft of property from the school or other students

The standard of conduct for our students is patterned after those commonly found in job situations; however, in some cases, school standards are purposely more demanding. The student is expected to observe the school's regulations, follow the directions given by the instructors, and conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that is a credit to the student, fellow students, and the school.

Tarheel Canine Training reserved the right to determine, at its sole discretion, what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable conduct. Tarheel Canine Training reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, any actions to take in response to unacceptable behavior from probation up to and including administrative withdrawal from the program.

COURSE REPEAT

Students in good standing may retake any class in program from which they graduated for up to one year after their graduation date. **Repeat privileges are not guaranteed.** Tarheel Canine Training periodically modifies their programs in response to new training and local needs. Therefore, not all classes may be available at the time the student wishes to repeat. Additionally, enrollment with a repeat status is based on a space available basis per class. Students attending the class for the time are given priority when it comes to seating availability. If a new version of course-ware (reading materials) has been released and is being utilized in the classroom, students may be required to purchase the newer version.

PROGRAM DISMISSAL / RE-ENTRY

A student can be dismissed and administratively withdrawn, at the discretion of the President, for insufficient progress toward program completion, fourteen (14) consecutive unexcused absences, failure to return a scheduled leave of absence, failure to comply with code of conduct or failure to meet the terms of probation.

A student that has canceled, withdrawn, or has been academically / administratively withdrawn and desires to re-enter the program of study must notify the school and follow the required admission procedures. A student that was academically withdrawn for any reason must have an interview with the President and show cause why they should be reinstated. The decision of the President is final.

GRADING POLICY

Any grade of “D” or above (65% or above) is considered a passing grade for an individual course. A student, however, must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher to be eligible for graduation. Grade of “F” or “I” are counted as clock hours attempted but not achieved and will have a value of 0.0 toward the cumulative GPA. An “I” will be assigned to students who do not meet the attendance requirement for each course. When a course is repeated due to failure or incomplete, the lowest grade will be dropped and the highest grade will be used to calculate cumulative GPA. Repetition of courses may adversely affect a student's academic progress in terms of the allowed maximum time frame, which is 1.5 times the normal program length.

GRADING SCALE

All classes are pass / fail based on the student's knowledge and application of knowledge retained from the class.

Grading scale is as follows: 100% - 65%: Pass, 64% - 0%: Fail or Imcomplete.

Students who withdraw from a program will receive a grade of “I” in each class interrupted by the withdrawal. All interrupted classes must be repeated upon readmission to the institution.

GRADUATION

To satisfy requirements for graduation, a student must complete all classes in the Career or Professional Development Program for which they are enrolled with a grade of “D” or above and an attendance record of 80% or better. A student is also required to have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Upon graduation and completion of the exam, students will receive a certificate of program completion.

STUDENT RECORDS

Students progress reports are kept by the Instructors and Office Manager. The Instructors also keep up with attendance. When courses and the exam are completed, students receive a certificate of completion and progress reports are filed along with student agreements and other student paperwork. These original records will be kept and if the student requests a transcript, copies will be made.

Students must make the request in writing for these transcripts. A transcript request form is available on the Tarheel Canine Training website for the student to fill out. Transcripts will be sent to the student within forty-five (45) business days of the receipt of the written request.

STUDENT RECORD ACCESS AND INFORMATION RELEASE

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Tarheel Canine Training student record access policy is in accordance with FERPA. Students have the right to inspect and review their individual education records maintained by the school. Students may request a copy of their transcript and other education records at no charge.

Students have the right to request that the school correct records which they believe are inaccurate or misleading. If the school does not amend the record, the student has the right to appeal. If after the appeal, the school still decides not to amend the student record, the student has the right to place a written personal statement about the contested information in the student file.

In most situations, the school may not release student information about the student without written consent from the student. However, in accordance with FERPA, the school may release records, without consent to the following or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- School officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, withing a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State Law.

The school, in compliance with FERPA, will annually notify current students of their rights under FERPA.

TUITION

1. A deposit of \$750.00 is required with the student application to confirm enrollment. This deposit is deducted from the total price of the chosen course.
2. Deposits are non-refundable if student fails to withdraw before the first day of the course.
3. Tuition's of \$5000.00 will be broken into two (2) payments. The first payment (50% of tuition) is due on the first day of school. The remaining balance, (50% of tuition, less the \$750.00 deposit) is due at the half-way mark in the class. For example: If you are in a 6 week course, your second payment is due on the first day of the third week of class.
4. Applicants may push the school start date to a later date with no loss of deposit as long as applicants call two (2) weeks in advance of the start date listed on their application.

Current Courses and Prices (Housing included)

Professional Trainer/ Instructor Course (Civilian includes pet obedience/behavior). Tuition is \$6250 (4 weeks), 7400 (6 weeks), \$8500 (8 weeks), 10,750 (12 weeks).

Master Trainer Course (Police K9/ Pro Obedience/ Sport) Civilian or Law Enforcement. Tuition is \$20,695. (6 months).

