

## Group Training

**Class** \_\_\_\_\_ **Start Date/Day** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location** \_\_\_\_\_

### Owner's Information **Please PRINT clearly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Dog's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Male/Neutered  Female\*  Female/Spayed \*Females in heat cannot attend class

When did you get your dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of Rabies, DHLPP/DHPP, and Bordetella provided?  Yes  No

Has your dog had any previous training? **If yes, please describe.**

Has your dog ever bitten a person or dog? **If yes, please describe.**

Can you take any item from your dog without any problems? **If no, please describe.**

#### How does your dog respond to unfamiliar people?

Wiggly or Stiff | Approaches or Avoids | Wags Tail or Tucks Tail | Barks or Quiet

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

#### How does your dog respond to unfamiliar dogs?

Wiggly or Stiff | Approaches or Avoids | Wags Tail or Tucks Tail | Barks or Quiet

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**If your dog barks in the presence of people or other dogs are they able to settle and stop barking after a period of time?**  Yes  No

**Does your dog display any discomfort or aggression in the presence of people or other dogs?**  Yes  No Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Please see reverse side of form for additional information**

## Class Agreements

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**Please read and initial the following statements.**

I understand that my enrollment in class is not guaranteed until all forms, proof of vaccines, and payment are received. **Training fees are nonrefundable.**

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I agree to provide proof of my dog's Rabies, Distemper series (DHLPP or DHPP), and Bordetella (Kennel Cough). Exceptions are made for puppies too young to receive Rabies. I understand failure to provide proof of these vaccines may result in my dog being unable to attend class. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand there are no guarantees with dog behavior and training, and that the responsibility lies on myself and the involved parties to implement the recommended training techniques taught in class. \_\_\_\_\_

I certify to the best of my knowledge that I have completed this form accurately and honestly. To the best of my knowledge my dog is comfortable around people and other dogs. I understand that if my dog becomes unfit for group class that I may be excused and other options will be discussed. \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# Release of Liability

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## 2021 TERMS, CONDITIONS and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

### Terms and Conditions:

- Fees for Group Training, Private Training, Play Sessions, Events and Lectures are non-refundable.**  
Maxx K9 Academy LLC may cancel service and agreement if client: fails to pay; has poor attendance or frequently reschedules; is disruptive or behaves inappropriately; fails to follow recommended training advice and techniques.
- Clients enrolled in training sessions are expected to maintain and reinforce training outside of sessions.
- All Maxx K9 Academy LLC clients agree to protect their dogs with the following vaccinations and will provide proof of these vaccinations or titers testing where appropriate: DHLPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus) Rabies and Bordetella. Anyone not in compliance with our immunization policy will be denied enrollment in our program.

### Release of Liability:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (owner's name) understand and agree to the following:

- The use of all training spaces for classes, or any other use by anyone other than the staff of ADDT will always remain subject to the approval of the ADDT, staff or management. Any inappropriate use of the space as determined by the staff by either dogs or people is justified cause for termination of the agreed upon use.
- This release applies to properties, facilities and holders of land use agreements that ADDT has secured, contracted or own for use as a dog training and exercise space. The terms and conditions are agreed upon as third party additionally insured, hold harmless agreements with Small Business Insurers of the Carolinas and land use agreements on file at ADDT. The properties include, but are not limited to: 55 Lake Road, Fleetwood Pa; 3052, 3050 and 3044 Pricetown Road, Temple Pa.
- I hereby grant ADDT, their legal representatives and assigns (including but not limited to any agency, client or publication) irrevocable permission to publish photographs of me taken at ADDT and their additional training and play locations. These images may be published in any manner, including (but not limited too) advertisements, periodicals, social media outlets and ADDT website.

