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Classes are held on Sunday afternoons at the Dunbar Recreation Center located at 2601 Fairlawn Ave. Classes run for 8 weeks. If classes are cancelled due to adverse weather (or any other reason), we will add classes at the end. Cancellations will be sent via email and posted on our KOTC Facebook page.

Classes cost \$90 for 8-week session (45 minute classes). Shelter/rescue dog (\$70 with proof of adoption), same dog/multiple classes (\$90 first class, 50% discount on additional classes in this session), and same family/multiple dogs (\$90 first dog, \$70 for additional dog).

NOTE: If your dog has aggression toward people or other dogs, this group training environment will not be suitable for them. Please seek help from a professional dog behaviorist. We can provide a list of local behaviorists upon request.

KOTC instructors/assistants are not professional dog trainers or behaviorists. They are volunteers who train their own dogs for AKC competitions. Their goal is for you to leave our classes with the tools needed to mold your dog into the good citizen or performance dog you desire.

REQUIRED ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS:

- 1) A COPY of the Rabies Immunization record FOR US TO KEEP.
- 2) Payment for class. PREFERRED: Check made out to K.O.T.C. Cash will be accepted. No credit or debit cards.

We recommend, but do not require, the Kennel Cough (Bordetella) vaccine. The spread of Kennel Cough is possible whenever dogs are exposed to other dogs. Kennel Cough is often compared to the common cold in humans.

NEW HANDLERS - READ NEXT SECTIONS CAREFULLY: To reward your dog for correct behaviors, a LARGE quantity of SMALL, MOIST training treats that can be quickly/easily eaten are needed. Examples include small pieces of hot dogs, string cheese, chicken strips, etc. Whole hot dogs or string cheese that your dog can nibble on while heeling is also very useful. Prepared training treats such as Zukes Naturals, Pet Botanics, Train Me! or Bil Jac are great too. Buy these locally at Rural King, PetSmart, Petco, Marshalls, TJ Maxx, Greens Feed & Seed, etc. or online at Amazon/Chewy/Petflow, etc.

Dry treats may be sufficient at home, but they will not generate the extreme focus necessary in our group training environment. PLEASE - no dry dog food, crackers, Milk Bones, or finely shredded meats that will litter the floor.

Digging in your pockets for treats while training is difficult. A dog treat training bag/pouch is a great accessory that will make it so, so much easier to reward your dog quickly and efficiently. They are available online or at pet supply stores. A budget alternative would be a 2 pocket cotton nail apron from the hardware store.

We recommend a standard flat collar, training slip collar or head collar with a 4 to 6 foot leather or fabric leash. Thinner leashes are more flexible and are easier to handle. Consider the size of your dog and the weight of the leash especially for smaller dogs. Back-clip harnesses and flexi-leashes are not allowed.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT GROUP TRAINING CLASSES ARE EXTREMELY DISTRACTING. IT WILL REQUIRE 100% OF YOUR EFFORT AND GREAT TREATS TO KEEP YOUR DOG FOCUSED ON YOU AND NOT THE ENVIRONMENT/DOGS.

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

- KOTC classes are designed to teach the handler how to train their dog. KOTC assumes no responsibility for training your dog. **In order to meet class goals, daily training reinforcement at home is highly recommended.**
- Only ONE trainer per dog is allowed on the training floor at a time. Multiple people may be present during class, but those not working with their dog must stay off the training floor.
- Anyone under the age of 18 will be allowed to handle their dog on probation for the first 3 weeks of training. Otherwise, a parent/guardian will need to be present and help the minor as needed.
- Anyone with special needs should let us know ahead of time, so that we can try to accommodate those needs. Being a small club, we are limited to what we can offer.
- You are required to clean up after your dog before, during, and after classes. **Potty your dog well before class.**
- Instructors may refuse admission or excuse any handler of a dog which, in the instructor's opinion, is a threat to people or dogs.
- Instructors may refuse admission to dogs which appear to be ill or not in condition for training, or to any dog or handler likely to disturb the training of the other dogs
- Female dogs in heat will not be admitted. Also, don't bring your dog to class if it is sick.

Required Release of Liability

I hereby certify that I will indemnify and hold harmless Kanawha Obedience Training Club and all persons connected therewith in any capacity whatsoever from any and all liability, cost and/or expenses for any injury and/or damage to persons or property caused by any dog brought by me to any training class or other event held or sponsored by K.O.T.C.; that I release KOTC and all persons connected therewith in any capacity whatsoever from any and all liability for any injury or damage to my person or property sustained at the training classes or any other event held or sponsored by K.O.T.C., and that I assume the risk of such injury or damage.