

***what happens if. . . I am doing so poorly with my dog that I am embarrassed enough to drop out?***

Keep coming!! Call Stephanie for assistance! Progress is not always linear or evident, but it *is* happening. Sometimes progress is 5 steps forward and 6 back! At Scotch Pines, I will do everything I can to help you – but I can't help you if you give up. Remember: winners never quit, and quitters never win.

***what happens if. . . I'm hard of hearing?***

Stand/sit directly in front of the speaker and watch the other handlers. Talk to Stephanie, she uses voice amplification, and she will do all that she can, to help!

***what happens if. . . my dog starts acting sad or runs away when I get the leash?***

Only **one** thing makes a dog act sad and sullen during training. HIS OWNERS NEGATIVE EMOTIONS! If you are tense, worried, and unhappy about following through with this training, your dog will immediately sense your uneasiness and become depressed and insecure. Correct with clarity, and a smile. Be positive! Make training fun! If you are a weak leader and do not insist upon obedience, he will rebel with sulkiness. Press through his resistance with calm fairness and he will recognize your worth as a leader and cheer right up. If you are training your dog for your own ego and glory, he will know. Dogs are very intuitive. Be considerate of your dog, praise with enthusiasm, and **NO MATTER WHAT** always keep a relaxed cheerful attitude. His tail will start wagging again! Remember, you set the tone!

***what happens if. . . Life events force me to drop out?***

Call the trainer. We can bump you into another class later on at no charge. Of course, people who just get lazy and drop out, will have to re-enroll at full tuition if they want to try again.

***what happens if. . . I don't do my homework?***

You and your dog will flunk.