Police K-9 Trainer/Instructor's Course (Law Enforcement excludes pet obedience/behavior). Tuition is \$6250 (4 weeks), \$7400 (6 weeks), \$8500 (8 weeks), \$10,750 (12 weeks).

K-9 Detection Trainer's Course. \$5250 (4 weeks), \$6400 (6 weeks), \$7500 (8 weeks), \$9750 (12 weeks).

Professional Obedience Trainer's Course. Tuition is \$5250 (4 weeks), \$6400 (6 weeks), \$7500 (8 weeks), 9750 (12 weeks).

Master Obedience Trainer Course (Professional Obedience/Behavior only). Tuition is \$18,695 (6 months).

Tarheel Canine offers Accelerated courses for individuals that can not come to school for any longer than 2 weeks. These classes teach the basics and allows individuals to attend class for 2 weeks and return to work. For example: law enforcement officers that need to get their training so they can be back on the job as quick as possible.

Accelerated Courses (2 weeks each): Professional Obedience Trainer's Accelerated Course (\$3950), Detection Training Accelerated Course (\$3950), Decoy Accelerated Course (\$3950), and Police K9 Accelerated Course (\$4450). Does not include Equipment. Does not include Housing.

Police K-9 Handler Certification Courses: This handler course applies only to handlers with a trained K-9, wishing to certify with that K-9 through Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. Includes handling instruction, lecture, and team certification. Dual 4 Weeks \$3900. Single 3 Weeks \$3250. Does not include Equipment. Does not include Housing.

Housing (Optional): The monthly rate for housing is \$450.

Housing is included in all prices above except for the accelerated courses for which it is prorated if housing is available.

Equipment Provided with School Enrollment (included with 6 Month Course(s) Only)

- Tarheel Canine Training Handbook
- Controlled Aggression Book
- Prong Collar
- 6' Leather Leash
- 30' Long Line
- Tug Reward
- Kong Reward
- Treat/Training Pouch
- Sprayer (Master Obedience Trainer Course will not receive this item)
- E-Collar (Student will receive this item in their last month of the course)

Additional Equipment

Students are encouraged to bring a dog or speak to Tarheel Canine about purchasing a dog to go through school so that the student will leave with a trained demo dog. Tarheel Canine will provide all other equipment for the student to be trained on within the Tarheel Canine Training System including (as per class enrolled): Imported Green Dogs, BSD™ Behavior Shaping Device, Variable Reward Boxes, Bite Bar Sleeves, Belgian Arm Sleeves, agitation harnesses, bite suits, Pseudo Controlled Substances.

COURSES

PROFESSIONAL TRAINER / INSTRUCTOR COURSE

In this course, you will train dogs in our kennel that we provide for you to work with that belong to Tarheel Canine and are going to become real street police dogs, real personal protection dogs, or are pets belonging to our clients. You will work alongside canine handlers going through their handler courses, and world class dog trainers on our staff.

Students are provided with the tools of the dog trainers trade as part of the enrollment and shown how to use and apply theory and these tools in a unique and very general training system called the **Tarheel Canine Training System**. This is a unique and original system of training originally developed by Tarheel Canine Training's Director, Jerry Bradshaw, and is constantly evolving and improving with new research and understanding of behavior and training methods. This is training you can get nowhere else. This system has been developed for and applied by hundreds of previous training students in private training practice, police, and military applications.

Subjects in this course include, but are not limited to:

- Obedience Theory and Practice
- Behavior
- The Business of Dogs

For the 2 week accelerated course: 16 class hours and 64 hours hands-on training. (80 total)

For the 4 week course: 32 class hours and 128 hours hands-on training. (160 total)

For the 6 week course: 48 class hours and 192 hours hands-on training. (240 total)

For the 8 week course: 64 class hours and 256 hours hands-on training. (320 total)

For the 12 week course: 96 class hours and 384 hours hands-on training. (480 total)

For the 6 month Master Trainer Course: 192 class hours and 768 hours hands-on training. (960 total)

POLICE K-9 INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE

In this course you will be certified to train and conduct in-service training for Police K9 functions of obedience, practical agility, decoy techniques, handler protection, criminal apprehension, felony vehicle stops, narcotics detection, and explosives detection. This also includes trailing, evidence, search, tactical building and area search.

Blocks of instruction are included on selection testing police dog candidates, tactical deployment, case law and record keeping, and court testimony. You must be a current law enforcement officer, former law enforcement officer, or pass a background investigation to qualify for this course. Tarheel Canine is one of the only schools in existence that routinely provided trained K9s to law enforcement agencies worldwide.

