



## GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAINING SESSIONS

### Training Equipment for DOGS

A 6 foot nylon or leather leash is recommended. Chain leashes and retractable leashes are NOT permitted.

A standard leather or nylon collar with a **metal** buckle is preferred. Training (choke) collars, prong (pinch) collars, or nylon/training combination collars are also acceptable. Collars with any form of snap latch or plastic clasp or buckle are NOT recommended as they can break, release, or give way. Harnesses are also not allowed as they are intended for pulling.

### Proper Training Equipment for HUMANS

Dress in comfortable but protective clothing. We strongly recommend full length jeans. There will be kneeling and possibly sitting on the ground required during the class and jumping dog scratches are less painful through jeans.

Sneakers or boots are also recommended. Open toe shoes and flip flops are NOT.

Group Classes are held outside in a parking lot. Plan for Florida heat and Florida bugs! Remember to wear sunscreen and/or hats accordingly. Bug spray is also advised!

Also for Group Classes, please bring water for you and your dog should either of you become thirsty.

### Other Class Information

Since this is a class, there will be homework. You will need to practice a minimum of 4 hours per week preferably two half hour sessions a day.

Prior to class, please make sure your dog has had a chance to relieve themselves. You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog. Bags will be available for pick up & disposal on site.

Group Classes are held, rain or shine! Should it rain, the class will be held in the shelter and the curriculum adjusted. You may need to bring an umbrella to get to and from your car.

If in the event you or your dog is hurt or injured **in any way**, notify the instructor IMMEDIATELY. From a dog bite to a twisted ankle, we need to know about it!

### GROUP CLASS PRECAUTIONS!!

Please note that any class involving dogs can have unpredictable circumstances and **by participating, you understand these potential risks!** Dogs can often display “new” behaviors when around other dogs and humans. Please keep yourself, your dog and your children at a safe distance from an unfamiliar dog. Before approaching another dog, ask the owner if it's ok and upon approval, approach. As a responsible owner, if you are uncertain of how your dog may act, say so! It's better to avoid the situation than test it.

Be prepared, be safe, be smart, and have fun!