

## **Class Guidelines:**

**Basic Manners Class** is a 6 week class designed to strengthen the bond and communication with you and your dog in a distracted environment. There will be a high rate of food rewards so you should reduce your dog's meal accordingly prior to class. You don't want to over feed them but you don't want them starving either. We will run through multiple exercises each week. The first week is like working in neutral, 2nd week is first gear etc until we can work in 4th gear around other dogs. We will expand on each exercise from week to week by adding more criteria continuing with food rewards and learning how to reduce the rate of reinforcement.

This is an on-leash class and it is not recommended for dogs to interact with other dogs. Your dog has to learn to settle and be comfortable around other dogs and people without increasing arousal or frustration.

**Main Handler** - There should be **one main handler** attending all classes. You are welcome to invite other people from your household to attend and observe but only one handler will be working with your dog and if time allows you can allow your guest to work with your dog.

If you cannot attend a class and will have someone come in your place that person should have participated in prior classes so they can continue on from the previous week.

Please be respectful to others that your conversations disrupt others in the class and you will delay the class if you need the instruction you missed repeated.

**Be on Time** - I'll be there 15 minutes prior to class to allow you to have the time to settle your dog and give them a chance to eliminate prior to class starting. Class starts at the time stated and if you come late it will delay the entire class. Coming in and out of class is disruptive to others and often delays the class instruction until all the dogs settle.

If someone is joining you they need to be there when class begins. Even 10 minutes late disrupts the class.

**Cell Phones** - it's extremely distracting and inconsiderate to take a call or text during class.

**Missing Classes** - if your dog becomes ill or injured then you should still attend the class without your dog. You can benefit just as much or more from observing others.

If you miss a class you can arrange for a private session to catch up. I offer a discount for people that are in classes to accommodate this. This is required if you have missed 2 classes.

**Smoking**- For the safety of your dog and other puppies please pick up your cigarette butts from outside Canine Campus. Nicotine is extremely toxic to dogs. Xylitol in gum is very toxic as well. Note: Many dogs have experienced marijuana toxicity after going to a public areas. If your dog is showing sudden signs of dizziness or nausea please call your vet.

Please do not wear perfume or cologne to class.

Thank you