

## ***Introduction***

Welcome to the Basic Obedience class hosted by Doggy Dynasty. Unless your dog has been through my puppy class or another basic obedience class taught elsewhere then this will be your first class with your dog.

In this class you will learn how to discipline yourself and your dog. I will teach you basic obedience training techniques, as well as developing a special and memorable relationship between you and your dog. However, you cannot fully benefit from this class if you do not train consistently during the week and on a regular basis. 10-20 minutes, two or more times a week is much more effective than trying to cram a lot of information into one long period of training. Most dogs that are just beginning in the world of training don't have very long attention spans and you should not over work them. Training should be a fun, positive and productive time for you and your dog.

Basic obedience should be taught to all dogs young, old, large, or small. I hope that you will leave this class with a better relationship with your dog and a better behaved pet as well. If at the end of this class you are interested in furthering your training with your dog then I can direct you in what to do and what there is to go on to. In the dog training world the sky is the limit. There are many ways in which you can train your dog; competition, rally, obedience, agility, flyball, tracking, and many more. Or you can take the road towards therapy by starting off with Canine Good Citizen and then Therapy Dog certification.

As you gain experience in training you will find that there is no one way to train your dog. You may be introduced to lots of different ways to train as you continue down the path of training. You will realize that what works for one dog may not work for another dog, which is usually the case. In this class we will be using the positive reinforcement method by using rewards such as food treats, toys, attention, etc. In my experience this seems to be the most productive method used today.

### ***Class Rules:***

1. Please no smoking in the building, if you need to take a break please go outside.
2. If your dog has an accident in class, please clean it up quickly with the cleaning supplies provided. We will hold your dog.
3. There will be no breaks during class, so if you need to use the bathroom please feel free to do so. Or if your dog needs to go to the bathroom then please feel free to step outside, but please pick up any waste with paper bags provided.
4. Class will start on time, so please be on time for class so that I do not have to repeat myself and distract the others. I will be here about 15 minutes before class if you wish to come early to talk or ask questions.
5. Please keep your dog under control by keeping your dog by your side at all times.
6. Please do not let your dog visit with the other dogs; you never know when the other dog may be aggressive or fearful. We don't want any fights to start.
7. Please keep your dog from eyeballing or staring down the other dogs. You must keep your dog's attention at all times.
8. If your dog comes in heat please contact me for information regarding classes.