



PET MANNERS CLASS

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Welcome to ADOG. In this course, we train dogs to do the basic exercises necessary for any well-behaved pet. More important, however, we teach you how to communicate to your dog what you want it to do.

Below are some basic rules that will aid you in training your dog. Please read them carefully, as there is a reason for all of them.

1. To help the elimination problem, do not feed your dog before class or feed only a small portion. If dog has an accident, we have clean-up supplies available for you to use.
2. Keep your dog away from the other dogs. All dogs may not be as friendly as yours.
3. For safety, we ask that you wear tennis shoes for secure footing. No "slide on" shoes.
4. If you use anything other than a buckle collar for training, remove it immediately after each practice session.
5. Keep your temper and be cheerful while training. Play with your dog before and after each training session so that the association remains pleasant.
6. Be consistent in giving commands. Don't say, "Fido, Come" one day and "Come Here, Fido" the next and expect him to know what you mean. Simple one-word commands, "Fido, Come", will help the dog learn more quickly.
7. Your dog **must** pay attention to you. If your dog is thinking about something else, he won't learn as well. Several attention-getting exercises will be demonstrated. Use one of them any time your dog's attention strays.
8. The voice, a training tool, can change a dog's attitude during training. Learn to read your dog; adapt your tone of voice to produce the desired reaction.
9. No two dogs learn the same way or at the same rate. Dogs are individuals and will not necessarily react as another dog would, even if they are the same breed.
10. Dogs do things that are to their advantage and avoid those that are to their disadvantage. Dogs, in learning what you want them to do, should have pleasant experiences.
11. The most important point in training a dog is to have fun and enjoy yourself and your dog. Let him sense your love and encouragement. Your verbal praise and physical petting will reinforce your pleasure in his correct behavior. Be very firm, insist that the dog do whatever you tell it to do, and do it immediately, but follow with such enthusiastic praise that your dog will be thrilled to do what you want.
12. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend the remaining classes in this session it will be necessary for you to notify us before the second week of class in order to receive a refund less a service fee.
13. We cannot allow children under the age of 12 to handle the dog in class. Family members are more than welcome to observe and should be involved in the weekly homework.

Be a responsible pet owner – ALWAYS have bags with you to pick-up after your dog.

"QUIET !" There is no need for a dog to be permitted to constantly bark in class or at home. Try feeding your dog small, soft treats one after the next. The dog will physically be unable to bark when his mouth is full of treats. Tell him, "Good quiet". Timing is extremely important, be sure you are rewarding the quiet and not the barking.



PARKING

No parking is allowed in front of any other business.

"QUIET!"

There is no need for a dog to be permitted to constantly bark in class or at home. Barking dogs aren't paying attention and it makes it difficult for the instructor and other students. Ask your instructor to help if you are not able to control your dog's barking.

LEASHES

- ALL dogs will be on leash at ALL times, inside and outside the building, except when directed by your instructor.
- Dogs should never be left in the control of a child.

CLEAN UP/DOGS IN SEASON

- We must be very strict about keeping all areas around the training facility clean. A poop station is in front of our facility. If you choose to exercise in a different area clean-up is still required. To help avoid a problem, please do not feed your dog after noon on class days or feed a small portion.
- Please do not allow your dog to soil common areas, doorways, cars, etc.
- Should your dog have an accident inside, clean-up supplies are available.
- We ask that smokers dispose of their cigarette butts in the container provided by the door.
- We do allow bitches in season to attend class; however, students must meet the following three requirements. 1) The bitch must wear britches for her entire heat cycle so that our matting is protected, 2) student must notify instructor or assistant when entering class that their bitch is in season and 3) it is the student's responsibility to make certain their dog is on a tight lead and monitored at all times. There are no exceptions to this policy.

CRATES

- Crates may be set up in the observation area only.
- Metal crates may not be set up on matting without adequate protection underneath the crate.
- Crates may not be left in building overnight.

OTHER

- Children are welcome to observe class, but someone must supervise young children other than the person training the dog. No running is allowed in the building.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Please take a moment to read the Welcome and Building Guideline sheets as they contain useful information for you and your dog. You should plan on training at least 15 minutes each day. Training with food works best when your dog is hungry and the treats should be small and soft so that you do not have to wait while your dog chews. Use the treats your dog likes best when you are teaching something new or if he does something perfectly the first time you ask, your dog will try harder to understand what you want if the pay is very good.

ALWAYS GIVE COMMANDS IN THIS ORDER

- Dog's Name – Command – Praise (when done correctly) – Reward – Release

THIS WEEK AT HOME YOU AND YOUR DOG WILL BE PRACTICING

- Name Recognition
- Watch (from side and front)
- Sit
- Down
- Leave It

NAME RECOGNITION

Your goal is to have your dog look at you every time you say his name. Teach this throughout the day whenever you say your dog's name. Praise as your dog orientates toward you and reward close to your body the moment your eyes and his eyes connect.

WATCH

Start with your dog in a sit, toe-to-toe. Bring food from dog's nose to your forehead. Your dog's eyes and your eyes should be locked. Practice from front position (toe to toe) and with dog on your left side. Start with a second or two; add on, as dog is successful. Remember to release before dog looks away. Also praise and reward for random watches throughout the day.

SIT

Have the collar high, buckle under neck (do not use a prong collar).

1. With your right hand, hold a cookie just above your dog's nose and slightly toward the top of his head and say, "Dog, Sit".
2. As the dog's head goes up, his rear should lower. When his rear makes contact with the ground, praise and reward. You may gently guide the dog into a sit by running your left hand down his back. **Remember to release.**

DOWN

1. Start from a sit with dog's buckle under his neck. Kneel next to your dog on the right side and command, "Dog, Down".
2. Hold cookie at dog's nose and slowly bring cookie down past dog's neck and chest, holding cookie very close to skin. Then slowly bring cookie out between the dog's paws (think of drawing an "L"). When your dog's elbows and belly have touched the ground, make sure you praise and reward with cookie on the ground between front paws. Release.

Have some fun! Play a game with random downs throughout the day. Don't forget your praise and reward.

LEAVE IT

1. Have your dog on leash while practicing this exercise.
2. Set some food or toys on the floor and walk by. Stop, stand still, making sure dog cannot reach food or toys, Say, "Dog, Leave It." When your dog hesitates and looks at you, praise and reward. Give your dog the opportunity to make the right decision.
3. You can also practice this during the day for controlling unwanted jumping, sniffing, etc.

REMEMBER

While teaching your dog new commands, remember to be enthusiastic and upbeat. Attitude is contagious. Mix play and training.

When your dog does something wonderful, have a party with lots of praise and treat!