



# Spirit Ridge

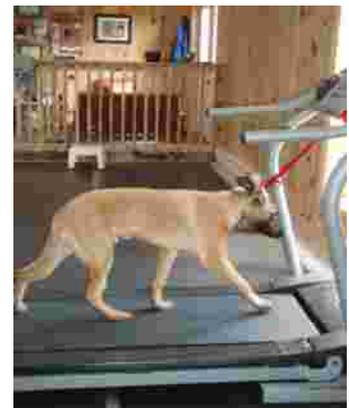


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'... because sit happens!'

## Top 10 Reasons to Bring Your Dog to Spirit Ridge K9 Training & Rescue

1. Our group obedience classes are limited to a maximum of 6 dog/handler teams to ensure personal trainer attention. Our agility & Rally Obedience classes are limited to a max. of 4.
2. At Spirit Ridge, we believe that any handler can train a dog in obedience on their own – which is why our group obedience classes are a combination of training and behaviour modification work. Classes are designed to help handlers with difficult dogs and help everyone learn to understand and how to communicate with their dogs.
3. Since we are a private rescue facility, we are experienced and ideally suited to help handlers address rescued dogs' behavioural issues.
4. Since we are primarily in the 'business' of rescuing dogs, our course fees and private session rates are both competitive and offer true value for your hard earned dollars.
5. At Spirit Ridge K9 Training & Rescue, when you sign up for any of our services, you get the personal attention of our head trainers instead of an inexperienced trainer that we trained and delegated classes to! Furthermore, you are only a stranger once at Spirit Ridge! Once a client, you will always have online or telephone support with future issues you may face with your dog – even long after your classes have ended.
6. We do not sell dog food, equipment, dog sitting, walking, grooming or waste cleaning services. We specialize and focus on one and only thing – training you and your dog!



7. Spirit Ridge does not use the 'cookie cutter approach' to training you and your dog. Regardless of the course or service you register for, we assess your dog's temperament as well as your skill level and match the recommended techniques to your dogs. We are the only local area training school that has pioneered and implemented (among other techniques) the use of a treadmill (where indicated) as a focal point of training clients' dogs – and helping clients satisfy many high energy dogs' requirements.



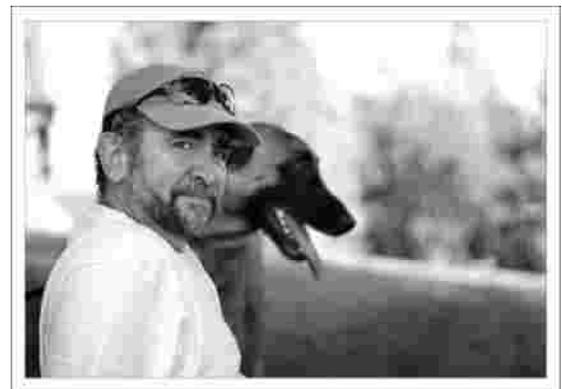
8. Revenues earned from dog training & behavioural consultations are used to fund our private rescue, our training facility, the maintenance of the equipment clients use, as well as our volunteer 'Paws for Literacy®' programme – which is a not-for-profit, community based initiative encouraging school-aged children to read to a special "Paws" pal (for more information, check out the 'Paws for Literacy®' link on our website ([www.spiritoridge.net](http://www.spiritoridge.net))).

9. If you are interested in eventually entering obedience, Agility, Rally Obedience and Tracking trials, we have the experience to properly prepare you for the trials and eventual successes!



10. Since our primary goal is to get handlers working with their dogs in order to help them develop a bond, we create a class environment where handlers progress at their own pace. We do not hold back dog/handler teams from progressing quickly just for the sake of generating more revenues. We do, however, hold a high standard for handler/dog teams to strive for whether you are seriously preparing for a competition or just plain having fun!

It is my personal hope that the preceding are descriptive and convincing enough for you to list Spirit Ridge K9 Training & Rescue as one of the potential facilities you would like to train at. As usual, we recommend that anyone looking for a training school ask many questions about how and where training takes place, who the trainer you will be hiring is and their experience or credentials, what the objectives are and how the trainers deal with 'difficult' dogs in class. Since there is no uniform standard or an accreditation of dog training schools, it is extremely important you do your due diligence before signing up. At Spirit Ridge K9 Training & Rescue, we will answer any questions about our training and philosophy – you may contact us by e-mail: [jim@spiritoridge.net](mailto:jim@spiritoridge.net) or by phone: (519) 855-6962.



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