



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 or her on whatever you are currently using.
2. A six-foot training lead (*leather or nylon*), not a retractable leash.
3. Optimistic outlook (*mandatory*).
4. 20' long line. 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 or 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. Weather, either excessive heat or rain, may lead to class being cancelled. If it has rained or if excessive heat is predicted, please check the website one hour before the start of class; the banner at the top will announce if classes are cancelled for that day.
5. Please do not use treats or other food rewards.
6. Homework consists of working your dog 10-15 minutes a day. Involve your entire family in the training but try to be consistent in who handles your dog in class.
If you must 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. Most important, 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.