

### **8. Will my dog dislike me if I correct him?**

Dogs are born to follow, respect, and adore a pack leader who guides with gentleness and keeps order through fair, but firm, discipline. Your dog began accepting discipline as a puppy from his mother. His littermates helped civilize him and each other through discipline. Discipline is a fact of life in the animal world of the dog. He expects you, as his leader, to guide him, love him, protect him, provide for him—and discipline him when necessary. If you fail to do so, and let him get away with bad behavior, he will know that you are not leadership material. We have watched thousands of students be firm with their dogs only to have the dogs love them more! We have also watched students pathetically tug at the leash and futilely beg their dogs to behave, only to have those dogs snap at them when they had enough of such irritating pestering. Give your dog the gift of security—become his beloved **leader**.

### **9. Will my dog enjoy training?**

Your dog will love training as long as he is being obedient, pleasing you and getting wonderful PRAISE. When he resists and needs correction, he will not be having fun, just as you do not have fun when you have broken the law, and a policeman is writing you a ticket. Until you correct firmly enough to bring him past contention, he may sulk, act timid, or even bite at you. Once he decides to accept you as his leader, he will be a happy fellow again.

### **10. Can I expect results even if I don't do the homework?**

Yes, you can expect some results, but they **won't** be good. If you don't do the homework, you might as well drop out now. It's not fair to your dog, your classmates or your trainer if you don't try to succeed. You have invested money and time . . . so give it your best effort!! The results will pay rich dividends. In the whole scheme of things, this program is a short length of time compared to the whole life of your dog.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF?**

### ***what happens if. . . I physically can't do the work?***

Call the trainer. This course can be adapted to your abilities. Handlers in wheelchairs and on crutches have successfully graduated with their dogs.

### ***what happens if. . . I miss a class?***

This is a serious program, and missing class *will be* problematic. If you absolutely must miss, there are other options, so meet with Stephanie and she will suggest solutions. Sending an alternate handler, with or without your dog, allows you to receive the instruction, equipment and homework, so you don't fall behind. Perhaps you may be able to attend a different class, at a different time, as we often teach several classes running concurrently on the same track. You may also buddy up with a classmate who can show you what was taught that week.