

Dog Training Rules & Requirements



Vaccinations

All dogs must be up to date with their vaccinations.

All puppies and new dogs must present a minimum C5 Vaccination Certificate prior to their first training session.

Keeping Grounds Clean

Clients must ensure they clean up after their dogs.

Clients are required to supply and carry enough bags to ensure grounds are kept clean.

Training grounds must be left in the same, clean condition in which they were found.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear must be worn to all classes and during training.

Thongs and high heels must not be worn for safety reasons and mobility whilst training.

Dog to Dog

Clients must ask first before approaching another dog.

Dogs must be kept at an appropriate distance during class, unless during socialisation or under instruction.

Clients must never allow their dog to approach a tethered dog.

Person to Dog

Clients must ask first before approaching another dog.

Clients must keep an appropriate distance during class, unless during socialisation or under instruction.

Clients must never approach a tethered dog.

Equipment

Extendable leads are not permitted for use during class.

Leads, flat collars, check chains, head collars and muzzles, must be in good condition and fit securely, to ensure control of your dog.

Check chains are not permitted on puppies under 20 weeks of age or used on certain breeds and may be subject to instructor's discretion.

Dogs on Lead

Dogs must be on lead at all times, unless under instruction in Navy Collar or Black Collar classes.

Dogs must be under effective control at all times.

Codes of Conduct

All clients and participants of this Council facilitated training must be courteous and respectful of all open space and park users during training and class times.

The trainer is dedicated to providing a fun, friendly and professional service, focused on community service and safety, animal welfare and responsible dog ownership.

REACTIVE / AGGRESSIVE DOG TRAINING – ADDITIONAL RULES

- Those dogs who are required to wear a muzzle must do so
- all equipment must be secure and intact
- no clip collars or retractable leads are allowed
- all owners must maintain a safe distance from other dogs in class
- all owners must follow directions from the instructor at all times
- dogs to be held on lead at all times

For the introduction session (1st session) dogs are not to be brought to class. This is so the trainer can discuss issues and introduce owners to techniques that they will use without barking or lunging dogs for that session.

DOG TRAINER

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FROM THE TRAINER

I will normally have equipment out so you cannot miss me, if you get lost then please give me a call. The only time classes may be cancelled is if it is raining or if it is overly hot. I will always let attendees know about any cancellation by text message so if you do not hear from me then classes are on.



TRAINING

Training, experience and exposure to the world are all essential to your dog's development, ability and confidence to exist and live in human society and the Community.

The earlier you start training your dog, the better - for puppies, early introduction and positive experiences to everything the puppy will be exposed to in the world during its critical period (6-16 wks), are essential for a well adjusted and confident dog later in life.

When you stop training and teaching your dog, bad behaviours can creep in - regular, ongoing training and socialisation is essential to maintaining skill levels and desired behaviours throughout your dog's life.

The longer that undesirable behaviours have been ignored, the more they can escalate and be harder to modify or be fixed later - act on fixing the problem early, teach your dog everyday and train your dog on a regular basis to maintain desirable behaviours.

There is a lot more involved in dog training, but here are a few tips and basic principles to help as a guide.

Dogs learn from experiences very quickly - Be careful what you teach

Bond and trust goes a long way - Your leadership eases stress on your dog

Motivation is a key to training your dog - More positive than negative experiences

Always be in a position to act - Only give a command if you can enforce it

Timing is everything - You get what you reward for

Catch your dog before the unwanted behaviour - Reward your dog upon the desired behaviour

Be consistent in your training and in the boundaries you set for your dog

NILIF - Nothing In Life Is Free

Reduce the freebies you give your dog to increase their value during training (Pats, Treats, Toys)

Your dog is your responsibility for the life of your dog.

There is always a solution to your dog's problems, so don't give up and don't get frustrated

Give your dog the best life you can because they deserve it and will repay you 10-fold

Good luck and always enjoy your training.