

Best Friends Dog Club of Sun City

Class Guidelines



We're so pleased that you and your furry friend(s) have made the decision to train with our club. Please read and follow our class guidelines to help ensure a safe and happy class experience.

The Best Friends Dog Club training yard is located at the far east end of the Fairway Recreation Center. Access is available from the parking lot. (Only service dogs are allowed inside the recreation center.) There is a gated dog potty area next to the training yard.

For class please bring:

- A martingale or flat collar or a harness with a FRONT leash clip, and a 5-6 ft leash. No retractable leashes.
- Small, soft, easily swallowed without chewing, yummy training treats (about the size of a dime for large dogs and the size of a pencil eraser for small dogs) in a fanny pack, carpenter's apron, shirt or pants with large, easily accessible pockets.
- A small mat for your dog to settle on.
- A small bowl for water. There is a water fountain in the training area.

Potting your dog

- Please arrive early enough to potty your dog (even if you have walked and pottied your dog before leaving home). Dogs become "inspired" when they smell other dogs' "pee-mail." Please, only one dog in the potty area at a time.
- It is important that we make an effort to avoid dogs potting in the training yard as the urine and feces can damage the artificial grass and equipment. Also, please do not let dogs potty on the walls, fences, rocks, or equipment inside or outside the training yard. If an accident does occur, please clean it up and use the spray bottle provided to cover the accident.

Safety Concerns

- If you come early, as a courtesy please refrain from entering the training area if a class is in session as the introduction of a new dog can be very disruptive to the class in progress. At the completion of the class, please exit immediately and take any conversations to the parking lot.
- If Fido or Fifi is feeling under the weather, please feel free to attend that session alone, but DO NOT bring a sick dog (this includes dogs with a cough or diarrhea) to class, as some illnesses can be passed from dog to dog.
- Keep in mind that our dogs are here for training. While we love to socialize (see our activities calendar), remember that all dogs are not yet ready to meet and greet. When you are at the training yard, keeping that "personal space" for each dog is necessary. Keep an eye on your dog and keep him in heel position and on a short leash to prevent "visiting."
- Your dog should be either with you or otherwise contained at all times unless part of a class activity. If you need to step away from your dog for a few minutes, please use the kennels located adjacent to the training yard for your dog. For safety reasons, never tie your dog's leash to the fence.

Last but not least

- BFDC training is based on the principles of reward-based training. We suggest that you not feed your dog a full breakfast on class days. It is easier to train a dog who is a bit hungry and knows that you have something delicious in your pocket.
- Class participants are expected to assist with the setup and removal of equipment at the direction of the trainer.
- Above all, we hope you have a fun learning experience with your K9 buddy!