**I do hereby waive and release ADDT and their agents, officers, employees and holders of the aforementioned Land Use Agreements from any and all liabilities of any nature. I agree to take complete responsibility for the actions of my dog, and myself, before, during and after contracted services, and/or center rental. At no time will ADDT and their agents, officers and employees be held liable or responsible for the actions of me, my dog or any other person who accompanies me to classes, play time, center rental, or any other form of professional service offered by ADDT.**

**By signing, you have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions and Release of Liability.**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Owner of (dog's name): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Checklist & Guidelines

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## Group Training

### CHECKLIST

**The following must be submitted prior to the start of class:** (Your spot in class will only be held when all items are submitted)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Registration Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Proof of the following Vaccinations:**

- Rabies
- Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo, Parainfluenza (Distemper Series/DHPP)
- Bordetella
- A current Vaccine Titer from your veterinarian stating your dog has adequate protection from the above listed diseases is also acceptable.
- Some puppies will not be old enough for all required vaccinations before the start of class. Please adhere to your veterinarian's vaccination schedule and provide proof accordingly.
- ***If any of the above vaccines cannot be given to your dog, a statement from your Veterinarian is required.***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Release of Liability Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Payment**, Options include:

- Mail Check, payable to *Awesome Dawgs*
- Visit *The Dawg Store*, located at the *Awesome Dawgs* Training Center: pay by cash, check or credit card.
- Call *Awesome Dawgs* to pay by credit card

### GUIDELINES

#### CLASS DETAILS

- Training Communication is through email.
- Most classes are six, 1-hour group training sessions. Some specialty classes may vary and will be noted.
- You will learn how to teach your dog specific behaviors using positive training techniques.
- Classes often include discussion topics specific to the goals of the class and the age of dogs enrolled.
- Keep dogs at least 6' apart. We will discuss safe greetings in class- remember not all dogs get along.

#### WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS

- **A variety of soft treats.** The classroom is very distracting so you will want treats that are better than what you would normally use at home. Treats should be cut to about the size of a pea. Suggestions include: Zukes, Real Meats, Bravo!, Tricky Trainers, Lickety Sticks (all available for purchase at The Dawg Store); cheese, cooked meat, peanut butter. Treats that are very scented work well.
- **Flat Buckle Collar or Harness and 6-ft. training lead.** (No Flexi-Leads)
- **Busy toys, stuffed Kong and/or chews.**

#### START TIMES

Class starts and ends on time. **Please arrive about 10 minutes early to allow time for you and your dog to settle.** If you will miss class, please contact ADDT in advance. 610-750-6868 or [training@awesomedawgs.com](mailto:training@awesomedawgs.com)

#### MAKEUPS

If you miss a class, you can talk with your instructor to: obtain class notes, make arrangements to attend your next class 15 minutes early for catch-up, observe the same class (without your dog) that runs on a different date/time, or book a private 30 minute catch-up lesson for \$30. If more than two classes are missed you must retake the class, the money from this class will not carry over.

#### POTTY-TIME

The people bathroom is located in the Dawg Store. Dogs potty outside in the grass areas surrounding the upper/main parking lot. **Owners must clean up after their dogs anywhere they go on the property.** Inside cleanup equipment is in the training center. Please cleanup up before any of the dogs walk/run through it. Dispose of feces in outside trashcans. Outside bags and trashcans are located at the training center entrance and along the Dawg Park fence.

## **TRAINING PHILOSOPHY**

Awesome Dawgs Dog Training, LLC (ADDT) utilizes force-free training methods and will educate you how to train and manage your dog in a humane and friendly manner. At no time will we use aversive techniques (harsh physical or verbal corrections, prong collars, shock collars, etc.) nor will we permit our students to use such punishments. Awesome Dawgs follows the dominance and punishment position statements established by American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior [www.avsab.com](http://www.avsab.com).

ADDT classes are designed to educate you how to teach your dog desired behaviors and how to manage your dog both safely and humanely. It is your responsibility to implement and reinforce the recommended training techniques and advice outside of the training classes. Dogs will not learn the behaviors taught in class if you do not work on them outside of class.

