

Side By Side Dog Training Group Class Information

Classes are at Side By Side Dog Training, 2019 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, 84109 (unless otherwise noted in the class description).

Age appropriate, current vet care is required – including rabies vaccine (required by State Law) and negative fecal exam within last six months.

Training/learning in our classes is most positive, least intrusive. We use clickers (markers) to better communicate with our puppies/dogs. One of our primary goals is to help you build a solid working relationship with your puppy/dog.

Please bring to class:

- Your puppy/dog on a flat buckle or limited slip collar (fabric, nylon or leather – no prong, choker, or electronic collars) or body harness with a **4 foot or less** leash (nylon or leather – **NO** chain, bungee, or retractable leashes). Sometimes it's best to not feed your puppy/dog a full dinner before coming to class (we recommend feeding a very small dinner) – this will keep your puppy/dog's tummy settled and ready for class.
- Water and small water bowl (optional)
- Dog bed, mat, or rug (something easily transported and appropriately sized for your puppy/dog – bath mats work great for this)
- ***Lots of very small, very yummy treats*** – puppy/dog food is fine ONLY if it is part of a "trail mix" (see below), ***no crunchy biscuits***. Some of our favorites for puppies/dogs are Acana, Plato Pet Treats Small Bites, Vital Essentials, Ziwi Peak dog food and treats, Primal Treats (the nibs are a great size!), Nulo Freestyle, Tricky Trainers Chewy, Sojo's, Diggin', Wellness Puppy Treats, Zuke's Mini, Tiny, and/or Puppy Naturals, and/or homemade dog treats (please let us know if you would like any recipes). All treats should be no bigger than pea-sized (smaller if you have a small puppy/dog). We recommend having 2 – 3 different treats, cut up, and combined together to make a "trail mix." For very small puppies/dogs (especially toy and small breeds), canned puppy/dog food or meat baby food (make sure there is no onion in the baby food) is a nice treat – just use a baby spoon to give the puppy/dog tiny amounts. ***We recommend stopping in at our neighbor's, The Dog's Meow, to stock up on treats before class!***
- A treat pouch, hooded sweatshirt, fanny pack, carpenter apron, or something with big pockets to put your treats in while you are working with your puppy/dog. Treat pouches are available at pet supply stores, online, or from us.

- Bags to clean up dog piles.
- A favorite toy – preferably ones you use just for class.
- A copy of your dog's vaccinations/current vet care (that we can keep).
- Dog Mom Helpful Hint: pack a dog bag especially for class with everything you need in it. Leave it by the door or in your vehicle so you don't forget anything!

If you do not have the required equipment for class, we may ask you to somehow get it (from home or The Dog's Meow) before class or come to another class when you can have all your stuff with you.

When you arrive at class:

- **Please have your puppy/dog potty before class starts.**
- **NO VISITING WITH OTHER PUPPIES/DOGS!** This is vitally important. Our classes have a wide variety of ages, temperaments, abilities, and experiences. Not all puppies/dogs like to greet other puppies/dogs. Visiting also makes it difficult for puppies/dogs to focus on the task at hand – learning! Please keep your puppy/dog close to you at all times.
- Please bring your equipment into the room and get set up, THEN get your puppy/dog.
- As soon as you and your puppy/dog are settled, start working with your puppy/dog to get him/her into the training game/mode.

If you are going to be more than 10 minutes late, please plan on coming another time. Most of our classes are rolling enrollment classes, so it's okay to miss a class; you paid for a package and you never lose a class, you just come to another one!

We look forward to meeting you and your puppy/dog!! Please contact me if you have any questions: Laurie Schlossnagle, 801-643-6272, rlydogs@gmail.com, www.sidebysidedogtraining.com.

