



Member of the American Kennel Club

## ANDERSON OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB, INC.

# GENERAL CLASS INSTRUCTIONS

Our puppy and basic obedience classes are designed for the purpose of teaching owners  
"How to Train and Gain Control of Your Puppy or Dog."

### KINDERGARTEN PUPPY TRAINING (KPT)

- For puppies 7 weeks to 5 months of age. Class meets one hour a week for five weeks.
- Puppies are required to be current on their shots. Bring most current shot/health record when enrolling.
- Please bring: leash, buckle collar, small blanket or rug, and puppy's favorite treat or toy
- In hot weather, bring drinking water/bowl for your puppy
- **We do NOT recommend the use of a harness or flexi leash for training in the classes.**

### BEGINNERS BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE

- For dogs that are five months of age or older. Class meets one hour a week for five weeks.
- Dogs are required to be current on their shots. Bring most current shot/health record when enrolling.
- Equipment for Basic Class: Leash (**leather recommended for most dogs**), correctly fitted choke chain training collar. To fit your dog with a chain collar, measure around the widest part of the dog head (which is usually around the ears) and add one to two inches for the measurement. Link to J&J Dog Supplies. For collars: <https://www.jjdog.com/herm-sprenger-chain-training-dog-collars/> . For leashes: <https://www.jjdog.com/dog-gear/collars/nylon-collars/>
- For safety reasons, wear comfortable clothes and low heel shoes with a rubber sole (athletic type shoes).
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### OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

- Children who are not youth handlers are welcome to attend classes with their adult guardian, but, as a safety precaution, they must remain seated outside the work area during class sessions. Children must not pet other dogs without the permission of the owner.
- All dogs are to remain on leash and under control at all times - during class and while entering and leaving the building.
- You should get your puppy or dog used to the leash and collar before the first night of class. If you have any question on how to accomplish this, we will be glad to help you.

- In the event you have to miss a class, inform your instructor so arrangements may be made to help with the class work you will miss.
- Bitches in season are not permitted in class.
- Physical punishment is not allowed in our classes. The only exception would be a temporary correction if a dog is aggressive with another person or dog to avert a more serious issue.

## **CARE OF YOUR DOG IN TRAINING**

- **Puppies or dogs should not be fed their evening meal until after class**
- Puppies or dog should have their hair brushed or combed before coming to class each week
- Exercise your puppy or dog before coming to class. Plan to arrive at the place of training a few minutes before class starts and give your puppy or dog a chance to relieve itself before entering the building (**please do this in an area away from the building and grass around the building**). **The armory has requested no dogs on the lawn around the armory.**
- Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after their puppy or dog and placing any waste in the dumpster.
- When traveling with your puppy or dog, always be a “Responsible Dog Owner” by cleaning up after your puppy or dog. Carry plastic bags for easy clean-up.
- The instructor is in charge of classes. Questions pertaining to training may be asked at any time. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.
- Special training issues may be discussed with the instructor in private, before or after class.
- Expect to work your puppy or dog at least 15 minutes a day. If training during the summer, work during the coolest part of the day.

## **TRAINING THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

- DO... play with your puppy or dog before or after class, but not during training sessions.
- DO... be firm. The lesson should end with the puppy or dog doing as he is commanded, even if the performance is less than perfect.
- DO... be patient. A puppy or dog’s mind can absorb only so much at a time.
- DO... discontinue your training session if you feel yourself losing your temper.
- DO... stress the command words. A puppy or dog should have his own vocabulary of simple words such as: HEEL, SIT, DOWN, STAND, STAY, COME, and simple words of praise.
- DO... use your collar, leash, and voice control as your training tools.
- DO NOT... correct your puppy or dog unless he knows the reason for the correction.
- If the puppy or dog acts confused, **HE IS CONFUSED**. Take a step back and a deep breath before starting again.
- **Always end your training session on a happy note!**

If you have any questions, we are at the National Guard Armory each Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm. Or call Patty Sample, at 765-734-1107 or email [pattysample@comcast.net](mailto:pattysample@comcast.net)

**IN EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, CALL 765-734-1107 TO SEE IF CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.**

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN CLASS!**