

New Client Meet and Greets



When taking on a new client it's very important to me that we are the right fit for each other! ***Every Dog/Cat Is Different***; therefore I voluntarily take steps to ensure the safety and well being of your pet and myself.

These steps include scheduling a face-to-face meeting with both the pet owner and the pet prior to scheduling any appointments. I call these New Client Meet and Greets! I want to give families the opportunity to meet me, learn about what I do and ask questions. And I want the pet(s) to meet me so I can better understand their personalities.

- These meetings are FREE at no charge to the pet owner. They typically last 30-60 minutes.
- I want to get to know you and your family to make sure we are all comfortable working together.
- I also spend some time with your pet so they can get to know me and I can learn more about them. This allows your pet to learn my scent and become familiar with who I am before I visit them independently, without their owners present.
- Having this brief introduction helps to reduce the stress to your pet when I come to visit them for the first time and allows us to begin building trust.
- You are not obligated to book an appointment with me during this meeting, or even afterwards!

*****PLEASE NOTE - this is also an opportunity for me to determine if I am physically capable to appropriately care for the pet, and if I am a good fit for them.***

EXAMPLE: If the dog or cat is showing signs of aggression towards me or severe anxiety/stress and they do not gradually relax, then we may not be able to move forward. Or if the dog experiences anxiety/stress during leashed walks and I'm unable to safely handle them (lunging, jumping, pulling) I may not be able to move forward. Again, this is solely for the health, safety and well being of your pet and doesn't reflect negatively on you or your pet! I will always be honest and transparent if I am not confident about caring for your pet.

Dog Sizes

-I specialize in working with small dogs under 30 pounds. 95% of my canine clients are 10-30 pounds; I understand the minds and personalities of the little dogs! I utilize many

relationship training style techniques that tend to speak directly to small dogs; I take things slowly and focus on building a relationship with them to build their trust. I hand feed many of my little friends and spend time on the floor with them, communicating at their level.

MEDIUM & LARGE BREED DOGS ARE ACCEPTED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS

I voluntarily take steps to ensure the safety of your pets and myself. Generally speaking, I do not accept new clients with dogs over 30 pounds. I want to be very transparent and honest about this with any prospective client!

-First off, I LOVE BIG DOGS! Mastiffs, St. Bernards, Newfoundlands! I love to cuddle them and play with them, they're awesome!

-That said, I am 5'2" and simply do not have the physical strength to control a 100 pound dog that wants to chase a rabbit. I cannot prevent a dog of this size from doing anything they want to do!

-After much trial and error, my guideline cutoff is 30 pounds to ensure I can confidently handle and control a dog of that size. If you are putting your faith and trust into a new person to care for your baby, no matter their size, you deserve realistic expectations. I strongly caution any pet parent to question pet care providers on their physical ability to care for your medium/large sized dog!

-Exceptions to this size guideline do exist. I have several clients with large senior dogs who are very well behaved and less active due to age. This means they enjoy leisurely walks with no interest in pulling or jumping, and I am confident that I can physically control them. And there are some medium/large breeds who are just naturally calm! When I know I can ensure the dogs safety in my care I can make exceptions, and am happy to do so.

OK, that's it! I think of Meet and Greets as a relaxed and fun way to meet new friends, two and four legged!