

# Policies and Class Information

## *Dog Training Class Rules*

At Companion Dog Training we train using positive, fear free methods. We understand that each dog is unique, therefore we have a range of approaches to help your dog understand how to behave appropriately using science-based methods applied ethically.

Our policies and rules are established in line with Government Regulations for Dog Training Establishments.

[Code of Practice for the Operation of Dog Training Establishments](#)

### *Vaccination & Health Care*

Pre-vaccination against distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus is required. A current vaccination certificate must be produced for each dog before admission.

Dogs known or suspected to be suffering from an infectious disease or illness must not be admitted for training.

Owners must pick up after their dog. Dog faeces is unsightly and has negative impacts on our community and environment. It is also a legal requirement that a person in charge of a dog must immediately remove and dispose of any dog faeces left by the dog in a public place or in a place not owned by the person.

### *Safety & Welfare*

Dogs are to be on-leash and under control at all times. Do not remove your dog's leash unless specifically instructed to do so by the trainer.

If a dog is aggressive or shows aggressive displays and is a clear danger to other dogs or people, it must be muzzled.

Choker chains, electric shock collar, citronella or prong collars are not permitted.

Undue force must not be used when training any dog.

Due to the complications that can arise, it is our policy that an entire bitch cannot attend training while in season.

Enclosed shoes must be worn, thongs or open sandals are not permitted.

As a policy, **children under 12 years of age are not permitted to hold the lead in class**. We do encourage children to participate in the exercises while parents hold the lead. It is the responsibility of the adult over 18 to control the situation with a child under the age of 18 and above the age of 12 who is holding the lead. At any point in time the adult must be in full control of the situation.

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### *Heat Policy*

We take duty of care in respect of the safety of handlers and dogs very seriously. Accordingly, training sessions will be rescheduled when the forecast air temperature is at or above 30 degrees Celsius at the time of the scheduled class.

### *Acceptable Collars & Leads*

**Training tools and equipment can be fitted and purchased on the day.**

- Soft training collars
- Head Halters
- Harness
- **Flat Collars are only to be used if approved by the instructor**
- Leashes should be 1.2m in length
- **NO** retractable leads or bungee leads.

### *Feeding Before Class*

All dogs can become completely unfocused when entering a new environment. We ask that you do not feed your dog his/her normal meal prior to class. This helps your pet to concentrate on you.

By offering dogs the opportunity to “work for food” during training, the dog gets an outlet for his natural hunting instinct, giving him a job to do & using up mental energy.

### *Treats & Rewards*

Bring high value rewards for your dog in class, please see below for a list of suggestions. Ensure that treats are cut up into bite size portions.

- Chicken Luncheon Meat
- Chicken Roast
- Boiled Chicken (good for sensitive tummies)
- Other Poultry
- Fish Treats
- Cheese (if your dog is not sensitive to this)
- Dried treats
- Favourite Toy

### *Cancelation Policy*

Payment is due at the time of training.

To withdraw from a training program, cancelations need to be made at least 48 hours before the scheduled commencement. This gives us the opportunity to fill the class. Once the training program has commenced payment is not refundable, in the case of an unforeseen event that impacts your attendance you will be offered a makeup class.