



Beginning • Class Orientation

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Introduction

- What is something that's going well with your dog?
- What is a training strategy you've found helpful?

How to successfully raise a dog

- **Socialization** - exposing dogs in a positive way to a variety of things out in the world
- **Body language** - reading dogs body language to figure out what they are communicating
- **Supervision & confinement** - limiting access and helping them to make good choices
- **Exercise: physical & mental** - appropriate exercise depends on age, breed, and physical ability
- **Leadership** - clear expectations and consistency = trust, respect & obedience
- **Training** - rewards based training paired with positive associations

Homework

- Easy
- Name
- Sit
- Watch
- Recall (come)
- Collar work

What to bring

- Regular buckle/quick-release collar or harness and 4-6 ft leash
- Variety of treats in a treat pouch
- Stuffed Kong/chew toy/bully stick/toy (no squeakers, please)
- Water and bowl
- Poop bag (just in case!)

Class Rules & Management

- Don't feed your dog's meal right before class
- Exercise and potty dog before class- respect neighbors' grass strips!
- Silence cell phones
- Wear comfortable clothes & closed toed shoes
- Wait outside to be escorted in. We will come and get you 5 minutes before class starts. If you arrive late, please ring the doorbell and we will come and let you in
- Dogs will be excited – start working with them as soon as you get in with training or on a chew/toy/puzzle
- Children must be seated unless working with a dog, parents may need to handle leash at trainer's request.
- Dogs are not to interact during class for everyone's comfort and safety – “personal bubble”
- Barking dog policy: reactive dogs (excessive barking) will be transferred to private training
- Missed classes – no make-up classes; homework is available at happygoluckydog.com/homework