



# DOG TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR

## CLASS RULES

### Materials:

1. You will need a training collar or halter of appropriate size, but wait until you bring your dog to class to determine the best tools to use. Just bring him/her on whatever you are currently using.
2. 6' training lead (*leather or nylon*), not a retractable leash.
3. Optimistic outlook (*mandatory*)
4. 20' longe line (*optional*). This can be a retractable leash.
5. Dog (*recommended*).

### Rules:

1. Class starts promptly. The first 10 minutes are to be spent walking your dog to accustom him/her to the environment and to prepare you both to start work.
2. Please do not run or exercise your dog before class.
3. There is no hitting, kicking or abusive discipline allowed.
4. Class will not meet if it is raining. If it has rained that day, it may be too wet to work, so please call (310) 559-5900 after 8:00 am for morning classes, and after 5:00 pm for evening classes. Our message will tell you if classes are canceled.
5. Please do not use treats or other food rewards.
6. Homework consists of working your dog 10-15 minutes a day only.

Involve your entire family in the training, but try to be consistent in who handles your dog in class. If you miss a session and a family member takes your place, teach him or her what you have learned so he/she won't be completely lost.

No matter what problems you may have with your dog, there is hope! Keep a good attitude, and know that you have taken a step in the right direction. Ask lots of questions and call if you need help during the week.

Last but not least, HAVE A GOOD TIME! If you enjoy yourself, so will your dog. A dog who enjoys behaving will behave. A dog who is forced to behave may not.

Private Instruction Available