



Class Guidelines



ATTENDANCE

Please try your best to attend every class. We try to build upon skills each week and we want all puppies to be on the same page! We also understand that life happens. If you do need to miss a class, please let us know by emailing behaviorhotline@ahconnects.org. At this time we are not able to offer make-up classes for any that are missed.

ILLNESS

If your puppy is ill, e.g. parasite, diarrhea, vomiting, coughing, sneezing, "pink eye" etc., they are not permitted in class. Your puppy may return to class when they are healthy. In the case of a parasite, an updated negative fecal is also required.

Puppies with the following symptoms should not be brought to class:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Nasal or eye discharge
- Fever
- Unexplained tiredness.

Any puppy diagnosed with parasites or a contagious illness should remain at home until cleared by your veterinarian. We will do our best to make sure you and your puppy can make up any missed classes when he or she is feeling better.

SUPPLY LIST

- Flat buckle collar or halter. No choke, pinch, vibration, or shock collars are allowed in class.
- 4 - 6-foot leash. No retractable leashes or slip leads, please.
- Treats: Behavior is dependent on consequences, so please bring plenty of treats to reward your puppy. Small, bite-sized, soft treats that can be consumed quickly work best. It is a good idea to have a variety of treats from high value such as hot dogs, cheese, etc and lower value like commercially purchased training treats, jerky, or cheerios.
- Mat: We will periodically be asking our puppies to take a break and relax. Please bring a towel, mat, or blanket from home for them to lie on.
- Treat Pouch (optional): A treat pouch that hooks to your belt loop, or straps around your waist is a useful tool that will free up your hands and make training easier. You can purchase one at local pet supply retailers, as well as online.
- Stuffed Kong or Tasty Chew Bone (optional) to keep your puppy occupied during discussions.

RULES AND POLICIES

- The class opens 10 minutes before class. Please wait outside or in your car until that time.
- Keep your pup on a leash at all times unless instructed otherwise.
- Leashed puppies should not be allowed to interact with one another to avoid injuries from tangled leashes, and out of respect for the shy puppies.
- Anderson Humane does not condone the use of aversive and punishment-based training methods. With punishment comes a high degree of behavioral fallout, including but not limited to:
 - Increased fear
 - Mistrust
 - Negative association
 - Aggression.
- Aversive tools such a prong, choke, vibration, or shock collars are not allowed in class. You will be excused from the class session if your dog is brought any of the above.
- Clean-up after your pup: Poop bags and waste receptacles are available inside and outside the facility.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions! Just email behaviorhotline@ahconnects.org.