



Reminders for Class

1. Watch the Orientation Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbB9nTij0mQ&t=396s>
2. Do the Pre-assignment of teaching your dog a Marker word (Yes!) or the Clicker as a relevant predictor of reward.
3. Bring your dog on a standard 6' leash and a regular collar. No choke, prong or shock collars.
4. Bring high value moist treats.
5. Bring a treat bag or bait bag for dispensing treats off of your waist.
6. Bring your dog's favorite fetch or tug toy (if your dog has a toy drive)
7. Turn off your cell phone. But do take photos or take videos during class.
8. Be an active listener... Don't try to manage your dog while the instructor is speaking!
9. Be open to your instructor's input... Don't be defensive!
10. Be positive ... Friendly smiles and upbeat voices are what motivates are dogs.
11. Give yourself a moment to digest new information... Don't be afraid to ask for clarification!
12. Be open-minded... Don't be afraid to try something new!
13. Set goals... Your learning curve is a direct result of how much effort you put in!
14. Take responsibility for your dog's errors... Your dog's skills are a reflection of your abilities as a trainer!
15. Visualize teaching yourself an exercise... If you run into problems, ask for clarification.
16. Plan and record-keep at home (notes and/or video)... Practice your new skills between lessons!
17. **BE YOURSELF... Don't be afraid to make mistakes!**
18. **HAVE FUN – You and your dog should see “training” as game playing!**

“It is what we think we know already that often prevents us from learning.” ~Claude Bernard

“Move out of your comfort zone. You can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable while trying something new.” ~Brian Tracy

“Successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers.” ~Anthony Robbins

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