Subjects in this course include, but are not limited to:

- Obedience Theory and Practice
- Practical Agility
- Decoy Techniques
- Handler Protection
- Criminal Apprehension
- Felony Vehicle Stops
- Narcotics Detection
- Explosive Detection
- Trailing
- Evidence
- Searches
- Record Keeping
- Court Testimony

For the 2 week accelerated course: 16 class hours and 64 hours hands-on training. (80 total)

For the 4 week course: 32 class hours and 128 hours hands-on training. (160 total)

For the 6 week course: 48 class hours and 192 hours hands-on training. (240 total)

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For the 12 week course: 96 class hours and 384 hours hands-on training. (480 total)

K-9 DETECTION

The emphasis for this class will focus on detection training for law enforcement or private security applications. We will cover narcotics detection and explosives detection. Block of instruction are included on selection testing police dog candidates, tactical deployment, case law, record keeping, and court testimony. You must be a current law enforcement officer, former law enforcement officer, or pass a background investigation to qualify for this course.

Subjects in this course include, but are not limited to:

- Narcotics Detection
- Explosives Detection
- Obedience Theory and Practice
- Practical Agility
- Felony Vehicle Stops
- Tracking & Evidence Searches
- Record Keeping
- Court Testimony

For the 2 week accelerated course: 16 class hours and 64 hours hands-on training. (80 total)

For the 4 week course: 32 class hours and 128 hours hands-on training. (160 total)

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For the 12 week course: 96 class hours and 384 hours hands-on training. (480 total)

PROFESSIONAL OBEDIENCE TRAINER COURSE

This course concentrates on companion dog training in an in-board and class setting. The student will cover both on and off leash obedience, motivational techniques, house manners, behavior modifications, and shaping. Trainees will learn how to council pet owners, how to sell their service, and how to follow up with clients to ensure success. Trainees will actually train dogs in our kennel for our clients, under the supervision of a Master Trainer Instructor, so that trainees will have had the experience of training 10-15 dogs (usually more) from start to finish before graduation. Trainees won't question their ability to put theory into action after graduation from our program. Above all, this is a hands-on apprenticeship that will challenge students every day.

Subjects in this course include, but is limited to:

- Obedience Theory and Practice
- Practical Application of training in-board and in-home
- Behavior
- The Business of Dogs
- Counseling Pet Owners
- Selling Your Service

For the 2 week accelerated course: 16 class hours and 64 hours hands-on training. (80 total)

For the 4 week course: 32 class hours and 128 hours hands-on training. (160 total)

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Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. 2024-2025 Calendar

January 2024

- 1 – New Years Day
- 2 – New Years Day (Observed)
- 8 – Start of classes

February 2024

- 2 – End of 4 week classes (January)
- 5 – Start of classes
- 16 – End of 6 week classes (January)

March 2024

- 1 – End of 8 week classes (January), End of 4 week classes (February)
- 4 – Start of classes
- 15 – End of 6 week classes (February)
- 29 – End of 12 week classes (January), End of 8 week classes (February), End of 4 week classes (March)

April 2024

- 1 – Start of classes
- 12 – End of 6 week classes (March)
- 26 – End of 12 week classes (February), End of 8 week classes (March), End of 4 week classes (April)

May 2024

- 6 – Start of classes
- 10 – End of 6 week classes (April)
- 24 – End of 12 week classes (March), End of 8 week classes (April), End of 4 week classes (May)
- 27 – Memorial Day

June 2024

3 – Start of classes

14 – End of 6 week classes (May)

21 – End of 12 week classes (April), End of 8 week classes (May)

28 – End of 6 month classes (January), End of 4 week classes (June)

July 2024

1 – Start of classes

4 – Independence Day (Observed)

12 – End of 6 week classes (June)

26 – End of 12 week classes (May), End of 6 month classes (February), End of 8 week classes (June),
End of 4 week classes (July)

August 2024

5 – Start of classes

9 – End of 6 week classes (July)

23 – End of 6 month classes (March), End of 12 week classes (June), End of 8 week classes (July)

30 – End of 4 week classes (August)

September 2024

2 – Labor Day (Observed)

3 – Start of classes

13 – End of 6 week classes (August)

20 – End of 12 week classes (July), End of 6 month classes (April)

27 – End of 8 week classes (August), End of 4 week classes (September)

October 2024

7 – Start of classes

11 – End of 6 week classes (September)

25 – End of 6 month classes (May), End of 12 week classes (August), End of 8 week classes (September)

November 2024

1 – End of 4 week classes (October)

4 – Start of classes

15 – End of 6 week classes (October)

22 – End of 6 month classes (June), End of 12 week classes (September), End of 8 week classes (October)

28 – Thanksgiving Day (Observed)

29 – Day after Thanksgiving (Observed), End of 4 week classes (November)

December 2024

13 – End of 6 week classes (November)

20 – End of 6 month classes (July), End of 12 week classes (October)

24 – Christmas Eve (Observed)

25 – Christmas Day (Observed)

26 – Boxing Day (Observed)

27 – End of 8 week classes (November)

31 – New Years Eve (Observed)

January 2025

25 – End of 6 month classes (August), End of 12 week classes (November)

February 2025

22 – End of 6 month classes (September) 26

March 2025

22 – End of 6 month classes (October)

April 2025

26 – End of 6 month classes (November)