

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 and a negative fecal exam within last six months is required before the first class session your puppy/dog attends.

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.

Always be kind to your puppy/dog. They didn't sign up for this, you did. Have fun with your dog!

A Mutt Mat and a clicker is included in the cost of the class. We will give these to you at the orientation. Please bring them with you each week.

Please bring to class:

- Your puppy/dog wearing a collar and/or harness with a **4 foot or less** leash (nylon or leather). *No chain, bungee, or retractable leashes. No choker, prong, or electronic collars.*
- A mask. Some of our instructors require masks (this was indicated when you registered).
- ***Lots of very small (for all sizes of puppies/dogs)*, very yummy treats that your puppy/dog LOVES!!!! (No crunchy biscuits.)*** Some of our favorites are Vital Essentials, Ziwi Peak, Primal, Nulo Freestyle, Honest Kitchen, Real Meat, Stella and Chewy's, 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). Our go-to is having 2 – 3 different items, 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 baby food (make sure there is no onion in the baby food) is a nice treat – just use a baby spoon or tongue depressor 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 The Dog's Meow or online.
- Bags to clean up dog piles.
- A favorite toy – preferably one you use just for class. We strongly suggest stuffed Kongs or West Paw toys that you prepare ahead of time and freeze before bringing to class. (<https://www.kongcompany.com/learn/stuff-a-kong> and <https://www.westpaw.com/blogs/scoop/recipes-treat-toys>)
- Water and small water bowl (optional).

*****Dog Parent 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 supplies with you.

Sometimes it's best to not feed your puppy/dog a full meal before coming to class (we recommend feeding a very small meal) – this will keep your puppy/dog's tummy settled and ready for class.

If your puppy/dog potties/poops in class, we will hold your dog while you clean up with our guidance. If your dog marks any of our equipment, you may be responsible for replacing the equipment.

When you arrive at class:

- **Have your puppy/dog potty outside before class starts.**
- **NO VISITING WITH OTHER PUPPIES/DOGS!** This is very important. Some of 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 not feeling well, are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to COVID-19, do not come to class.

If your puppy/dog is not feeling well (especially lethargy, vomiting, and/or diarrhea), leave puppy/dog at home to get better and you can come to class to observe the lesson and ask questions.

Make-up class policy – we only offer make-up classes in the event that Side By Side or one of our instructors cancels/alters class (most usually due to weather).

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

