

What To Bring For Group Classes:

- **Youself and anyone else who will be involved in training or living with your dog** (spouse, significant other, well-behaved children, roommates, etc.). If you bring a child, they must be 12 years or older. Remember to keep yourself and anyone else involved with training your dog during class away from the other training guests.
- **Your dog**, wearing a standard 6 foot leather or flat nylon **leash** (no chain, retractable or braided) and properly fitted **collar**; **Choke chains, prong, correction collars are not allowed or advised**. Gentle Leader or Easy Walk head collars are allowed and often recommended, but not required. Harnesses are only advised if your dog should not have anything around their neck due to medical issues.
- **Treats**: preferably something soft and stinky. Hot dogs, pieces of string cheese, roast beef, or pieces of rotisserie chicken can all be great, high-value reinforcement for your dog as well. Some other common training treats include Zuke's Mini Naturals, Ziwi Peak, Buddy Biscuit Natural Soft & Chewy, though I've seen these work best at home or in easier environments with less distractions. In general, find a treat or other food item your dog goes crazy for, even when there is a lot going on!
 - If your class or lesson will take place close to meal time, be careful not to feed your dog right before class. If he's full, he may have less motivation to work. You can also use your dog's kibble for treats.
- **Treat pouch**: This is optional, but it's highly recommended you bring some kind of bait bag to make it easy to carry and hold your treats. You may feel frustrated if you are trying to juggle a plastic baggie or a bag of treats that's not meant for carrying with you.
- **Poop bags** for group classes
 - Also, if your puppy has not been cleared to be out in public and isn't currently taking walks outside, you may want to bring a potty pad to create a potty area if you're taking a group class.
- **Water** (There will also be a water bowl in class, but it's good to get into the habit of ensuring your dog has water when you are bringing him out and about)
- **Optional**: A small mat, towel, or blanket that your dog might like to lay on during class. Eventually, we'll use a mat in class and you will need to bring one. I'd recommend a bath mat, a yoga mat (possibly cut to size), or a dog mat.

CLASS RULES:

- All dogs and owners must observe the “**4 foot rule.**” This means that everyone must stay at least 4 feet away from every other dog, *especially* the first day of class. BE AWARE of your dog's location at all times. Do not approach other training guests.
- Please arrive about 10 minutes before your class begins. Take a space away from the area where other guests and their owners will be entering.
- **Do not bring female dogs in heat to any classes or events.** You, as the owner, should still attend though. Female dogs wearing 'garments' to cover them in heat are not permitted either.
- Family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. However, there are no babysitting services available. Children under the age of 12 are not considered to be eligible to participate as a primary handler in class, unless prior approval is given. Please tell your children they are NOT permitted to pet other dogs in class unless permission is given to do so; not all dogs are comfortable with children, and we want to keep everyone safe & happy.
- We will take a break at the halfway point. Please use the designated potty area for dogs. You must pick up after your dog at all times.
- Please do not allow your dogs or children to climb on any of the equipment.

WHAT TO WEAR (OR WHAT NOT TO WEAR!):

- **Please wear Gym-type shoes. No open-toed, open-heel sandals, flip flops, or high-heeled type shoes.** If proper footwear is not worn, you will NOT be permitted to do class, and you can not take class in bare feet. This applies to any family members that are attending classes, including children. This is a safety concern for all, so please be prepared. If you forget to wear proper shoes, you can sit out for class. Scarves or items hanging down into the dog's face will be asked to be removed while training. Long pants or jeans are recommended also.