

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

-  **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.** Puppies must have received two puppy shots prior to the first Puppy Kindergarten class.
-  **Please potty your dog for five minutes before entering class.** Please keep the class area clean for your dog and others. Urine or feces smell are smelly, distracting for your dog, and will attracts others to potty on the same spot.
-  **A hungry dog and 500 tiny split pea-sized treats.** "Tail-Mix" is a *variety* of *soft* healthy meat, hot dog, liver, jerky, cheese or commercial treats that you make and cut up into tiny pieces. These positive rewards should be highly *valued by your dog*. Kibble and crunchy 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.
-  **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.
-  **Waist/fanny pack** that is washable and **DEDICATED** for treats. Fanny packs are washable and you can get your hand in and out of them quickly (unlike small bait pouches). Plastic bags are hard to get your hand in and out of and are very distracting for the dogs.
-  **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 shoes** with traction and ankle support.
-  **For Family Dog I & II: A rug, towel or bed** for your dog to lie on when they are not working or when they are working on floor exercises.

What to Wear

Wear comfortable, layered clothing, we may work with your dog on the floor or ground.

Homework

We will cover a lot of material and give you instructions to achieve your goals; **for best results read the handbook and practice exercises for two to three minutes five to six times daily.** Students will receive instructions to download the training handouts and homework assignments **via email** after the first class.

Cancellation

Group class enrollment can be cancelled with 24 hours notice before the first class. After that date, **make-up sessions for missed classes are available for an additional fee.** Rescheduling is based upon availability.

Private Lessons: If you need to cancel or reschedule your lesson, please give at least 24 hours advance notice to avoid forfeiting your lesson.

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: Sandi Pensinger – Living with Dogs
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