## **HOW DOGS LEARN & ADDT TRAINING METHOD**

When a behavior occurs, the immediate consequence for that behavior will either increase or decrease the chances of that behavior happening again. For example, if your dog sits and you give him a treat, there is a very good chance he will sit again. If he sits and you do nothing, he may or may not sit again. At Awesome Dawgs we reward the behaviors we like and ignore the behaviors we do not like. Often referred to as Positive Reinforcement training, our training staff focuses on teaching and reinforcing desirable behaviors so your dog can be asked to do the things you want them to do. Simply relying on saying 'no' or 'stop' does not give your dog clear information. You may not want them to do something like jump on you, but you need to let them know what you want them to do instead and then reward, reward, reward this preferred action so it becomes more frequently offered. This science-based method is supported by animal welfare agencies, The Association of Professional Dog Trainers, and American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior.

## **SOCIALIZATION**

Primary canine socialization occurs between 3 weeks and 12 weeks of development. Our Puppy classes focus on socialization, but the balance of our training classes do not. If you have an older dog that you feel needs to be 'socialized', please refer to the **Socialization Handout**, visit the Socialization page at [www.awesomedawgs.com](http://www.awesomedawgs.com) or call 610-750-6868 to learn more about what socialization is and is not. If you have an older dog that has trouble with other animals, people, is fearful or reactive visit the Behavioral Training and Reactive Dawgs pages at [www.awesomedawgs.com](http://www.awesomedawgs.com) or call 610-750-6868 for more information.

## **ADULTS & CHILDREN**

Wear comfortable, secure shoes. No sandals, flip-flops or slip-on shoes. Our training facility is smoke-free. Please refrain from using cell-phones during class. Your child is welcome to attend training classes if: they are able to sit settled on a chair for the duration of the class, are not a distraction for the person in charge of the dog or others in the classroom. Your child is only permitted to handle your dog during class if he/she is over 16 years of age and able to safely manage and effectively train your dog. For your children's safety, please do not allow them to run around the Training Center, Dawg Store, Dawg Park or Parking areas which could trigger dogs to jump, chase or nip them.

## **WEATHER**

If a class is rescheduled you will be notified by email and an announcement will be posted on Awesome Dawgs' website and Facebook page.

## **KEEPING YOUR DOG SETTLED IN CLASS**

Throughout the session your instructor will need to discuss training and behavior topics. Handling, massage, toys, stuffed Kongs and/or chews can help your dog relax and be settled during talking points. Please refer to the **Calming & Settling Techniques Handout**, found on the Training Guidelines page at [www.awesomedawgs.com](http://www.awesomedawgs.com), for suggestions and tips on how to keep your dog settled during class.

## **ILLNESSES & INJURIES**

If your dog is ill or injured, please call ADDT at 610-750-6868 to determine if your dog should stay home.

## **SPAY & NEUTER SURGERY**

If your dog is having spay or neuter surgery, it is recommended that your dog have 7-10 days to recover. Please follow your vet's follow up care and skip class if your dog is in recovery. You are welcome to attend the class your dog will miss without your dog so you can still get the information being taught.

## **FEMALES IN HEAT**

Females in heat are not permitted to attend training classes, shop the Dawg Store, or play in the Dawg Park. She may return to the facility two weeks after the day discharge stops. Please contact ADDT if your dog is enrolled in classes and goes into heat.

## **REFUNDS**

Class fees are non-refundable. If you miss 4 or more classes due to a non-preventable situation (dog requires emergency surgery, becomes seriously ill, goes into heat, or human has an emergency situation) you may retake the class the next session. Please note, this is reserved for emergency-like situations only; things such as vacations, or changes in work commitments do not apply.

## **HANDLER DISMISSAL**

ADDT may cancel your service or training agreement if you: fail to pay; have poor attendance or frequently reschedule; are disruptive or behave inappropriately; fail to follow recommended training advice and techniques.