

Living With Dogs

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Positive Training Fetches Positive Results

Getting the Most From Your Training Class

We look forward to meeting you and working with both you and your dog!

WHAT TO BRING

- A smile.** Relax, wag your tail and enjoy some fun, quality time with your dog.
- Proof of vaccinations from your vet is required at the first class.**
- Mark your calendar** with class dates and location.
- Please potty your dog for at least five minutes before coming into class.** Be responsible: always bring bags and PYP (Pack your poop).
- A hungry dog and 500 tiny split pea-sized treats.** A *variety* of *soft* healthy meat, hot dog, liver, jerky, cheese or commercial treats that you cut up into tiny pieces. These positive rewards should be highly *valued by your dog*. Kibble and crunchy baked treats are stingy “minimum wage” treats for most dogs. Adjust your dog’s calorie intake for the treats. Feed a small amount of treats 3 days in advance to adjust your dog’s tummy.
- Water** for you and your dog and a bowl. Especially for the outdoor and sport classes.
- Tug or squeaky toy** as a play reward and for recess. If your dog is toy motivated you can use a game of tug as a reward instead of treats. Children generally should not play tug with dogs.
- A treat bag** that is easy-access, washable, can be worn **HANDS-FREE** on your body and **DEDICATED** for treats. We suggest the Premier Treat Pouch by Terry Ryan, available from Living with Dogs or at local pet stores.
- Flat buckle/snap collar** (Please, no choke chains or prong collars!) and a **Leather, nylon or cotton 4-foot leash preferred.** (No chain, Flexi or retractable leashes.)
- For Agility: Cross-training type athletic shoes** with traction.
- A rug, towel or bed** for your dog to lie on when they are not working or when they are working on “go to your mat” exercises.
- Comfortable, layered clothing.**

Practice makes Perfect!

You’ll find that your dog will do better with a little practice and encouragement. **Read the handbook and we suggest that you practice for at least two minutes five times daily.** Students will receive instructions to download the handouts **via email** after the first class.

Cancellation

Group class enrollment can be cancelled with 24 hours notice before the first class. **Make-up sessions** for missed classes are available for an additional fee of \$75 per hour based upon availability.

Referrals

We always appreciate your referrals! Please mention us to your vet and your friends.

Your registration is confirmed when your completed form, proof of vaccines and check are received.

**Send your completed form and check to: Living with Dogs
PO Box 1222, Capitola, CA 95010**