



# Beginning Class Orientation

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## Introductions

- about us

## How to successfully raise a dog

- socialization
- body language
- supervision & confinement
- exercise – physical & mental
- firm, fair & fun leadership = trust, respect & obedience
- training
  - reward-based training – getting a paycheck for getting it right!  
life rewards – avoid only relying on food!
  - punishment  
time-outs

## Homework demo

- easy
- name recognition
- watch
- sit
- recall
- collar work

## What to bring

- a dog on a regular buckle/quick-release collar and 4-6ft leash
- a variety of treats in a treat pouch
- a stuffed Kong/chew toy
- a poop bag (just in case!)

## Class rules & management

- don't feed dog before class
- exercise & potty dogs before coming – do not use neighbors' grass strips!
- cell phones off
- wear sensible/comfortable clothes & shoes
- door opened 5 minutes before start time
- dogs will be excited – start working with them as soon as you get in
- late arrivals – come on in, but wait in necessary for the right moment to find a seat
- children must remain seated unless working with a dog – parents may need to handle leash for child at trainer's request.
- barking dog policy – reactive dogs will be transferred to private lesson
- dogs are not to interact during class for everyone's comfort and safety
- please bring water if your dog needs it
- missed classes – no make-up classes; homework is available at [happygoluckydog.com/homework](http://happygoluckydog.com/homework)