

# **PAWS-ITIVELY OBEDIENT**

## **First Class Information Sheet**

Welcome to Paws-itively Obedient's "people training" course! We are here to instruct YOU and your FAMILY how to teach your dog. This sheet is provided so you become familiar with our guidelines, know what to expect, and ENJOY your time during class. If you have family members that do not attend classes, please let them know that they are welcome to come, anytime.

1. Please wear clothes that you are comfortable in, and sneakers are usually a good idea. We spend time standing, or on the floor with our pups.
2. We recommend that you feed your dog only 1/3-1/2 his/her regular meal before class, as we want them hungry and motivated by food.
3. Please allow your dog to poop/pee in designated areas. It is your responsibility to clean up after your dog. Bags and cleaning supplies will be provided at class. If you need help, ask one of the staff or a fellow class member to hold your dog while you clean up after your dog.
4. If your dog is **sick**, please **do not** bring the dog to class, **but please come without them**. You can still learn something and watch the lesson and get homework for when your dog is feeling better.
5. Please bring a 4 or 6 foot leash that is comfortable for you to hold and your dog should be wearing a collar. We recommend cotton-web leashes and will explain in class the benefits of head halters and front-connect harnesses. (NO RETRACTABLE LEASHES, NO PINCH/CHOKE/PRONG COLLARS ARE USED IN CLASS.)
6. Food rewards are a very important tool for training. Please bring food rewards that are extra special, soft (easily chewable) and will be unique to training sessions. For example, freeze dried liver, cooked chicken, cheese, hotdogs, etc. (\*\*see below for where you can get special training treats). Size of the rewards is also important, they should be very small pieces, approximately 1/4 inch.
7. In order for your dog to be successful, everyone in the family needs to be consistent with the training. We welcome everyone that will be involved in training the dog, if this is not possible, we strongly encourage you to relay what you have learned in class to them.
8. If the weather is questionable, please call ahead. I will have a message on my machine stating that class is canceled (if that is the case) or I will call you and cancel myself.
9. **SMILE, RELAX, LEARN, AND HAVE FUN!!**

We occasionally may ask to "borrow your dog" for demonstration purposes, which, in that case, just sit back, relax, and watch. Remember everything we teach to your dog is a whole new life experience for them. Don't be embarrassed; there is NOTHING that your dog can do that we haven't seen before.

**KEEP SMILING AND ENJOY YOUR DOG!!**

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